

AsiaSource. Access: <http://www.asiasource.org/>.

AsiaSource, developed by New York-based Asia Society, provides a superb resource for Asian arts, culture, politics, business, education, and historical information. Founded in 1956 as a nonprofit organization, the Asia Society's mission is to strengthen relationships and promote understanding among the people, leaders, and institutions of the United States and Asia.

This site incorporating audio, video, e-mail alerts, RSS and podcasting has a very professional look and is clearly structured with easy navigation and keyword searching. Users can access the site by topics and services. The striking blue horizontal topic tabs cover Arts & Culture, Business & Economics, Policy & Government, and Social Issues. The vertical sidebar guides users to various services, including AsiaTODAY, AskASIA, AsiaFOOD, AsiaSTORE, AsiaPROFILES, AsiaVIEWS, AsiaLINKS, AsiaEXPERTS, AsiaEVENTS, AsianNYC, and AsiaBULLETIN. On each topical page users can find special reports, interviews, and other useful links.

AskASIA has numerous documents that facilitate the study and teaching of Asian subjects in the curriculum. This section also includes maps and images from a variety of sources.

AsiaPROFILES is a great resource for students and researchers looking for information about a specific country. Each country profile is represented by Geography, Demographics, Economy, Communications, Transportation, and Military. The ability to compare country data is particularly appealing as users can select up to five countries

for comparison. The data is from the *CIA Factbook* and other sources.

AsiaEXPERTS is a very impressive database for locating specialists in Asian culture, arts, history, and society. The database is searchable by keyword or by Discipline, Country or Region, and Language. Although targeted for the press, experts are often happy to answer questions by students and can be an excellent resource.

Other valuable information on the site includes This Day in Asian History, Fact of the Day, Asian Holidays, Chronologies, Dictionary Tool, Embassies, and Regional News. Bibliographies from various universities and individuals are not listed on the main page but do appear in the sitemap and can be an effective guide for students.

The major problem with the site is that the current news section has not been updated since April 12, 2007.

Despite this, students in international or East Asia Studies or anyone interested in information on Asia will find a tremendous wealth of resources at AsiaSource. *Jia Mi, College of New Jersey, jmi@tcnj.edu*

The Becket Fund. Access: <http://www.becketfund.org/index.php>.

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty is a Washington, D.C.-based law firm, which seeks to protect the right of free expression for all religious traditions. The Becket Fund is named for Thomas Becket (118-70 CE), who was martyred by the knights of King Henry II of England for defending the principle of religious liberty. The nonprofit, nonpartisan, interfaith organization operates in three arenas: litigation, media, and scholarship.

The Becket Fund's homepage provides a link to each area of the fund's activities. Under Litigation the user will find an alphabetical list of more than 100 cases involving the Becket Fund. In *ACLU v. Shundler*, for example, the Becket Fund was retained by Jersey City, New Jersey, to defend an ACLU

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challenge against displaying a crèche and menorah on city property. They have also defended the rights of Native Americans to worship in

sacred sites (*Bear Lodge Multiple Use Association v. Babbitt and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Association*) and Sikhs to build a temple (*Guru Nanak Sikh Society of Yuba City v. County of Sutter*), etc. Media provides a chronological list of all news releases issued by the Becket Fund dating back to 1997.

Scholarship provides a roster of conferences sponsored by the Becket Institute in Rome (The Becket Fund's academic partner in Europe). However, only the titles of the conferences are on the Web page, and no further information is provided.

The homepage provides a list of The Issues (international, property rights, schools, prisons, employment, associations, and public square), which serve as topical indexes to the material contained in the site. The main page also has a search screen with Boolean capability which retrieves site information on a variety of topics: zoning, abortion, first amendment, Hinduism, etc. Contact information is given and the site is well maintained with weekly updates. Other than a link for prospective donors, there is relatively little commercial material on the homepage.

