1990 Annual Meeting Schedule

Program and Membership Meeting
Sunday, 6/24, 9:30am-12:30pm
McCormick Place North, L1

Executive Committee
Saturday, 6/23, 9-11am
Midland Hotel, Adler Room
Monday, 6/25, 2-4pm
Swiss Grand Hotel, Davos Suite

Bibliography Committee
Saturday, 6/23, 2-4pm
McCormick Place North, Table 25
Monday, 6/25, 9-11am
Swiss Grand Hotel, Bellinzona Room

Conference Program Planning, Atlanta
Saturday, 6/23, 8-9am
McCormick Place North, Table 31

Conference Program Planning, Chicago
Sunday, 6/24, 8-9am
McCormick Place North, L1

Nominating Committee, 1991 Elections
(closed meeting)
Sunday, 6/24, 4:30-5:30pm
Hilton (Check the program for meeting location)

Publications Committee
Sunday, 6/24, 2-4pm
Swiss Grand (Check the program for meeting location)

Review & Planning Committee
Sunday, 6/24, 4:30-5:30pm
McCormick Center Hotel, Conf. Room 10

Be certain to check the final program for meeting locations

1990 ANSS Program:
"Profiles of the City: Using Ethnic Collections and Archives for Social Science Research"
Sunday, June 24, 1990
9:30am-12:30pm
McCormick Place North, L1

Co-sponsors:
Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)
and
Afro-American Studies Section (ACRL)

The program will explore Chicago's rich and varied cultural heritage, as exhibited in five of the Greater Chicago area's ethnic collections and archives. Speakers will describe their unique collections and discuss how urban sociologists and anthropologists, and other social scientists, use these ethnic materials to illuminate Chicago's, and the country's, rich cultural diversity.

Speakers:
Daniel Meyers, Regenstein Library, University of Chicago
Janice McNeill, Chicago Historical Society
Robert Miller, Vivian G. Harsh Collection of Afro-American History and Literature, Chicago Public Library
Robbin Katzin, Asher Library, Spertus College of Judaica
Kathryn DeGraff, Special Collections Librarian and University Archivist, DePaul

Committee Reports
1990 Midwinter Meetings

Executive Committee
Janet Steins, Chair

Present: Janet Steins, Stephen MacLeod, Cheryl Kugler, Ann Wood, Maija Lutz, Nancy Skipper, Margaret Dittemore, James Williams, Mary Koenig, Robert Ridinger, Bonnie Wright

Visitors: Gregory Finnegan, David Hovde, Lynne Schmelz-Keil,
Announcements were made by the Chair regarding the Section’s 1989-90 budget, the ANSS Manual for Officers and Committee Chairs and Members, and the tentative schedule of section meetings at the Annual Conference. Regarding the scheduling of Executive Committee meetings, whereas the Saturday and Monday afternoon schedule used to work well for most members of the committee, in recent years it has put us in conflict with both meetings of the ACRL Board of Directors. Therefore, it was decided that in the future we will switch our Saturday meeting to a morning slot so that the ANSS Liaison to the ACRL Board (currently Maija Lutz), as well as any other interested ANSS Executive Committee members, may attend at least one ACRL Board meeting. Their second, Tuesday afternoon, meeting takes place when ANSS traditionally sponsors a tour.

Janet Steins and Cheryl Kugler, ANSS’s members on the ACRL Activity Sections Council, reported that the issues of section program publicity, funding and post-conference publication were discussed with Cathleen Bourdon of ACRL. ALA has put restrictions on the distribution of individual program flyers, and so ACRL will produce a single flyer publicizing all section programs. Finally, there was strong agreement among members of the council that CARL News should publish abstracts of papers presented at ACRL section programs.

Bibliography Committee
Nancy Skipper, Chair

The Committee welcomed a visitor, Cathy Doyle, who is a member of the new Law and Political Science Section Bibliography Committee. The two Bibliography Committees will continue to share relevant documents and information about their activities.

The first major agenda item discussed was the Executive Committee’s proposal to alter the charge of the Bibliography Committee by forming a separate group to focus upon making contacts with relevant professional and academic associations or organizations.

