Midwinter Meeting Schedule

Anthropology Librarians' Discussion Group
Saturday, January 12, 4:30-5:30pm

Bibliography Committee
Saturday, January 12, 2-4pm
Monday, January 14, 8:30-11am

Conference Program Planning, Atlanta, 1991
Saturday, January 12, 8-9am

Conference Program Planning, S.F., 1992
Saturday, January 12, 8-9am
Monday, January 14, 8-9am

Executive Committee
Saturday, January 12, 9-11am
Monday, January 14, 2-4pm

Nominating Committee, 1992 Elections
Sunday, January 13, 11:30am-12:30pm

Publications Committee
Sunday, January 13, 2-4pm

Review and Planning Committee
Sunday, January 13, 4:30-5:30pm

The meeting times and dates listed above are tentative. Please consult the conference program to confirm this information.

Message From the Chair
Cheryl C. Kugler, 1990/91

This is my first opportunity to address you as Chair of ANSS and to describe the section's activities in the coming year. I am very honored to chair ANSS with its history of activities and products which are now widely emulated by other ACRL sections. I encourage all of you to attend the section's excellent annual conference programs and to volunteer for the specific committees whose reports you will find in this issue of ANSS Currents. To remain an exciting organization, ANSS needs many more members to become active. Please feel free to communicate with me regarding any ideas or concerns for investigation by section members. You will find my address on the last page of this issue of ANSS Currents.

I am very excited about the 1991 Atlanta conference program. The title of the program is: "Folk Cultures of the Modern South: Documentation of Living Traditions." The participants will include librarians, archivists, and scholars. As usual, ANSS will sponsor a tour of a local facility of interest to sociologists and anthropologists. We hope to visit the Southern Labor Archives at Georgia State University during the Atlanta conference. The Afro-American Studies Section of ACRL will co-sponsor the program. The ANSS program continues to occur on Sunday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

This newsletter contains detailed reports of the activities of the Bibliography and Publications committees at the 1990 summer conference. I encourage you to read them, for both committees have served the section well in communicating to the membership on common issues and working to resolve common problems. The Publications Committee recognizes the valuable work occurring in the Bibliography Committee and the usefulness to you of the latter committee's detailed, insightful analyses. Consequently, the Publications Committee continues to discuss ways to increase the number of published analyses and to present them in a more timely schedule. I am certain the chairs of both committees would welcome your ideas on this matter or on other aspects of their activities.

I would like to announce the formation of a new group within the section, the Anthropology Librarians' Discussion Group. This new body currently consists of Gregory Finnegan, Dartmouth College, and Nancy Skipper, Cornell University. We hope that the discussion group will provide a forum for bibliographers and public services librarians to discuss issues regarding collection development and bibliographic instruction. The group will also provide participants an occasion for sharing practical ideas, plans, and programs on these topics. The discussion group is open for any of you to join. If you would like to participate, please let me know.

This issue of the newsletter introduces a new feature, the candidates' forum. Both candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect have written short essays in which they discuss their thoughts about the section's activities and the projects they would pursue, if elected. We hope that the essays will allow you greater insight into the talents and qualities each candidate offers to the section and will result in a more informed vote.

Slate of candidates for 1991 election:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Maia Lutz, Head of Technical Services and Collection Development Librarian, Tozzer Library, Harvard University
James Williams, Assistant Education and Social Science Librarian, University of Illinois-Urbana

Secretary
Joyce Ogburn, Head of Ordering Section, Pennsylvania State University

Member-at-Large
Pauline Manaka, Social Sciences Librarian, University of California-Irvine
Nancy Skipper, Reference Librarian and Anthropology Bibliographer, Olin Library, Cornell University
Candidates' Forum

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Candidates' Statements

Maija M. Lutz

Head of Technical Services and Collection Development Librarian, Tozzer Library, Harvard University

I am very pleased and honored to have been nominated to run for the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Anthropology and Sociology Section. A group such as ours represents an important link between the Association of College and Research Libraries and the community of anthropologists, sociologists, and other social scientists. With the scope of all social sciences is becoming more and more interdisciplinary, it is especially important for librarians representing these disciplines to understand the information needs of the scholarly community and to share these needs with those providing bibliographic access and control, be they librarians, publishers, or vendors.

