

Starting Points for Veterans Studies

Annotated Bibliography for 2016 NEH Summer Institute on Veterans in Society

Prof. Louis Hicks
St. Mary's College of Maryland

Hicks, Louis, Eugenia L. Weiss, and Jose E. Coll. 2017. *The Civilian Lives of U.S. Veterans: Issues and Identities*. 2 volumes. Santa Barbara: Praeger.

Thirty chapters that cover a wide range of topics involving veterans: (demographics; the transition from active duty; TAP; the VA; job training; higher education; employment; civic engagement; entrepreneurs; private security contractors; veterans' preference; retirement; expatriate veterans; families; health; mental health; peers; mass media; criminal justice; firearms; suicide; women; social attitudes; religion and spirituality; immigrants; racial and ethnic minorities; LGBT veterans; housing; and extreme expeditions.

Hicks, Louis, Eugenia L. Weiss, and Jose E. Coll. 2017. "Introduction to Veterans' Studies." In *The Civilian Lives of U.S. Veterans: Issues and Identities*, pages 1–10. Santa Barbara: Praeger.

Overview of the range, methods, and progress of veterans' studies.

Camacho, Paul R., and Paul L. Atwood. 2007. "A Review of the Literature on Veterans Published in Armed Forces & Society, 1974–2006." *Armed Forces & Society* 33 (3): 351–381.

The second best starting point for veterans' studies in the social sciences.

Waller, Willard. 1944. *The Veteran Comes Back*. New York: Dryden Press.

The most important reading for veterans' studies in World War II and the post-war era.

Wilmoth, Janet M., and Andrew S. London, eds. 2013. *Life-Course Perspectives on Military Service*. New York: Routledge.

An up-to-date theoretical perspective applied to veterans in a large collection of essays.

Westat. 2010. *National Survey of Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, Demobilized National Guard and Reserve Members, Family Members, and Surviving Spouses*. Rockville, MD: Westat.

One of the best sources of survey data on veterans.

Smith, Tom W., Peter Marsden, Michael Hout, and Jibum Kim. 1972–2014. General Social Survey. NORC at the University of Chicago. Accessed November 30, 2015. <https://gssdataexplorer.norc.org/>.

The other great source of survey data about veterans. (Veteran question not asked from 1995-2009)