Midwinter 1989 Meeting Schedule

Bibliography Committee
Saturday, Jan 7, 9:00am-11:00am
Mayflower, Room #14 (Chinese Room)

Sunday, Jan 8, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Hilton, Exhibition Hall (Room #315)

Chicago Conference Program Planning, 1990
Saturday, Jan 7, 8:00am-9:00am
Hilton, Chevy Chase Room

Monday, Jan 9, 8:00am-9:00am
Hilton, Chevy Chase Room

Dallas Conference Program Planning, 1989
Saturday, Jan 7, 8:00am-9:00am
Sheraton, Cotillion Ballroom (Room #220)

Monday, Jan 9, 8:00am-9:00am
Sheraton, Cotillion Ballroom (Room #220)

Executive Committee
Saturday, Jan 7, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Hilton, Edison Room

Monday, Jan 9, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Mayflower, Rhode Island Room

Nominating Committee, 1990
Sunday, Jan 8, 9:00am-11:00am
Hilton, Independence Room

Monday, Jan 9, 11:30am-12:30pm
Hilton, Chevy Chase Room

Publications Committee
Saturday, Jan 7, 11:30am-12:30pm
Sheraton, Cotillion Ballroom

Monday, Jan 9, 9:00am-11:00am
Sheraton, Cotillion Ballroom

Review and Planning
Sunday, Jan 8, 8:00am-9:00am
Hilton, Exhibition Hall (Room #304)

Note: Please be certain to check the final program and supplement for any last minute room changes.

Committee Reports
New Orleans Meetings

Bibliography Committee
Present: James W. Williams (chair), Kathryn Creely, Fred Forbes, Anita Garey, Jo Kibbee, Mary Koenig, Robert Myers, Nancy Scipper, Ann Wood, Steve MacLeod.

Work continued on indexes and abstracts, with analyses of the following approved: Catalyst Resource on the Workforce and Women, Race Relations Abstracts, Rural Development Abstracts, Social Work Research and Abstracts, Work/Family Life Database, and World Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Abstracts. Letters which discuss the positive aspects and suggest means by which improvements might be effected in the aforementioned titles, are either in preparation or have already been sent to the publishers. Seven analyses are being prepared for review at the 1989 Midwinter Meeting. At the 1989 Midwinter Meeting the committee also plans to examine its criteria for analyses and...
to discuss the feasibility of analyzing non-social science indexes, abstracts, and databases to determine the inclusion of anthropology, sociology, and related social sciences information.

Representatives from the Tozzer Library and the Society for Applied Anthropology met with the committee to discuss activities of mutual interest. The effort to establish further liaison continued. A new model letter for contacting associations and groups was approved. In conjunction, a project was begun to identify internal committees in key professional associations with a scope somewhat comparable to that of the Bibliography Committee.

Conference Program Planning, Dallas, 1989

present: Bonnie Wright (chair), Stephen MacLeod, Diane Zabel

Discussion was held concerning possible candidates for the panel on "The Collection and Use of Field Notes." Several leading archivists and anthropologists were proposed.

The possibility of having the proceedings published and/or holding a similar panel at the 1989 American Anthropological Association meetings. Bonnie agreed to explore these possibilities.

The time slot 9:00am-12:30pm, June 25, 1989 will be requested. Diane agreed to represent the committee at the ACRL Conference Planning Committee on July 12, 1988.

Executive Committee

Present: Officers: Lynne M. Schmelz-Keil, Chair; Stephen E. MacLeod, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Gregory A. Finnegan, Past Chair; Deborah Kane, Secretary; Josephine Z. Kibbee, Member-at-Large. Others present: Kathryn Creely, G. Edward Evans, Cheryl Kugler, Alexandra Lutz, Maija Lutz, Janet Steins, Jim Williams, Sally Williams, Ann Wood, Bonnie Wright.

After introductions, minutes of the Midwinter meetings were approved, as amended, and results of the 1988 elections were announced. The ANSS budget from ACRL for FY 1988-89 is the same as last year: Newsletter - $789; Orientation Manual - $98; and Miscellaneous - $100. In FY 87-88, ANSS received $450 from ACRL to help cover the expenses of one of the speakers in the ANSS/WESS program on migration studies.

The ANSS Executive Committee voted in favor of including in the Section Bylaws that chairs of standing committees be voting members, ex-officio, of the Executive Committee. Proposed changes in the Bylaws will be voted on by the entire membership.

