

DRAFT American West Project High-level Topic Taxonomy

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Topical Terms (23)	Scope Note	Mappings to Other Taxonomies			
		Gano Topics ¹	Wilson- <i>ESC</i> ²	LCSH Terms ³	UVA American Studies Taxonomy ⁴
Advertising and media	Use for material about advertising and media outlets such as newspapers, film, television, and radio.	Advertising	Media	Advertising	Film, Humor, Media, Newspapers, Journals, Photography, Radio, Television
Agriculture and food production	Use for material about agriculture, agricultural technologies, farms, and food production.	Agriculture	Agriculture	Agriculture	Food
American Indians	Use for material about the indigenous peoples of North America. For material about cultural groups not native to the North American continent, including European Americans, use <i>Ethnic groups</i> .	American Indians	Ethnic life	Indians of North America	Native Americans

¹ Gano, Geneva M. *New Frontiers in the Digital Library: Social and Ecological Diversity of the American West*, CDL, October 2004, Appendix B: Institution and Content Review. Distributed to American West Project partners at 24 October 2004 project meeting in Baltimore.

² Wilson, Charles Reagan, *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture* (UNC Press, 1989). Terms used for division of book into 24 topical categories; recommended by Caroline Arms (LC) as having been useful to American South project in thinking about broad topical terms. Caroline recommended, in the context of Aquifer, that we strive to develop a common list that could be useful across all regions. Terms are: Agriculture, Art & architecture; Black life; Education; Environment; Ethnic life; Folklife; Geography; History & manners; Industry; Language; Law; Literature; Media; Music; Mythic South; Politics; Recreation; Religion; Science & medicine; Social class; Urbanization; Violence; and Women's life.

³ Mapping done by Bill Landis, using the Library of Congress web site <<http://authorities.loc.gov/>>, in order to get a sense of how closely the Gano topics corresponded to topics available in LCSH. For many of these LCSH terms, the "Narrower term" references in LCSH may provide some pointers to potential second-level terminology.

⁴ Courtesy of Leslie Johnston, University of Virginia, and developed through analysis of subject terms in harvested records for the University of Virginia Library's American Studies Information Community portal <<http://infocomm.lib.virginia.edu/toolkit/SPT/SPT--Home.php>>. Mapping done by Bill Landis primarily to see if all topical terms in the Virginia taxonomy (chronological, geographical, and genre terms were excluded) could be accommodated by the 23 proposed American West topical terms. The mapping is not meant to be exhaustive, just an attempt to validate these 23 proposed terms against another taxonomy. The mapping also serves to illustrate the richness of some second-level topics that might cluster under these high-level terms.

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Arts and architecture	Use for material about fine arts, literature, performing arts, architecture, and landscape architecture. For material about crafts and other household arts, use <i>Popular and domestic culture</i> .	Architecture	Art and architecture	Architecture	Exhibitions, Modernism, Museums, Photography, Realism, Romanticism, Theater
		Arts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and architecture • Literature • Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts • Popular culture • Material culture 	
Business and industry	Use for material about businesses and industrial technologies.	Business	Industry	Business	Capitalism, Food
Crime and violence	Use for material about non-military violence and non-violent crime.	Prison	Violence	Crime	
Education	Use for material about education.	Education	Education	Education	Education, Intellectuals
Environment and natural resources	Use for material about the natural environment. For material about extractive technologies used in the natural environment, use <i>Business and industry</i> .	Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment • Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology • Nature 	Landscape
		Natural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment • Geography 	Natural resources	
		Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment • Geography 	Landscape	
Ethnic groups	Use for material about cultural groups not native to the North American continent, including European Americans. For material about the indigenous peoples of North America, use <i>American Indians</i> .	Race and ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic life • Black life 	Ethnic groups	African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, Immigration and ethnicity, Race relations, Slavery
Exploration and travel	Use for material about tourist and non-tourist travel by both North Americans and others.	Exploration and travel	Recreation	Exploration and discovery	Discovery and exploration

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Gender	Use for material about issues relating to women or men. <i>Note: Do not use this term to indicate the mere presence of women or men in the material (e.g., a photograph)</i>	Gender	Women's life	Gender	Gender, Women
Government and law	Use for material about the functioning of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.	Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law • Politics 	Government	Foreign policy, Law, Nationalism, Puritanism, Regionalism, Republicanism, Slavery
Migration	Use for material about population movements within and across national boundaries.	Pioneer experience	Folklife	Pioneers	Immigration and ethnicity
Military and war	Use for material about the military and war-related violence and suppression.	Military	Violence	Military	Military
Political participation	Use for material about political campaigns and popular expressions of activism around other issues that impact the political process.	Politics and activism	Politics	Political participation	Middle class, Nationalism, Race relations, Regionalism, Republicanism, Slavery
Popular and domestic culture	Use for material about products made for use and consumption by the general populace, folk art and life, popular fiction, and popular fads and trends. For material on fine and performing arts, use <i>Art and architecture</i> .	Arts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Folklife • History and manners • Language • Music • Mythic South 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popular culture • Material culture 	Film, Folklore, Humor, Popular culture, Sex, Television
Recreation and leisure	Use for material about sports and leisure activities.	Leisure	Recreation	Leisure	Middle class
Religion and philosophy	Use for material about organized and non-organized religions, cults, belief systems, and spiritual practices.	Religion	Religion	Religion	Evangelicalism, Ideology, Intellectuals, Marxism, Puritanism, Transcendentalist movement
		Missions	Religion	Missions	

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Science and medicine	Use for material about the physical and natural sciences and health care.	Science and medicine	Science and medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Medicine 	Death
Social and family life	Use for material about marriage, children, holidays, clubs, and other social celebrations, arrangements, and organization.	Social and family life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social class • Women's life 	Manners and customs	Death, Family and children, Masonry, Sex, Women
Transportation	Use for material about transportation issues and technologies.	Transportation	Science and medicine	Transportation	
Urban life	Use for material about the development of cities and urban institutions.	Urban life	Urbanization	Urban life	Cities
Work and labor	Use for material about work life and labor issues, including unions.	Work and labor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry • Social class 	Labor	Capitalism, Labor and class, Middle class

Note: Notes/questions generated during the mapping of the Gano, *ESC*, and *LCSH*-equivalents are available at https://diva.cdlib.org/projects/american_west/metadata_coordinator/Content_analysis/Gano_topics.doc