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ABC-CLIO Solutions Recognized for Innovation and Excellence with Three Awards from *ComputED Gazette*, *EdTech Digest*

Research databases offer novel, proven approach to social studies content and skills

Santa Barbara, Calif. (May 11, 2017) – [ABC-CLIO Solutions](#)—a collection of 16 social studies curriculum and research databases from renowned history content provider ABC-CLIO—has further cemented its status as a cutting-edge resource for student research with the addition of three new awards to its long list of industry honors. The database suite was named 2017’s Best Research, Reference, or Resource Solution by *EdTech Digest* in its [Cool Tool Awards](#), and two individual databases took honors in [ComputED Gazette’s Best Educational Software Awards](#) (the BESSIE Awards): [Modern Genocide: Understanding Causes and Consequences](#) for best Social Studies Website and [The African American Experience: The American Mosaic](#) for best African American History Website, both in the High School category.

These new awards attest to the company’s present and continued commitment to making a difference in student learning. In the ABC-CLIO Solutions databases, a unique approach to targeting research skills blends together essential background information, critical perspectives from credentialed scholars, and a library of primary and secondary sources in a way that is unavailable in any other learning tool. These innovative resources have been demonstrably successful in improving students’ research, argumentation, and inquiry skills and deepening their understandings of history, contemporary issues, and global cultures.

“The subject of social studies has evolved to be about so much more than rote memorization, so shouldn’t student resources reflect and address that shift?” questioned ABC-CLIO President Becky Snyder. “Getting students to ask questions and pursue their answers, to form opinions and support those opinions in an organized and convincing manner....Building these kinds of skills is what ABC-CLIO Solutions is all about.”

The company’s keen awareness of the research process and digital learning, combined with feedback gathered from amongst 40 million ABC-CLIO Solutions users, drives ambitious product development. In the last year alone, ABC-CLIO accomplished two major feats in the name of further facilitating student achievement. A significant update to the look and functionality of the databases debuted last fall, featuring integrated topic centers that scaffold the learning process and new tools including student self-assessments. This redesign was immediately met with both user and industry acclaim, including a nod from [Tech & Learning](#) as their 2016 Best Upgraded Product. And just last month, the company realized its goal to fill a distinct hole in the health-related resources otherwise available to schools and libraries with the release of a brand-new database, [Health and Wellness Issues: Understanding Science, Society, and Yourself](#).

“We’re always looking inward and forward for ways to better support teachers and librarians in their vital work with students,” Snyder added. “If these new awards are any indication, we’re on the right track.”

About ABC-CLIO Solutions

Brought to you by the leading history content provider, the ABC-CLIO Solutions suite comprises 16 social studies curriculum and research databases designed to improve students’ inquiry skills and to deepen their understanding of history, contemporary issues, and global cultures. By structuring core concepts in curated topic centers around an unmatched reserve of primary and secondary sources and tools for blended learning, the Solutions databases



empower students to build essential content knowledge and to embrace their intellectual curiosity. Learn more at <http://www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOSolutions.aspx>.