

Appendix: Some Studies of Baha'i Communities¹

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This is a list of all the published academic studies of Baha'i communities that I have seen. I have excluded both those which seem not to be academic and those that are only available on-line (except for one in an on-line academic journal).

There are excellent monographs on the early Baha'i history of the **United States** (Robert H. Stockman, *The Baha'i Faith in America. Vol. 1. Origins, 1892-1900* (Wilmette IL: Baha'i Publishing Trust, 1985) and *Vol. 2. Early Expansion, 1900-1913* (Oxford: George Ronald, 1995)) and **Canada** (Will C. van den Hoonaard, *The Origins of the Baha'i Community of Canada, 1898-1948* (Waterloo: Wilfred Laurier University Press, 1996)); and a major sociological study which includes extensive material on the **Danish** community (Margit Warburg, *Citizens of the World: A History and Sociology of the Baha'is from a Globalization Perspective* (Leiden: Brill, 2006)). There are also studies of the **Atlanta** Baha'i community (Michael McMullen, *The Baha'i: The Religious Construction of a Global Identity* (New Brunswick NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2000)); an historical overview of **American** Baha'i history (William Garlington, *The Baha'i Faith in America* (Westport CT: Praeger, 2005)); a study of the early **British** Baha'is (Lil Osborn, *Religion and Relevance: Baha'is in Britain, 1899-1930* (Los Angeles CA: Kalimat Press, 2014)); an account of the early development of the Baha'i religion in **West Malaysia** (A. Manisegaran, *Jewel Among Nations: An Account of the Early Days of the Baha'i Faith in West Malaysia* (Selangor: Splendour Publications, 2003)); and a study of the initial establishment of the Baha'i Faith in **British Cameroons and eastern Nigeria** (Anthony A. Lee, *The Baha'i Faith in Africa: Establishing a New Religious Movement, 1952-1962* (Leiden: Brill, 2011). The first of a major two-part study of the **Iranian** Baha'i communities has just been published (Moojan Momen, *The Bahá'í Communities Of Iran, 1851-1921. Volume 1: The North of Iran*. Welwyn, Herts: George Ronald, 2015).

Essays include studies of the Baha'is in **Australia** (Graham Hassall, 'Outpost of a world religion: The Baha'i Faith in Australia, 1920-1947'. *Journal of Religious History* 16/3 (1991): 315-38; Graham Hassall, 'Outpost of a world religion: The Baha'i Faith in Australia, 1920-1947'. In Peter Smith (ed.), *Baha'is in the West, Studies in the Babi and Baha'i Religions, Vol. 14* (Los Angeles: Kalimat Press, 2004), 201-226; Graham Hassall, 'The Baha'i Faith in Australia, 1947-1963'. *Journal of Religious History* 36/4 (2012): 563-576); the **Pacific** (Graham Hassall, 'The Baha'i Faith in the Pacific'. In Phyllis Herda, Michel Reilly and David Hilliard (eds.), *Vision and Reality in Pacific Religion: Essays in Honour of Niel Gunson*, (Canberra/Christchurch: Pandanus Press with the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, 2005), 267-287); **Samoa** (Zoe Bryan, 'Persecution of religious minorities in Samoa: The Baha'is

¹ Posted at https://bahai-library.com/smith_american_community_1894-1917

struggle to face a common problem'. ISP Collection, #924 (SIT Graduate Institute, 2010)); **Papua New Guinea** (Graeme Were, 'Thinking through images: *Kastom* and the coming of the Baha'is to northern New Ireland, Papua New Guinea', *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 11 (2005), 659-676; Graeme Were, 'Fashioning belief: The case of the Baha'i Faith in northern New Ireland', *Anthropological Forum*, 17/3 (2007), 239-253); **Singapore** (Foo Check Woo and Lynette Thomas, 'Baha'is in Singapore: Patterns of conversion'. In Lai Ah Eng (ed.), *Religious Diversity in Singapore* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2008), 167-194); **Malaysia** (Silvia Vignato, 'Patience et discrétion des Baha'i de Malaisie: Histoire et stratégie de développement d'un groupe religieux'. *Archipel*, 56 (1998), 429-454); the Temiar people of Malaysia (Geoffrey Benjamin, 'Rationalisation and re-enchantment in Malaysia: Temiar religion, 1964-1995'. *Department of Sociology Working Papers*. National University of Singapore, 1996); **Bangladesh** (Muhammad Jahangar Alam, 'Baha'i Faith and tradition in Bangladesh'. In *Bangladesh e-Journal of Sociology*, 8/1 (2011), 87-92); the Malwa region of **India** (William Garlington, 'The Baha'i Faith in Malwa'. In G. A. Odie (ed.), *Religion in South Asia* (London: Curzon Press, 1977), 101-17; William Garlington, 'Baha'i conversions in Malwa, central India'. In J. R. Cole and M. Momen (eds.), *From Iran East and West* (Los Angeles CA: Kalimat Press, 1984), 157-185); **Egypt** (Daniele Cantini, 'Being Baha'i in contemporary Egypt: An ethnographic analysis of everyday challenges'. *Anthropology of the Middle East*, 4/2 (2009), 34-51); **Nigeria** (Loni Bramson-Lerche, 'The Baha'i Faith in Nigeria'. *Dialogue & Alliance*, 6/4 (1992-93), 104-125); **Britain** (Phillip R. Smith, 'The development and influence of the Baha'i administrative order in Great Britain, 1914-1950'. In Richard Hollinger (ed.), *Community Histories. Studies in the Babi and Baha'i Religions*, Vol. 6 (Los Angeles CA: Kalimat Press, 1992), 153-215; Phillip R. Smith, 'What was a Baha'i? Concerns of the British Baha'is, 1900-1920'. In Moojan Momen (ed.), *Studies in Honor of the Late Hasan M. Balyuzi Studies in the Babi and Baha'i Religions*, Vol. 5 (Los Angeles CA: Kalimat Press, 1988), 219-251; Ismael Valesco, 'The Baha'i community in Edinburgh, 1946-1950'. In Peter Smith (ed.), *The Baha'i Faith in the West, Studies in the Babi and Baha'i Religions*, Vol. 14 (Los Angeles CA: Kalimat Press, 2004), 265-307); **North America** (Peter Smith, 'The American Baha'i community, 1894-1917: A preliminary survey'. In Moojan Momen (ed.), *Studies in Babi and Baha'i History*, Vol. 1 (Los Angeles CA: Kalimat Press, 1982), 85-223); and **the West** in general (Peter Smith, 'The Baha'i Faith in the West: History and social composition'. In Peter Smith (ed.), *The Baha'i Faith in the West. Studies in the Babi and Baha'i Religions*, Vol. 14 (Los Angeles CA: Kalimat Press, 2004), 3-60).

There are also two books of relevant essays: one on particular aspects of **Iranian** Baha'i history (Dominic Parviz Brookshaw and Seena B. Fazel (eds.), *The Baha'is of Iran: Socio-Historical Studies* (London: Routledge, 2008)), and another on (mostly **American**) local communities (Richard Hollinger (ed.), *Community Histories. Studies in the Babi and Baha'i Religions*, Vol. 6 (Los Angeles CA: Kalimat Press, 1992)).

Several biographic studies also include useful material on the envioning Baha'i community – such as Robert Weinberg, *Ethel Jenner Rosenberg: The Life and Time of England's Outstanding Baha'i Pioneer Worker* (Oxford: George Ronald, 1995).