This scholarly bibliography is a compendium of the existing geographical studies of the state of New Jersey. It includes seven sections: general works (atlases, books, monographs, articles, dissertations, and theses), cultural and social geography, economic geography, historical geography, physical and environmental geography, political geography, and urban geography. The search for these entries started with an examination of the contents of the available scholarly journals that publish works on geography. Then, lists of references were examined to search for other journals that these authors published works in. Also found were the main atlases, books, texts, and monographs related to some aspect of New Jersey’s geographical studies. These authors were also located as to their work places, and if available their vitae were searched. Additionally, WorldCat was searched for New Jersey geography topics. Each section is organized in a simple alphabetical sequence, by author’s last name. Where there is more than one entry per author, the earliest is listed first, and subsequent entries listed chronologically after the first. In the case of single versus multiple authors, the entries with single authors are recorded first, and multiple entries after these. The dates of entries reach back into the nineteenth century, and continue to the present. Most entries are written in English, but works written in other languages were recorded as found.

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The following entries represent a collection of the scholarly publications on the various aspects of the geography of New Jersey. While it would probably be incorrect to say that all such
publications on New Jersey’s geography are listed below, it is certain that a very large and varied number of such publications are here. Additionally, the study of and publication about New Jersey’s geography is an ongoing process, and that makes the following but a current identification of what has been done, and will be done. Inevitably, there will be more to add to this list in the future. Some of the areas that are noticeably well represented include: in the physical geography section, studies on coastal environments and components, and climate studies; in the historical section, many works exist that cover the European settlement and development of New Jersey before 1800; and in the urban section, there are a number of works on recent developments in northeastern New Jersey’s suburban regions. In contrast, there seems to be many opportunities for further studies on the varied physical and environmental systems of the state, post-1800 historical geographical studies, extensive economic geographic research on agriculture, industrial change, commerce, and transportation; and a multitude of cultural/social geographical studies on the rapid changes in New Jersey’s populations.

There are seven sections in the organization of this bibliography. The first is a grouping of general works, atlases, books, monographs, and articles. This is followed by sections on cultural and social geography, economic geography, historical geography, political geography (including planning-related works), urban geography, and physical and environmental geography. The entries recorded include atlases, books and texts, chapters, scholarly articles, doctoral dissertations, and master’s theses. Each entry is presented with author’s name (last name first, then given names), title, place of publication, publisher, and date (for books). For chapters, the author(s) are recorded first. Then, the chapters’ titles are listed, followed by page numbers, main volume titles, editor(s), places of publication, publishers, and date of publication. Articles are recorded by author(s), title of article in parenthesis, journal titles, volume number, issue number, year of volume, and page
numbers. Dissertations and theses are recorded with author first, title of work, dissertation or thesis designation, university, location of university, and date. Entries are listed alphabetically by authors’ last names. Where there is more than one entry per author, the earliest publication is listed first, and subsequent publications are listed chronologically after the first entry. Plus, single-authored works are listed before multiple-author works, also chronologically. While there are massive numbers and types of government documents and book reviews about the state of New Jersey, these are not included here.

A question that comes to mind immediately about doing such a collection is, “why do this?” Aside from simply being interested in what has been written and published about New Jersey’s geographies, one can think of several reasons to do this sort of work. First, a significant number of scholars, teachers, students, and other interested parties have been, are now, and will be involved in the study of New Jersey’s geographical patterns, dimensions, and changes. The following compendium can hopefully serve as a stimulus and resource for further study and publications. Plus, it can serve as a guide for what has not been done already by scholars, and where and how one might be able to both continue and elaborate on the existing body of knowledge about New Jersey’s geographies.

**General Works, Atlases, Books, Monographs, and Articles**


**Cultural and Social Geography**


**Economic Geography**


**Historical Geography**


**Political Geography**


**Urban Geography**


**Physical and Environmental Geography**


Reiss, Nathan, and Arlene Barowsky. *The Effect of Terrain on Air Pollution Concentrations in Northeastern New Jersey*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University, Department of Meteorology and Physical Geography, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, 1979.


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