The Executive Committee passed the motion that the Publications Committee be composed of no less than three and no more than nine members; that the Chair be appointed by the Chair of ANSS; that the Chair and editors of ANSS Currents be members, ex-officio, of the Committee; that the Committee serves as the Editorial Board for the newsletter and other publications; and that the term of membership be no more than two years.

The Executive Committee approved modifications to the Bylaws regarding the Review and Planning Committee. The Committee is composed of the ANSS Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Secretary, plus one other appointee with a two-year term. The following has been added to the charge of the Committee: "To prepare the regularly scheduled review of the section as mandated by ACRL."

Reports were heard from the Bibliography Committee, the New Orleans Program Planning Committee, the Dallas Program Planning Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Publications Committee. Jim Williams and Maija Lutz are the new co-editors of ANSS Currents. The ANSS Manual is still being updated by Janet Steins, SUNY Stony Brook. Janet Steins, ANSS’s representative to the ACRL Board, reported that two new ACRL discussion groups have been started, one on journal costs and one on popular culture and libraries. Also, an ACRL committee was established to identify retired librarians who would serve as consultants.

Sally Williams, Acting Director of Tozzer Library, met twice with the Executive Committee to discuss the planned merger of Anthropological Literature and Anthropological Index to create one journal, Index to Anthropological Literature. She reported that Tozzer had received a $38,000 grant from NEH to cover hardware and software development and the Ford Foundation had awarded a $45,000 grant, $40,000 to subsidize subscriptions to libraries in the Third World and $5,000 to help defray costs of a planning meeting of the advisory board. The project, however, was still $50,000 short. Ms. Williams expressed concern about publicity and money, and elicited ANSS’s help in publicizing the merger plans and encouraging support of the merger. Ms. Williams also reported that G.K. Hall will be issuing Tozzer’s card catalog on microfiche by November, 1988. Updates to the catalog will be available in the G.K. Hall bibliographic series.
Nominating Committee, 1989

Present: Kathryn Creely (chair), Steve MacLeod, Lynne Schmelz-Keil.

The final slate for the 1989 elections is as follows:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect:
- Cheryl Kugler
  Vanderbilt University
- Robert B. Marks Ridinger
  Northern Illinois University

Secretary
- Gregory Finnegan
  Dartmouth College
- Ann Wood
  University of Massachusetts

Member-at-large
- Anita Garey
  University of California, Santa Cruz
- Mary Koenig
  University of Minnesota

ANSS Committee Openings

There are currently openings on the following committees:

Publications Committee
Nominating Committee (1990)

For further information contact:
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Postponement of Joint Anthropological Index Announced

The Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland and the Tozzer Library, Harvard University announce an indefinite postponement of their plans to produce a single comprehensive index to periodical literature which would have combined the best aspects of *Anthropological Index*, published by the Royal Anthropological Institute, and *Anthropological Literature*, published by the Tozzer Library. Under the agreement, Tozzer Library would have been responsible for indexing and preparation of data, and the Royal Anthropological Institute would have been responsible for printing and distribution. New developments at the Royal Anthropological Institute, coupled with the practical problems of coordinating long-term objectives with short-term commitments, have caused the agreement as proposed to become unacceptable. Both parties are interested in exploring the feasibility of a different configuration of responsibilities that might allow this goal to be realized. However, no time frame has been estimated as of this date.

The Royal Anthropological Institute and Tozzer Library plan to meet in the near future for further discussion. In the interim both parties plan to continue publishing their respective indexes. RAI plans to continue publishing *Anthropological Index* with a subject index incorporated as soon as possible. Tozzer Library plans to continue publishing *Anthropological Literature* with changes. As of the first quarterly issue of volume 11, 1989, planned for distribution in late Spring 1989, coverage will expand to include symposia, festschriften, and other collected works as well as the periodicals held by the Tozzer Library.

The Royal Anthropological Institute and Tozzer Library extend their deepest thanks to the Ford Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, Wenner-Glen Foundation for Anthropological Research, and Harvard donors who pledged startup funds for the research which regrettably cannot be implemented as previously proposed. The efforts of many individuals toward furthering the collaborative goal are also gratefully acknowledged. Further questions may be addressed to:
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  U.S.A.
Appointment of Tozzer Librarian

Lynne M. Schmelz-Keil began an appointment as Librarian of the Tozzer Library on 26 September, 1988. Ms. Schmelz-Keil has been an active member of the Anthropology and Sociology Section of ACRL since 1976, having served as Chair of several committees and most recently as Chair of the section. Prior to her appointment at Tozzer, she was associated with Rutgers University for fifteen years; from 1973-1987 as Reference Librarian, Bibliographer, and Head of Public Services in the John Cotton Dana Library, from 1986-1987 as Acting Director of that library, and from January 1988 until her Harvard appointment as Director of Development and Public Relations in the Rutgers University Libraries. Ms. Schmelz-Keil holds an M.L.S. from Rutgers University and an M.A. in Anthropology from the New School for Social Research.

