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- Online-only
- Specially commissioned, peer-reviewed articles
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- Articles published continuously
- No direct competition
- Titles available singly or in packages

Home page

www.history-compass.com

The screenshot shows the History Compass website home page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search box containing "History Compass" and a "Go" button. Below this is a header with the History Compass logo (a compass rose) and the text "HISTORY Compass". A secondary navigation bar includes links for "HOME | MY COMPASS | HELP | CONTENT ALERTS | CONTACT US | LINKS".

The main content area features a large image of an arched doorway. To the right of the image is a text box that reads: "A journal of peer-reviewed survey articles from across the discipline". Below this, it lists benefits: "With History Compass, you can:" followed by a bulleted list: "Research: key topics, new trends & areas of study.", "Teach: using original articles & teaching guides.", "Study: with easily accessible survey articles.", and "Store: and share articles, links, journals".

Below the main content is a "History Compass sections" section with a grid of category links: Africa, Asia, Australasia & Pacific, Britain & Ireland, Caribbean & Latin America, Europe, Middle & Near East, North America, and World.

To the right of the sections is a "QUICK SEARCH" section with a "Keyword search:" input field, "Select a section:" dropdown menu (set to "All"), "Select a content type:" dropdown menu (set to "All"), and a "SEARCH" button. There is also a link for "Advanced Search".

At the bottom left, there is a "New History Compass Articles" section with two article titles: "British Colonial Education in Africa: Policy and Practice in the Era of Trusteeship" and "A New Trumpet? The History of Women in Scotland 1300-1700". The second article is attributed to "By Elizabeth Ewan, University of...".

At the bottom right, there is a blue box with the text "Sign up for free History Compass content alerts" and a small compass rose icon.

Section home page

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the History Compass website. The browser's address bar shows the URL [http://www.historycompass.com](#). The website header includes the History Compass logo, a navigation menu with links for HOME, MY COMPASS, HELP, CONTENT ALERTS, CONTACT US, and LINKS, and a search bar. Below the header, there is a sidebar with a list of regions: Africa, Asia, Australasia & Pacific, Britain & Ireland (highlighted in red), Caribbean & Latin America, Europe, Middle & Near East, North America, and World. The main content area is titled "Britain & Ireland" and is edited by David Bachrach, Richard Price, and R. Malcolm Smuts. It features a "QUICK SEARCH" section with a keyword search box, a "Select a section" dropdown menu (set to "Britain & Ireland"), and a "Select a content type" dropdown menu (set to "All"). Below the search section, there is a "Sign up for free History Compass content alerts" box with a "Keep up-to-date" button. The main content area displays two articles from Volume 7 (2009) and Volume 6 (2008). The first article is "Teaching & Learning Guide for: Between Revolutions: Re-Appraising the Restoration in Britain" by Gary S. De Krey, St. Olaf College, published in History Compass 2009, February 2009. The second article is "A New Trumpet? The History of Women in Scotland 1300-1700" by Elizabeth Ewan, University of Guelph, published in History Compass (Vol. 7, February 2009). The third article is "Irish, Scottish, Welsh and English Worlds? A Four-Nation Approach to the History of the British Empire" by John M. Mackenzie, Lancaster University, published in History Compass (Vol. 6, September 2008). A quote from David Bates, Director of the Institute of Historical Research, describes the resource as "An immensely valuable resource for teaching and learning."