With minor revisions, a new outline of criteria for analyzing indexes and abstracts was approved. Analyses of three indexes pertaining to criminology were discussed. The Committee decided to submit them as a comparative group of reviews. An analysis of Current Index on Aging will also be approved with some minor revisions. The Committee discussed a preliminary analysis of International Review of Publications in Sociology and decided that it would be very useful to combine it with analyses of Sociological Abstracts and SocioFile. Analyses of several other titles were planned for preliminary review at the next meeting. The Committee discussed the value of having the reviews appear in ANSS Currents and expressed the hope that more room would be available in the future.

Letters to publishers were reviewed.

The Bibliography Committee also discussed how best to respond to requests for suggestions on the upcoming supplement to Sheey’s Guide to Reference Books. Although a few members of the Committee volunteered to review specific subject sections in their area of interest, it was generally agreed that the Committee could not afford to spend much additional time on the new project. The chairperson will suggest other possible sources of participation within ANSS.

Publications Committee
Margaret R. Dittemore, Chair

The latest issue of ANSS Currents was reviewed. A decision was made to include a statement in each Fall issue from the new Chair of ANSS and from each candidate for the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect position. Jim Williams and Maija Lutz, the newsletter editors, and Steve MacLeod, who is responsible for type setting and layout, agreed to accept material for the newsletter in whatever format it is submitted.

Jim Williams was appointed to communicate with George Eberhart, ACRL, concerning several issues which arose during the meeting. These were: 1) Should ANSS Currents include a disclaimer when it publishes Bibliography Committee reviews? 2) Can the size of the newsletter be increased? Is there some flexibility in the number of pages for each issue? 3) What is the status of the complimentary issues? Who distributes them and who pays for their distribution? 4) Has ACRL considered sending all section newsletters to all library schools?

Steve MacLeod distributed copies of the Complimentary Subscriptions List (dated November 1989).

A brief look was taken at what some other sections are publishing in addition to their newsletters. There was no discussion concerning the other publication needs, if any, of ANSS itself.
Review and Planning

Stephen MacLeod, Chair

The Committee devoted the meeting to completing the ANSS Section Review, which was finished and submitted to ACRL by the conclusion of the conference.

Membership News and Announcements

The third edition (1989-90) of the ANSS section handbook, A Manual for Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee Members, is available to members from Ann Wood:

Ann Wood
University Library
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA 01002

Africana Resources and Collections: Three Decades of Development and Achievement is a recently published festschrift in honor of Hans Panofsky. He is Curator of the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies at Northwestern University. In 1973/74 Panofsky was the second Chair of the newly formed Anthropology and Sociology Section (then called ANTS). The volume was published by Scarecrow Press in 1989.


Ann Wood points out the recent AAA publication of Gender and Anthropology: Critical Reviews for Research and Teaching. It is the result of a three year AAA Project on Gender and the Curriculum directed by Sandra Morgen of U Massachusetts. The book is a good resource for those concerned with women and gender issues in research and teaching. (Anne Wood, U Mass)

Christine Whittington (ANSS Publications Committee), Joyce Ogburn (ANSS Bibliography Committee), and Diane Zabel (ANSS member) are the authors of chapters in The Social Sciences: A Cross-Disciplinary Guide to Selected Sources, edited by Nancy L. Herron (Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1989). Chris contributed "General Sources" (Chapter 1), Joyce contributed "Anthropology" (Chapter 6), and Diane was responsible for two chapters, "Sociology" (Chapter 7) and "Psychology" (Chapter 9). The book is a recent addition to Libraries Unlimited's Library Science Text Series. It is designed to be a guide for researchers as well as a teaching textbook for library science students, with an emphasis on the most important sources from the perspective of the practicing reference librarian. (Christine Whittington, Pennsylvania State U)

Joyce Ogburn would like to thank the individuals who responded to her query about resources in anthropology bibliography. She welcomes any other suggestions in this area (see the last issue of ANSS Currents). The following includes some of the responses and additional titles she found:


Because of positive response to the 1989 ANSS Dallas Program, "Access to Anthropological Field Notes: Preservation, Collection and Ethical Issues," Bonnie Wright is submitting the same panel for the 1990 American Anthropological Association meetings in New Orleans this fall. In addition to those who participated in Dallas, Professor George Marcus (Rice U) has agreed to join as one of the discussants.