Positions Open

Social Sciences Librarian, University of California, Irvine
Responsibilities include reference assistance, database searching, instruction, collection development and liaison with the School of Social Sciences, specifically the fields of Anthropology, Cognitive Sciences and Sociology. Required qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS degree; degree in appropriate Social Science or commensurate experience; demonstrated commitment to public service; excellent oral and written communication skills; ability to work effectively, independently, and cooperatively with all elements of the academic community; basic computer literacy. Rank and salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Appointment salary range: $25,380-$44,676. Excellent benefits package. Apply by February 1, 1989. For further information contact: Anne Rimmer; Library Personnel Office; University of California, Irvine; P.O. Box 19557; Irvine, CA 92713. Telephone: (714) 856-5408. An affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Bibliography Committee Reviews

Abstracts in Anthropology.

Analysis prepared by:
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October 1988.

Abstracts in Anthropology has been advertised as the "New" Abstracts in Anthropology since the beginning of volume 14, 1987. Publisher's statements are as follows: "Two expert editors; Double the volumes; Twice the abstracts; Significantly broadened coverage; Issued eight times a year; Indexed cumulatively by issue, within a volume." This report explores the validity of these claims.

A. Overall Usability: In general, the physical characteristics, such as layout, format, typeface and organization, are good and facilitate easy use. 'Intellectual' usability has been improved by increased cumulative indexing. However, indexing consistency and the complete absence of index coverage statements (i.e., which indices cover how many issues/volumes) diminish the value of this new feature. Superficial subject analysis and unpredictable subject terminology are still a major problem, hindering usability.

B. Time lag: The citation currency rate is good. (A test of 50 citations revealed the following: 90% 1-3 years, 65% 1-2 years, 30% within the current year.)

C. Coverage:
1. Number of publications: There appears to be roughly a 25% increase in the number of titles indexed. (Of 200 titles in 1987, 55 were not listed in 1986). Exact tallies are difficult to achieve because no cumulative annual lists of titles indexed are available; only lists of titles indexed per issue appear. The number of citations listed for the first half of 1987 (3,000) is double that of the first half of 1986 (1,500).
2. Subjects: Anthropology, Physical Anthropology, Linguistics, Cultural Anthropology (including medical anthropology and urban studies) are covered. A quick scan of new titles indexed suggests increased emphasis on medical and biological journals. This is a positive direction, reflecting current research trends in anthropology. However, some of the titles included are fairly arcane (such as Archives of Otolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery), which reduces the utility of AA for undergraduates. New titles also appear in folklore, oceania, linguistics and population studies.
books, chapters in books and “pamphlets” are abstracted. The journal list was published in each issue in 1975/76. Now it is published once a year in the last issue. In 1985, 734 abstracts were printed, in 1986 there were 644.

2. Types of publications included: In 1975/76 a statement of scope indicated that academic journals and “serious” newspapers and magazines would be covered. The hope was to cover in the future trade union and community newspapers, conference reports, etc. However, even in volume 1, the abstractors included at least one book chapter. By 1986, although the great majority of abstracts were still for journal articles, books and pamphlets (particularly local U.K. pamphlets) were abstracted regularly.

3. Subjects and geographic areas included: The abstracts are arranged according to the classification scheme of the Library of the Institute of Race Relations. The categories, totalling 41 major headings and 26 subheadings, range from “bibliographies” to “culture and identity,” “miscegenation,” “language,” and “women.” Abstracts are arranged in alphabetical order by author within each of these categories. The scope statement in volume 1 indicates coverage of European, Scandinavian, American and Latin American materials. In practice, the emphasis is heavily on English language (and to a small degree French language) materials published in Europe and North America covering all areas of the world in so far as they are written about in English or French. The journals reviewed, with few exceptions, are published in the U.K., Canada and the U.S.

