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This bibliography includes reference information for reports, journal articles, book chapters, and books that explore the human effects of Hurricane Katrina. Citations are organized according to the following subject areas: children and schools; culture, tradition, and history; displaced persons; economic effects and employment; elderly; emergency preparedness, evacuation, and response; environmental effects; gender; health and health care; housing; media; post-disaster recovery; race and class; and research methods and ethical issues. The bibliography also includes authored books that discuss Katrina in general, edited books that cover a range of subjects related to the storm, reviews of books and films, special issues of scholarly journals, documentary films, and websites dedicated to Katrina.

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Documentary Films


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http://troublethewaterfilm.com/

*When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts.* Spike Lee. HBO Documentary Films. (240 minutes)  
http://www.hbo.com/docs/programs/whentheleveesbroke/
Select Websites

ACORN
http://www.acorn.org/index.php?id=9703
ACORN is a community organization that aims to win power for low- and moderate-income families. This site includes a summary of ACORN’s Katrina relief work, as well as links to reports that detail ACORN’s efforts to help recover and rebuild New Orleans.

America Speaks
http://www.americaspeaks.org/
This organization designs and facilitates large-scale town meetings on public policy issues. On December 2, 2006, America Speaks convened “Community Congress II,” a one-day community meeting that took place in 21 cities. The meeting focused on updating New Orleans residents on recovery efforts, creating a public dialogue to identify rebuilding priorities, and strengthening public awareness for continued recovery and rebuilding efforts.

Appleseed
http://www.appleseeds.net/
Appleseed is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a just society. This site includes a report on the conditions in New Orleans, as well as separate reports on how host cities cared for hurricane survivors who were displaced to Atlanta, Baton Rouge, Birmingham, Houston, and San Antonio. Each report details a variety of interdependent issues in five key areas: housing, healthcare, education, employment, and legal services.

The Brookings Institution: Katrina Reading Room
www.brookings.edu/metro/katrina.htm
This site offers links to work in the following areas: progress on Katrina recovery; rebuilding the Gulf Coast; emergency housing assistance; other emergency response; overall disaster response; and facts about New Orleans and the Gulf before Katrina.

Center for Social Inclusion
http://www.centerforsocialinclusion.org/
The Center for Social Inclusion (CSI) has been working to help coordinate and connect national and local groups that are working to help rebuild the Gulf Coast. According to the list compiled and posted on the CSI website, there are currently over 140 organizations (mostly not-for-profit, social justice organizations) working in some capacity to help with the recovery efforts. This site also offers a link to the CSI-published report, The Race to Rebuild: The Color of Opportunity and the Future of New Orleans.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Recovery from Katrina and Other 2005 Hurricanes
This page contains information on the CDC response to Hurricane Katrina, health information for workers and evacuees, and information from CDC, EPA, and other federal agencies on testing environmental exposures including air, water, mold, and sediment.
Common Ground
http://www.commongroundrelief.org/
Common Ground is a grassroots organization formed in the aftermath of Katrina. Its mission is to provide short-term relief for victims and long-term support in rebuilding the communities affected in the New Orleans area. This site summarizes the latest activities and news from the organization.

Coordinated Assistance Network
http://www.can.org/
The Coordinate Assistance Network (CAN) is a multi-organizational partnership among some of the nation’s leading nonprofit disaster relief organizations. New Orleans is one of the “pilot communities” where the ability of CAN to coordinate multiple disaster response and relief agencies is being tested. This site describes how CAN works and offers specific information regarding post-Katrina and Rita deployments.

Federal Emergency Management Agency: Hurricane Katrina Two Years Later
www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/2005katrina/
This site is devoted to matters of recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The site offers information on the progress being made in the region, news and statistics, the latest reports, interactive maps, important phone numbers, and guidelines on preparedness and mitigation.

Gender and Disaster Network
http://www.gdnonline.org/
This site includes a number of resources related to women’s issues in disasters, and offers a free download of the Gender and Disaster Sourcebook.

Greater New Orleans Community Data Center: Population and Housing Estimates and Maps
www.gnocdc.org/
This site offers data, maps, and reports to help support nonprofit grant writing, advocacy, planning, and decision-making in post-Katrina New Orleans.

Harvard Medical School: Hurricane Katrina Community Advisory Group
http://hurricanekatrina.med.harvard.edu/
The research team at Harvard is monitoring, over time, a group of 3,000 people who represent those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Over 300 oral histories, links to relevant publications, and additional information on the study are available via the website.

Hurricane Digital Memory Bank
http://hurricanearchive.org/
This site contains collections of oral histories, photos, videos, objects, first person narrative accounts (submitted electronically by individuals), blog postings, and pod casts related to Hurricane Katrina.
Katrina Information Network
http://www.katrinaaction.org/
The Katrina Information Network (KIN) is a collaboration of groups in the Gulf Coast and across the country working to initiate social change. This site summarizes KIN’s efforts on behalf of those still struggling to recover from Katrina, including e-advocacy actions, grassroots pressure, local actions, resolutions, and selective buying campaigns.

Katrina Research Project on Equity
http://www.katrinaresearch.org/
The Katrina Research Project on Equity (KRPE) is a clearinghouse and network for research on the role of race and class in the post-Katrina recovery process in the Gulf Coast and in displaced communities. KRPE facilitates communication and collaboration among researchers, volunteers, and community groups interested in research on race and class disparities in reconstruction programs. The goal of is to encourage community-directed research that promotes a just and equitable society.