Please share your personal and institutional news with us — job changes, research in progress, book reviews, other publications, talks, new directions or institutes, significant acquisitions, etc. Send by September 7, 1990, to:

Maggie Dittemore
Bibliography Department
Howard Tilton Memorial Library
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118.

Members are reminded to submit proposed agendas and topics for membership meetings to the Chair, Stephen MacLeod, before September 7.
Calendar of Events


August 5-17. Western Archives Institute, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. Intensive two-week program in archival training. Contact: Lauren Metzer, Western Archives Institute, Sacramento, CA 95814. (916) 445-4294.


November 1-4. American Society for Ethnography, Annual Meeting, Toronto, ONT. Contact: Judy Hicks, Dept Ethnol, Royal Ontario Mus, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.


Bookshelf

Sociology

Reference Books:

The Adoption Directory. (Edited by Ellen Paul. Gale, 1989.) Data source for foster care, adoption agencies, support groups, and options for biological parenthood. Includes summary adoption laws for the U.S. states and six foreign countries.

The Blackwell Companion to Jewish Culture: From the Eighteenth Century to the Present. (Edited by Glenda Abramson. Basil Blackwell, 1990.) 1,100 entries on contemporary Jewish culture and society. Includes biographical essays.


Encyclopedia of Gambling. (By Carl Sifakis. Facts on File, 1990.) This comprehensive and entertaining treatment of gambling covers the contemporary scene and presents some history.


Journals:

Progressive Periodicals Directory. 2nd ed. (Edited by Craig Canan. Progressive Education Group, P.O. Box 120574, Nashville, TN 37212. $16.) Guide to 600 periodicals and newsletters on alternative social concerns. Arranged into 15 subject categories, with title index.


Bibliography Committee Reviews

Art and Archaeology Technical Abstracts (AATA)

Analysis prepared by:

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The Pennsylvania State University
June 1989

A. Issues Reviewed:

Beginning with vol. 23 1986AATA is compiled and produced from bibliographic information contained in the Conservation Informa-
Scanned volumes 6-26.

B. Frequency:
Currently published twice a year, two issues per volume.

C. Introduction:
General Description:
This index covers the more technical aspects of art and archaeology, abstracting articles which take an applied approach to the disciplines. Because it covers a wide variety of technical analyses, it would be useful in an art, chemistry, museum studies, or archaeology collection.

Scope:
AATA is truly international in scope, drawing on sources from all over the world in many different languages. The contributors also span the globe. The text is in English, while the titles are in the language of origin. The scope is clearly stated in Volume 6, 1966. In the later volumes, (1986- ) the scope must be inferred from the "Guide to the Use of AATA."

D. Overall Usability:
This abstracting service has a well-designed classification scheme, appropriate cross-references, and several indexes. All citations in the cross-references and the indexes are contained in the same volume. It should be used by archaeologists looking for information on the technical aspects of archaeology on a world-wide scale. It probably would be most useful to curators of archaeological collections, field workers, archaeologists who work outside of North America, and researchers desiring the broadest possible literature search.

E. Coverage:
Type of Publications Abstracted:
AATA abstracts articles, reports, news items, books, A/V, machine-readable data files, and other publications from every major country in the world. The type of coverage is well-outlined in the section on the "Guide to the Use of AATA." Coverage of archaeology would be limited to those works appropriate to AATA's scope.

Subjects Covered:
This publication covers topics of general interest, technical aspects, including restoration, repair, and preservation, historical treatments, physical and chemical properties of artistic works and artifacts, and excavations.

F. Format:
Arrangement of Entries:
From 1984 on the abstracts in AATA are arranged under 7 sections: (1) Methods of examination and documentation ("the process of obtaining information or results, and/or storing this data"); (2) Conservation practice ("general concern and conservation practice"); (3) Archaeological methods ("technical methods...but does not include... site surveys, listing of finds, or archaeological history"); (4) Architectural conservation, including landscape gardening ("information on treatment of buildings and historic sites and monuments"); (5) Conservation training; (6) History of technology ("non-substance-specific historical material"); and (7) Analysis, treatment, and techniques of works of art and objects of materials (a list is included).

