Black Studies Center™ is a leading tool that supports research, teaching, and learning in Black Studies and other disciplines that benefit from a more detailed coverage of the black experience such as history, literature, political science, sociology, philosophy, and religion.

The Black Studies Center™ delivers primary and secondary source content from a selection of trusted sources, and integrates them in a single cross-searchable gateway on the Chadwyck-Healey platform:

Schomburg Studies on the Black Experience™ - Developed in partnership with the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, this resource contains in-depth, interdisciplinary essays by today’s leading scholars in Black Studies, providing a detailed summary of the most updated research on over 30 major Black studies topics. Each essay includes key resources (the majority in full-text, including rare primary sources), bibliographies, biographies, timelines, multimedia and other contextual materials.

The Chicago Defender, 1910-1975 - This immense resource contains the full-image pages and articles of this leading African-American newspaper. An invaluable primary source!

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Marshall Index – This historic index was the first to exclusively cover Black periodicals. It was formerly named, A Guide to Negro Periodical Literature, covers 1940-1946.

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Multimedia - A growing library of images and video clips is available with over 2,000 images and over 200 video clips.

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Black Studies Center™ Add-on Modules include:

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Historical Black Newspapers - Add more historical Black newspapers to the Black Studies Center™, including the New York Amsterdam News, Pittsburgh Courier, Los Angeles Sentinel, Atlanta Daily World, Baltimore Afro-American, Norfolk Journal and Guide, Philadelphia Tribune and the Cleveland Call and Post. You may search these newspapers under the ProQuest Historical Newspaper interface or within the rich context of the Black Studies Center™.

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Black Studies Center™ has it all: primary, secondary, and multimedia sources; historical and current. It is an unparalleled research tool not only for Black Studies, but for a host of other disciplines that require more expanded coverage of the Black Experience.

Indexing for Black Studies Center

The indexing and editing of the Black Studies Center™ is overseen by subject specialists. Scholars in the field also contribute original scholarly material in their areas of expertise, overseen by managing editor Dr. Colin Palmer, Dodge Professor of History, Princeton University. All work is reviewed by in-house specialty editors, who are responsible for the overall scope and consistency of the database.

Administration / Setup

Black Studies Center™ is available as a standalone database under the Chadwyck-Healey brand with add-on modules. Researchers will appreciate the MyArchive feature for saving relevant content, citation software support and durable URLs for pasting links into emails, web pages and reading lists.

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