Students who are preparing a persuasive speech on some topic relating to the freedom of religious expression can be referred to the site. The Becket Fund provides useful background information on issues dealing with the freedom of religious expression. For more detailed background information on the particular court cases, however, the patron should be referred to Lexis-Nexis. *Wendell Johnson, Northern Illinois University, wjohnso1@niu.edu*

LANIC: Latin American Network Information Center. Access: <http://lanic.utexas.edu/>.

LANIC is associated with the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas (UT)-Austin. LANIC is part of International Information Systems, also based at UT Austin, which includes ASNIC

(Asian Network Information Center), MENIC (Middle East Network Information Center), and REENIC (Russian and East European Network Information Center). The Web site has been in service since 1994. LANIC states that its mission is to provide Latin American users with access to academic databases and information services throughout the Internet, and to provide Latin Americanists around the world with access to information on and from Latin America. They claim that to be one of the largest guides for Latin American content on the Internet.

LANIC can be viewed or searched in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. The site can be browsed by broad subject categories, such as Humanities or Society & Culture, and these broad categories are subdivided into general resources and country resources. It can also be browsed by country or by subject. LANIC's advanced search allows one to search LANIC and its other projects: Latin America and the Caribbean Economic & Social Data (USAID), Centro Latinoamericano de Administración para el Desarrollo (CLAD), Latin American Studies Network (LASNET), Sistema Económico Latinoamericano (SELA), and the Castro Speech Database. The advanced search option also lists portals and directory sites in Latin America.

LANIC is an index to more than 12,000 sites. Whether searching or browsing, the results are links to government, scholarly, and popular sites, along with electronic lists and usenet newsgroups about Latin American history, culture, and arts. LANIC staff evaluates and catalogs all sites, and these sites are presented in an organized format for researchers. LANIC is unbiased and provides links to both sides of political issues; for example, the News category for Cuba contains a link to the United States Office of Cuba Broadcasting (home of Radio Marti and TV Marti) and a link to *Granma* (the official newspaper of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba).

LANIC is a valuable site for all things Latin American and can be useful to both an

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and held the academic rank of librarian of special collections. As head of public services and outreach, Stout developed and administered outreach programs for all three archival and rare book units in special collections. Originally appointed by Governor Casey in 1989, he continues to serve as a member of the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board, and in 2003, was appointed to the U. S. National Historical Publications and Records Commission and chairs its executive committee. He has served as chair of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference and he has served terms as treasurer, vice president, and president of the Society of American Archivists. In 1996, he was named a Fellow of the Society, its highest individual award. Stout describes his role at the helm of the Society of American Archivists as the culmination of 25 years of work with the organization. He is the author of a number of articles on archival topics and Penn State history, and wrote the state assessment report, *Historical Records in Pennsylvania*, for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Stout will continue to be active in the profession with work on a number of projects, including his longstanding interest in the preservation of electronic records, a book on the history of

Penn State's famous Berkey Creamery, articles on archival and historical topics, and oral history interviews for several ongoing projects. He will also continue his monthly column with *Town & Gown* magazine, a local State College publication, which he has written since 1990.

Carla M. Summers, university librarian and head of the department of special collections and university archives, retired in June 2007 from the University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries. She worked in Florida as an archivist, manuscripts librarian, and administrator for 30 years, first with the State Archives of Florida and then with the University of Florida. She was the founding president of the Society of Florida Archivists, served two terms as treasurer of the Academy of Certified Archivists, and is currently on the Council of the Society of American Archivists, where she will continue to serve while maintaining her archives, special collections, and records management consulting practice.

Deaths

Allison Ondrasik King, 54, assistant librarian at the University of Central Florida's joint-use library on the Brevard Community College campus in Cocoa, Florida, died August 2007. She was active in the Florida Library Association, where she served on the continuing education and planning committees. She was also the award-winning author of *DataMap*, a reference book for librarians. ♪

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undergraduate student needing the history of the Mexican holiday Día de los Muertos and a scholar looking for the growth of exports from Nicaragua to Jamaica between 1987 and 1992. *Delores Carlito, University of Alabama-Birmingham, delo@uab.edu* ♪

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