Each abstract is numbered by volume and order of appearance in the volume. The author's name comes first, followed by the title. The language of the article is indicated. Journal titles are written in full, not abbreviated, and entries for journal articles contain issue number and month, if applicable. Entries also include number of figures or tables, and for books, number of pages.

Appendices and Indexes:
From 1966-1983 AATA contained a list of the periodicals abstracted and a supplement which was a critical, annotated bibliography on a selected topic. The later volumes (1984-) have separate indexes for authors, periodicals and distributors (including addresses), and subjects. Indexes are not cumulated. The entries in bold in the periodicals list are abstracted regularly (which may not be the same as completely).

Print and Binding:
The print, though small, is quite easy to read and printed clearly. The binding is sturdy and margins are adequate for binding.

G. Subject Access
Classified Arrangement:
The abstracts are arranged under broad headings with somewhat more specific subheadings such as methods, history and case studies. The headings primarily focus on objects/materials and techniques/methods. If one wants to go immediately to a heading to browse, it is easy to do. Each section of the abstracts is followed by a listing, in numerical order, of cross-referenced titles with their abstract number. This allows one to browse through the abstracts under "Archaeological Methods" and follow up on the articles cross referenced at the end of the section.

Index:
The subject index is incredibly lengthy; one volume had an index of 229 pages. The index contains detailed entries, starting with somewhat broad subjects further broken down by more minute subdivisions. No use of a controlled vocabulary was indicated and the index did not employee cross-references. Because of the detail of the index, one may need to browse the index extensively. For example, one entry under the index in the volume is "Flint tool - Indentification Pavia Certosa (Pavia, Italy)." Broader headings are used as well, such as "Italy, Archaeology" and "Chert - tool dating." Some index terms are used consistently from year to year, for example "Computers" or "Conservation" with plenty of subheadings. All in all, a detailed index can be very useful when one is very familiar with it.

H. Time Lag:
Coverage is timely and current.

I. Editing:
The quality of the editing is good.

J. Document Availability:
Due to extensive coverage of foreign (primarily French, German, and Italian) literature and rather obscure publications, few libraries,
if any, will have all the resources on hand to provide immediate delivery of the needed material. Many libraries with archaeology collections will have the basic journals, such as "American Antiquity," that are abstracted. The end of the periodical list suggests that one may be able to obtain the literature through CAS, InfoQuest or Information on Demand.

K. Cost:
Thirty dollars per volume.

L. Comparison with Other Titles:
The uniqueness of AATA lies in its technical coverage of art and archaeology. The sources it covers in archaeology are well chosen and focus on technique and artifactual remains. Comparisons with Anthropological Literature and Abstracts in Anthropology show that AATA has a more international scope and covers a wider variety of literature than either of the two standard reference sources.

If an institution has a large collection of archaeological literature and a well-supported archaeology program, this publication, at $30.00, is a bargain.

M. Summary of Positive Aspects:
AATA covers a wide variety of sources, making it very beneficial to archaeological research. Although no one issue contains a great many citations under the section on archaeology, there are a good many abstracts with information pertinent to archaeologists under other sections. AATA is a good source on methods, techniques, and materials, especially foreign literature. The use of full journal titles and complete bibliographic information gives the user the luxury of looking in one place for a complete description of each resource cited.

N. Recommendations for Improvement:
AATA seems to serve its purpose well. Larger cumulative indexes would prove very beneficial, although given the size of each index per volume, they would be quite lengthy. This kind of source would be very useful to have online. At this writing it is not known whether the Conservation Information Network is easily accessible or intended for public use.

Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts
London: Library Association
Editor, P.F. Broxis
Volume 1; Number 1-, 1987-

Analysis prepared by:
Robert C. Myers, revised by Janita Jobe, August 1989.

A. Issues reviewed:
Volume 2, 1988 and Volume 3, No.1, 1989

B. Frequency:
bi-monthly with annual cumulations.

C. Introduction:
Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts (ASSIA) is an easy-to-use, general index to social science literature with an emphasis on British publications. It has several unique features which make it useful and readable.

D. Scope:
The scope, which is clearly stated in the annual volume, includes applied social science literature in the English language, as well as the core theoretical sociology literature. Categories of material included are clearly defined. The index fulfills its stated scope with an emphasis on applied literature in social services and economics.