Journey to Trauma Recovery
http://katrina.vast.uccs.edu/
Journey to Trauma Recovery is a free, self-help service designed to help survivors of recent trauma learn more about post-traumatic stress and cope more effectively with the effects of trauma.

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals – Hurricane Katrina
http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=192
This site contains information about people who are believed to be missing or who perished following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Louisiana Recovery Authority: Governor’s Planning and Coordinating Body
www.lra.louisiana.gov/
The Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) is the planning and coordinating body that was created in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco to plan for the recovery and rebuilding of Louisiana. This site offers information on the mission, goals, and activities of the LRA.

Louisiana State University: Hurricane Katrina and Rita Clearinghouse Cooperative
www.katrina.lsu.edu/
This is a GIS clearinghouse that was established at the Louisiana State University to facilitate the collection, dissemination, and archiving of data related to Hurricane Katrina and Rita.

Louisiana State University Public Policy Research Lab: Post-Hurricane Research
http://www.survey.lsu.edu/posthurricaneresearch.html
Several government agencies, non-profit organizations, and local chambers of commerce have conducted research in the wake of the 2005 hurricanes. In cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Labor and the Louisiana Recovery Authority, the LSU Public Policy Research Lab has compiled a list of those projects, including research on business, demographics, government, tourism, and healthcare.
Mississippi Renewal Forum: Governor’s Commission on Recovery, Rebuilding, and Renewal
http://www.mississippirenewal.com/
Governor Haley Barbour of Mississippi founded the Commission after Hurricane Katrina to give people the chance to express their ideas about rebuilding. This site offers information on the mission, goals, and activities of the Commission. The site also includes links to a number of reports that summarize the rebuilding efforts in various locations in Mississippi.
http://www.mississippirenewal.com/info/plansReports.html

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: Hurricane Katrina Web Portal
www.katrina.noaa.gov/
This site includes links to images and maps of Katrina, as well as reports that assess the environmental impacts of the storm.

Natural Hazards Center: Hurricane Katrina Resources
http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/library/katrina.html
This page provides a list of useful resources that examine various aspects of the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

RAND Gulf States Policy Institute
http://www.rand.org/rgspi/
The RAND Gulf States Policy Institute (RGSPI) was created in the wake of the 2005 hurricane season with the mission to provide a long-term capacity to develop informed public policy in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The institute is engaged in policy research on the critical issues affecting the Gulf states: improving health care systems, financing public education, building affordable housing, strengthening the performance of public safety agencies, and weighing the costs and benefits of different levels of flood control, hurricane protection, and wetlands restoration. The site includes detailed project descriptions and several reports that have been published by RGSPI.

Social Science Research Council: Hurricane Katrina Research Hub
http://katrinaresearchhub.ssrc.org/
The Hurricane Katrina Research Hub offers a platform for sharing information and promoting collaboration among social scientists working on issues surrounding Katrina and its aftermath. The hub includes a wide array of information related to Hurricane Katrina, including current social science research, events, funding opportunities, news coverage, and other resources. Individuals who are conducting research on Hurricane Katrina are encouraged to create a profile online and contribute to the hub.

Social Science Research Council: Understanding Katrina – Perspectives from the Social Sciences
http://understandingkatrina.ssrc.org/
Essays on this site, which were written by leading social science scholars, address the social, political, and economic implications of Hurricane Katrina.
Surviving Katrina and Rita in Houston
http://www.katrinaandrita.org/
This site includes information on the Surviving Katrina and Rita in Houston project, which is the first large-scale project in which the survivors of a major disaster have taken the lead in documenting it. Since August 2005, participants have recorded approximately 300 interviews.

Teaching the Levees
http://www.teachingthelevees.org/
This site provides free curriculum for high school and college teachers wishing to use Spike Lee’s documentary film When the Levees Broke in the classroom. The site includes maps, a timeline of the disaster, and key facts. Teachers can also share their lesson plans online.

Team Louisiana Documents
http://www.dotd.louisiana.gov/administration/teamlouisiana/
Following the failure of the federal levee system around New Orleans, federal agencies and national organizations mounted investigations into the causes behind the failures. This site contains reports from a team of Louisiana scientists (“Team Louisiana”) that gathered and documented all available data relevant to the failures.

U.S. Census Bureau: Hurricane Katrina
http://www.census.gov/newsroom/emergencies/hurricane_katrina.html
This site offers links to vital statistics related to the people affected by Katrina and the economic, transportation, and housing impacts.

www.dhs.gov/katrina
This site provides an overview of DHS’s activities to help rebuild communities, repair and strengthen infrastructure, rebuild the economy and protect workers, restore the environment, provide healthcare and other vital social services, fight crime, and prepare for future storms.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Katrina Accomplishments – One Year Later
www.hud.gov/news/katrina05response.cfm
This site details HUD’s activities to aid households in reestablishing housing post-Katrina.

Voices from the Gulf
http://voicesfromthegulf.com/
Voices from the Gulf is a site where survivors of Hurricane Katrina can tell their stories, unfiltered, for the world to hear and see. Anyone can participate – by signing up to videotape someone’s story, or signing up to tell their own. The goal is to help people from all walks of life connect with those stories, in a real and direct way.

White House Speeches and News Releases: Hurricane Katrina – Rebuilding the Gulf Coast Region
www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/katrina/
This site includes links to speeches and news releases from the White House.
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