If I were elected to this office, one of my primary goals would be to seek active involvement of more of our members in the work of the section. All of our committees could profit greatly from a diversity of viewpoints and experiences and avoid the pitfall of doing things a certain way because that’s how they’ve always been done. I would also encourage more contributions from our membership to the section’s newsletter. ANSS currents is a perfect vehicle for disseminating information which would be of interest not only to social science librarians, but to faculty, students, and researchers as well. Another way in which I would seek greater involvement of the membership would be through more informal opportunities for interaction, such as discussion groups or topical lunches. With the present structure of our conferences, most of our activities are in the form of committee meetings and may discourage newcomers from identifying themselves.

I feel that ANSS has been involved in many worthwhile activities and projects and has been very successful in providing its membership with interesting programs, tours, and newsletters. Now I would like to see some of the fruits of these labors disseminated to a wider audience. The Publications Committee has discussed additional ANSS publications and I strongly support this. Publication of papers from the annual program might encourage greater participation by teaching faculty, librarians, and others in our programs, and publishing a membership list which includes areas of expertise, publications, and other information might produce more fruitful contact between members. Likewise the reviews of indexes and abstracts prepared by the Bibliography Committee would benefit many more people through wider distribution.

According to the bylaws of the Anthropology and Sociology Section, the Section represents within the Association of College and Research Libraries specialists in anthropology, sociology, and related fields. I would like to see us strengthen our ties with both our parent organization and scholarly societies and institutions within our disciplines to ensure that we will grow in our role as representatives of these disciplines. If I am elected to this office, I will strive to build on the excellent work that has been done by previous chairs of ANSS for the past two decades.

Jim Williams

Assistant Education and Social Science Librarian
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

I am honored to have been nominated for the office of Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the ACRL Anthropology and Sociology Section. The active members of ANSS have consistently been a very talented and deeply committed group. Diligent work and cooperative efforts have made it possible to sponsor programs and to create various committees within the section which address the needs, concerns, and interests of anthropology and sociology information specialists. Good leadership, committed participants, teamwork, and a pleasant informality have become distinguishing characteristics of the section. As Vice Chair/Chair Elect, I would endeavor to provide the style of leadership and to maintain the atmosphere of camaraderie in which ANSS has developed and flourished.

What else is needed? I believe potential benefit could result from directing a concerted attention to certain matters for which an informal concern has been repeatedly expressed. First, the work of ANSS would be enhanced if a larger number of section members were involved. When making committee appointments, I would of course continue the precedent of including inexperienced members who have displayed an interest in active participation.

I would also schedule an informal session in which to pool ideas on the means by which more of the membership might be motivated to become active. This seems desirable, in part, because the formation of a Professional Liaison Committee and an Anthropology Discussion Group within ANSS has been suggested. In addition, the Publications Committee is exploring the options for expanding ANSS currents and considering as well other publishing projects. If the traditional standard of quality is maintained with growth, the involvement of a greater number of colleagues seems crucial. In any circumstance, the ideas and fresh perspectives contributed by newly active members are vital to a dynamic section.

Finally, some examination of the ANSS membership seems worthwhile. ANSS has approximately 600 members, suggesting much interest. Only 20 to 25 per cent of the membership vote in the annual election, however, and a much smaller percentage seek committee assignments. The invisible and silent members, who are the vast majority, are nonetheless important to the section. In turn, ANSS has certain obligations to its entire membership. Some thought as to how well the section is meeting the needs and interests of the large contingent of inactive members seems appropriate.

As an initial step in a study, statistics could be collected within ACRL to assess ANSS comparatively with other subject sections for membership and voting percentages. Communication with ACRL Vice Chair/Chair Elects to learn of interest in participation would not be difficult. Depending on what was disclosed by a statistical comparison, a membership survey via Currents might or might not seem in order.

The unprecedented activity within ANSS would make the early 1990s an especially exciting and challenging time to serve as Vice Chair/Chair Elect. I would welcome the opportunity to work with you in the coordination of our diverse activities and in the further promotion of our sectional interests.
**1990 Chicago Program: "Profiles of the City: Using Ethnic Collections and Archives for Social Science Research"**

The 1990 program, which was held Sunday, June 24, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., was chaired by Robert B. Marks Ridinger and was co-sponsored by the newly formed ACRL Afro-American Studies Section and EMIERT (The ALA Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Round Table). Speakers from six of the greater Chicago area's ethnic collections and archives described their collections and how they can be used by anthropologists, urban sociologists, and other social scientists to illuminate this country's rich cultural heritage. The speakers and their topics were as follows:

**Kathryn DeGraff, DePaul University Library**

The Hispanic Collections from the Latino Institute at DePaul were used to illustrate questions that must be asked when an institution accepts a special collection of materials. Will there be the necessary space and staffing to house and service the collection? Are necessary language skills present to process the collection? What will the preservation needs of the collection be? According to the speaker, the support and involvement of the ethnic community is the most important ingredient of a special ethnic collection.