E. Coverage:
ASSIA indexes applied literature in all areas of social services, economics, politics, labor, and human relations. It also covers underlying sociological theory. The index includes English language articles primarily from the United Kingdom, North America, Old Commonwealth countries, and Europe.

ASSIA covers primarily journals. It includes conference papers published in journals, but does not index book reviews, columns, news items, or articles less than one page. Dissertations, proceedings, and monographs are excluded. In 1988, ASSIA indexed 18,000+ articles from over 500 journals. Core journals are indexed cover-to-cover. Journals from fringe subject areas, e.g., psychology and medicine, are selectively indexed. There is no indication as to which journal titles are selectively or comprehensively indexed.

F. Format:
Each bi-monthly issue of ASSIA has separate subject and author indexes. There is no title index. The annual volumes cumulate the subject and author indexes. Entries are arranged alphabetically by rotating subject descriptors. The author index is alphabetical by author's last name and initials. Subject entries provide a complete and unabbreviated citation with a short abstract. Journal titles are spelled out in full. Citations also indicate whether tables, maps, references, etc. are included. The combined index/abstract format is easy to work with and very "browseable." The author index also provides a complete, unabbreviated citation and the first two terms in the subject entry where the abstract is located.

The quality of the print in ASSIA is good. The index uses bold face italics to highlight different elements in the entry. The type used for the abstracts is very small and pages are cramped, though still attractive. Users with poor vision will find it a strain to use. Both paper issues and annual cumulations are adequately bound. Margins are narrow for photocopying.

G. Subject Access:
ASSIA uses a string indexing approach rather than fixed subject headings. Key terms are followed by additional descriptive terms indicating relationship, action, time, etc. Indexing is based on an intellectual analysis of the article, not title keyword. Subject access is provided from various points by rotating terms or concepts in the string. ASSIA uses SEE references to the first word in an indexing string. It also provides RELATED HEADINGS and SEE ALSO references. Bold face type and different print sizes are used to highlight main headings and reference terms. Index terms are very British, as one would expect. Note, for example, lorries rather than trucks and public houses rather than bars or taverns. The use of string indexing allows more comprehensive retrieval than fixed subject headings. More irrelevant material is retrieved, but it is...
ASS/A's cost is $756 per year or $534 for the annual cumulation.'Three major indexing/abstracting services in the United States library's journal subscriptions, but it is several hundred dollars less graphic series and a large number of non-English titles. SSC/ which comes in at a hefty $3350, and far exceeds it in ease serving the same market that ASS/A does. These are the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), the Social Sciences Index, and SSC/, which provides abstracts. ASS/A is a quality product which provides additional access to social science literature, but its cost and overlap with established services makes it forbidding to most American libraries.

The frustrations of using this index are illustrated by a sample search on teenage pregnancy for which there is no subject heading. However, there is a see reference from TEENAGERS to YOUNG PEOPLE and a see reference from YOUNG PEOPLE to ADOLESCENTS. There is no heading for ADOLESCENTS: PREGNANCY, but there are entries at ADOLESCENTS: FATHERS, ADOLESCENTS: MOTHERS, ADOLESCENTS: PARENTS, ADOLESCENTS GIRLS: PREGNANCY, and ADOLESCENTS GIRLS: MOTHERHOOD. Also at ADOLESCENTS GIRLS is a reference to Related Headings at PREGNANCY, PREMARITAL.

H. Time Lag:
The time lag for articles indexed is approximately six months. The first bi-monthly issue for 1989 was received by American libraries in the late spring.

I. Editing:
The quality of editing is excellent.

J. Document Availability:
Most titles will be available in medium and large academic libraries in the United States.

K. Cost:
ASS/A's cost is $756 per year or $534 for the annual cumulation alone, a rather steep price for a service that significantly duplicates material indexed elsewhere.

L. Comparison with Related Titles:
Three major indexing/abstracting services in the United States serve the same market that ASS/A does. These are the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), the Social Sciences Index, and Sociological Abstracts. ASS/A compares favorably in price with SSCI, which comes in at a hefty $3250, and far exceeds it in ease and accuracy of subject searching. SSCI's coverage is more extensive, selectively indexing 4700 journals as well as mono­}

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