Abstract

The screenshot shows the Religion Compass website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search box set to 'Religion Compass' and a 'Go' button. Below this is a header with the site logo and navigation links: HOME | MY COMPASS | HELP | CONTENT ALERTS | CONTACT US | LINKS. A secondary navigation bar includes links for 'What is Religion Compass?', 'Subscribe', 'Editors', 'Editorial Board', and 'Authors'. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, a vertical menu lists various religious categories: African Religions, Ancient Near East, Buddhism, Chinese & Japanese Traditions, Christianity, Indian Traditions, Islam, Judaism, New Religions, Religions in the Americas, Theory & Method, and Political Religions. The 'New Religions' section is highlighted, featuring the article 'The Kabbalah Centre and Contemporary Spirituality' by Jody Myers. Below the article title, there are sections for 'Section', 'Subjects', 'Places', and 'Key Topics', each with clickable links. An 'Abstract' section follows, containing a paragraph of text and a DOI number. To the right of the article, there is a 'QUICK SEARCH' box with a keyword search field, dropdown menus for 'Select a section' and 'Select a content type', and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search box is a 'RELATED BLACKWELL REFERENCE CHAPTERS' section with a link to 'View Related Reference Books'. At the bottom right, there is an 'Indexed by:' section with the ATLA logo and a tagline: 'provides access to the scholarly literature of religion and preserves it for future generations'. The browser's address bar at the bottom shows 'Done' and 'Internet'.

Author biography

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Geography Compass website. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.blackwell-sydney.com/compass/". The website header includes a navigation menu with "HOME | MY COMPASS | HELP | CONTENT ALERTS | CONTACT US | LINKS" and a search bar. The main content area features a sidebar with a list of categories: Economic, Social, Cultural, Political, Urban, Development, Climatology, Hydrology & Water Resources, Geomorphology, Biogeography, GIS, Earth Observation, Environment & Society, and Global Issues. The main article is titled "Climatology" and "Teaching and Learning Guide for: The Current Debate on the Linkage between Global Warming and Hurricanes" by J. Marshall Shepherd and Thomas Knutson. The article includes a section titled "Introduction" which discusses the nature of hurricanes. To the right of the article is a "QUICK SEARCH" box with a keyword search field, dropdown menus for "Select a section:" and "Select a content type:", and a "SEARCH" button. Below the search box is a "RELATED BLACKWELL REFERENCE CHAPTERS" section with a link to "View Related Reference Books". At the bottom right, there is a "Sign up for free Geography Compass content alerts" section with a "Keep up-to-date" link. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the "Internet" icon.

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Climatology

Teaching and Learning Guide for: The Current Debate on the Linkage between Global Warming and Hurricanes

By J. Marshall Shepherd and Thomas Knutson, Department of Geography, University of Georgia National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (June 2008)

Section: [Climatology](#)

Subjects: [Geography](#), [Climatology](#)

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This guide accompanies the following article: J. Marshall Shepherd and Thomas Knutson, 'The Current Debate on the Linkage between Global Warming and Hurricanes', *Geography Compass* 1 (2008): 1–24, 10.1111/j.1749-8198.2006.00002.x

I Introduction

Hurricanes are one of nature's most awe-inspiring natural systems that are just one manifestation of the generic tropical cyclone; a nonfrontal synoptic scale low-pressure system that occurs over tropical or subtropical waters, with organized convection (i.e. thunderstorm activity) and a distinct cyclonic surface wind circulation. These storms typically form some distance from the equator in environments with: (i) warm ocean surface waters (>26.5 °C); (ii) a potentially unstable atmosphere; (iii) a moist mid-

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What the users say...

- Compass is an essential resource for keeping up with current critical trends in Humanities scholarship. B Hirsch, U Western Australia
- The idea of surveying recent developments in certain fields is great, and the articles I have read are fantastic. It also is helpful for teaching. F Clingeman, Ohio Northern University
- There are many excellent articles by experts in the field. I have profitably used articles from Compass for both teaching and research. M Bishop, Florida State University
- The accessibility and their usefulness for teaching, especially foreign students. Their combination of materials and disciplines makes it highly recommendable for students. R Miguel-Alfonso, U de Castilla-LaMancha, Spain
- This is *great* for my students and for my research as well... You are doing an excellent job. I enjoyed reading the articles tremendously and they are very useful for my students. S Hongladarom, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

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- Is used by faculty and students
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- Supports advanced teaching

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