D. Format:

1. Indexes: There is an annual author index and what is called a “cumulative subject index” in the last issue of each volume. This latter index merely repeats the classification scheme and the abstract numbers for each heading from the four issues of the volume. Numbers for abstracts cross referenced to other headings in the main body of each issue are added to the subject index under these secondary headings. The long strings of abstract numbers under each heading (often over 200 numbers under one entry) and the lack of other access points make this subject index almost useless.

2. Binding: The paper bindings on each issue are adequate—they last until the volume is bound.

3. Print size, type and style. These are all done well. It is easy to see the headings and abstract numbers. Paragraphs of type are set off clearly one from another.

4. Frequency: Three issues a year until 1983 when it became a quarterly.

E. Editing: Generally good, but date of publication is not included in many journal abstracts. The volume, issue and page numbers are given, but not the date. In the 1982 volume, the heading for “Young People” is misplaced after abstract 4209 instead of before it.

F. Availability of materials: The journal articles and books abstracted should be fairly readily available. However, pamphlet and advocacy organization publications—particularly those not published in the U.S.—may be difficult to obtain. Prices and addresses are given for some of these materials so that for the latest couple of volumes writing direct to the publisher may produce results.

G. Scope: A scope note is given in the first issue of volume one in 1975/76. Race relations are not defined. However, the abstracts are “intended to be of use to both observers and participants... (and the) abstracts...will...not only describ(e)...the articles abstracted, but offer...a brief evaluation also. This evaluation will refer to the assumptions and values underlying the article and will go on to suggest what kind of readers are most likely to be interested in the work...” This part of the scope has been adhered to quite rigorously. As noted above, geographical coverage, publication type and number of journals scanned for each issue have all varied widely through the years.

In issue 2, a series of bibliographic essays on “immigration and race relations” covering the literature 1970+ is begun. One or two essays are printed in most issues. These are not generally indexed elsewhere so it is hard to find out about them. Topics covered range from “Theoretical perspectives on ethnicity and nationality,” and “Black women in the United States of America...” to “Inquiring into the ‘riots:’ a review of reports on the 1985 urban disorders.” (Britain). Most have dealt with minorities in the U.S. and Great Britain. There are a couple of articles on Africa and one on Australia. A few of them are reprinted from other sources.

H. Positive Aspects: Coverage of many subjects relating to race relations and minorities from major journals and books in a single source is the most positive thing one can say about Race Relations Abstracts. The format of the entries and binding are good. The classification scheme used to arrange the abstracts is clear and the annual author index useful. The bibliographic essays are often interesting and timely.

I. Suggested Improvements: The subject index needs to be redesigned: the entries split up and geographic access provided. A more clearly defined scope note reflecting current editorial policies would be very useful.

Human Resources Abstracts
Paul V., McDowell, Documentation Editor
Analysis prepared by:
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January 1988
Human Resources Abstracts, vol 1-5 (1966-1970) were published by the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations—University of Michigan and Wayne State University. Volumes 6-12 (1971-1977) were published by Sage Publications "with the cooperation of the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University." From 1987 to the present, Sage Publications has independently published the abstracts. The original title of the abstract for volumes 1-9 (1966-1974) was Poverty and Human Resources Abstracts.

A. Overall Usefulness: This abstract is of very limited value as a tool for covering international literature from Third World countries. The preponderance of the abstracts cover publications from the U.S., British Commonwealth nations, and a few other industrialized nations. All abstracts are in English. No identification is given as to the language of an article from abstracted foreign journals.

B. Time Lag: This is not a problem. A test of 50 citations showed the following: 68% within the current year, 32% one year old.

C. Coverage:

1. Number of publications indexed: In 1983/84, 243 journals were reviewed, in 1984/85, 243 were reviewed, and in 1985/86, 240. 1000 abstracts are provided in each volume.

2. Types of publications included: This abstract has consistently covered books, book chapters, journals, government documents, organizations' reports, and other ephemeral material. The majority of abstracts consists of books and journals.

3. Subjects and geographic areas included: The editorial policy states, "Human Resources Abstracts covers human, social, and manpower problems and solutions ranging from slum rehabilitation and job development training to compensatory education, minority group problems, and rural manpower." All geographical areas are covered. Major emphasis is placed upon the U.S., Great Britain, and Canada.

D. Format:

1. Indexes: Each issue has an author and subject index. Cumulative indexes and a list of source periodicals are provided in the December issue. Indexes are adequate.

2. Binding: Serviceable binding for a paperback.


4. Style: Entries are complete and uniform. Journal titles are not abbreviated.

E. Frequency: Issued quarterly since 1972.

F. Editing: Consistently good.

G. Scope: International coverage but limited to English language publications. Literature from 1966 to the present covered. "Human resources" defined broadly. Each issue limited to 250 abstracts which limits coverage of the literature. This is a major weakness.

H. Cost: $95.00 for institutions, $50.00 for individuals, annually.

I. Summary: Professionally done. It is a valuable tool for that which it covers. The number of abstracts should be increased with no set limit.

Updated ANSS Section Manual Now Available

The new edition of the section manual will soon be distributed to ANSS officers, committee chairs and committee members. Other members of ANSS may request a copy by contacting the editor of the revised manual (...and the original 1985 editor, as well):

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Biblical archaeology and publications of American state and regional archaeological organizations have increased.

In general, however, the selection of titles appears to be idiosyncratic. This might be due to an attempt to avoid duplicating coverage in other indices while covering titles not indexed elsewhere. The lack of editorial statements on scope, goal or intended audience of AA is a serious deficiency.

3. Geographic areas covered: No editorial statement is provided on this. Titles are primarily U.S. publications. Subject coverage is generally worldwide with a notable lack of western and eastern Europe. Area studies titles in general appear not to be extensive.

4. Types of publications: AA indexes primarily journals, some bulletins, and a few papers series.

5. Frequency: Through 1986, AA is issued quarterly. From 1987 (vol. 14) onward, it is issued eight times per calendar year. However, the issues are numbered as two volumes per year, with four issues per volume, i.e. 1987 is covered by vol. 14 (nos. 1-4) and vol. 15 (nos. 1-4). Page numbers appear sequentially through the whole year. This is somewhat confusing for the user.

E. Format:

1. Indexes: Author and subject indexes are provided. The subject index is still extremely weak. There is no thesaurus. No cross references are provided. A minimal number of terms per title are indexed and terminology is inconsistent. There is no capability to search cultural traits and geographic areas or cultural groups at the same time, e.g. single term headings with no qualifiers or subdivisions, such as "Brazil" "Women" or "Semantics" do not provide good access. Non-significant or overly specific terms are also indexed, such as "Outcome in court" or "Right hemisphere damage."

2. Cumulations: Indices through 1986 were not cumulated. The "new" AA was claimed as having cumulative indexing issue by issue for the volume. This did not occur for vol. 14; the cumulation appears only in issue no. 4. However, the cumulation plan appears to have taken effect in vol. 15. The lack of any labels, or statements on what is covered by each index, hinders efficient use.

3. Binding: The binding is made of reasonably sturdy paper and is glued, not sewn.

4. Print and legibility: Good.

5. Style: Bibliographic citations are clear and fairly complete; full journal titles are used rather than abbreviations. Abstracts are clear, informative, succinct, and neutral, averaging three to six sentences. The overall style is very good.

F. Editing: Entries appear to be accurate. However, the lists of journal titles indexed in each issue are poorly compiled. There are several typographical errors and missing title words. Non-standard journal title abbreviations appear in most lists.

G. H. Scope: The scope is difficult to judge. No editorial statements are provided and the selection of titles indexed appears to be idiosyncratic.

I. Summary: Positive. Increased title coverage and index cumulations are notable improvements. The abstracts are a valuable source of information, greatly enhancing the value of this index.

J. Changes: AA needs an editorial statement on its scope; cumulative, annual, and bibliographically accurate lists of serials indexed; and a statement on how completely the serials are indexed. Better subject indexing is required. A thesaurus would be invaluable. New cumulative subject indices must be labelled as such.

Sage Race Relations Abstracts


"Published on behalf of the Institute of Race Relations," London. Edited by Louis Kushnick, Dept. of American Studies, University of Manchester.

Analysis prepared by:
Ann L. Wood, Reference Librarian
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

A. Overall Usefulness: Sage Race Relations Abstracts has some usefulness as a current awareness tool on race relations and minorities in Great Britain, Canada and the U.S. It lacks an adequate subject index and includes hard to find ephemera from Great Britain: a source of frustration for many general users in this country.

B. Time Lag: The majority of abstracts in volumes 1 (1975/76), 10 (1985) and 11 (1986) are for titles published in the previous year.

C. Coverage:

1. Number of publications indexed: In 1975/76, 268 journals were reviewed for the first issue. In 1985, 178 journals were reviewed and in 1986, 148. In addition, some
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