**Janice McNeill, Chicago Historical Society**

This speaker discussed the wide variety of research materials available on 80 different ethnic groups at the Chicago Historical Society. In addition to books, periodicals, and newspapers, the Society houses maps, photographs, films, scrapbooks, sheet music, programs of events, and other ephemera. Although the collection is strongest in materials on the older and more established ethnic groups of Chicago, there is also a wide array of materials on newer groups such as the Hmong and Iranians.

**Robert Miller, Vivian G. Harsh Collection of Afro-American History and Literature, Chicago Public Library**

The core of this collection, which is the second largest collection of its kind in the U.S., is reference material on the African-American experience in the Chicago area. Among the different kinds of research materials available are original manuscripts of books, periodicals, a microform collection, and several clipping files. The diverse users of this collection include graduate students writing theses and dissertations, high school students, authors, and genealogists.

**Robbin Katz, Asher Library, Spertus College of Judaica**

According to the speaker, Spertus College, together with its museum and library, offers adult Jewish studies in the Chicago area and fulfills the information needs of the Jewish community. Materials housed in the library include books on Jewish history and religion, a video collection of documentaries, autobiographies portraying the Chicago Jewish experience, records of organizations, and records of synagogues.

**Timothy Johnson, Covenant Archives and Historical Library, and the Swedish-American Historical Society**

The Covenant Archives and Historical Library preserves and makes available to researchers the historical records of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America, founded in 1885 by Swedish immigrants. The Archives of the Swedish-American Historical Society contains a documentary record of the Swedish-American experience in Chicago. Both collections, which are housed at North Park College and Theological Seminary, are valuable resources for scholars, students, faculty, and the public who wish to pursue genealogy and family history.

Daniel Meyers, Regenstein Library, University of Chicago

This speaker used examples of various special collections in sociology and ethnic studies at the Regenstein Library to illustrate the multifaceted use of this material. He emphasized the fact that documentation on one group always includes useful research material on other groups as well. One can never be sure how a research collection will be used over time, because the original purpose of the collection often changes.

**Committee Reports, 1990 Annual Executive Committee**

Janet Steins, Chair

Present: Janet Steins (Chair), Cheryl Kugler, Ann Wood, Rob Ridinger, Maija Lutz, Fred Hay, Jim Williams, Mary Koenig, Nancy Skipper, Steve MacLeod, Maggie Dittemore.

Guests: Lynne Schmelz-Keil, Greg Finnegan, Kathy Creeley, Virginia Seiser, Janita Jobe, Cheryl Naslund.

The ANSS Executive Committee met twice during the ALA Annual Conference on Saturday, June 23 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and Monday, June 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

Reports were presented by the chairpersons of the standing committees (Rob Ridinger, Program Planning for Chicago 1990, Fred Hay (co-chair with Brenda McCallum), Program Planning for Atlanta 1991, Nancy Skipper, Bibliography, Maggie Dittemore, Publications, and Steve MacLeod, Review and Planning). Bonnie Wright, chair of the Nominations Committee for the 1991 election was not present; Cheryl Kugler announced the slate of ANSS candidates (see candidates' statements in this issue of ANSS current). Janet Steins and Cheryl Kugler reported on the meeting of the ACRL Activity Sections Council (ASC), at which they represent ANSS. The chair of the ACRL Budget and Finance Committee, Leslie Manning, came to the ASC meeting to talk about financial support for sections and explained how the committee plans to develop options for varied funding (for example per capita), since requests typically exceed the budgeted amount and vary a great deal from year to year even in the same section depending upon the priorities of the current chair.

Also at the ASC meeting, ACRL President Elect Barbara Ford reported on the theme of her 1991 president's program, information literacy, and suggested that the program or perhaps a poster session might attempt to answer the question of how to be literate in different fields, such as those covered by the activity sections. Cheryl Kugler and Rob Ridinger will be ANSS's members of ASC in 1990/91.

In addition to the usual reports from Lynne Schmelz-Keil about Harvard's Tozzer Library and from Rob Ridinger about activities at LARG (the Library-Anthropology Research Group), Cheryl Naslund of the Institute for Developmental Anthropology, affiliated with SUNY Binghamton, introduced that organization and described its focus.

Other items of discussion included ANSS liaisons to scholarly sociology and anthropology societies (Greg Finnegan attended an...
open meeting of the ACRL Professional Association Liaison Committee to talk about our interest in working with such groups to promote mutual concerns) and a new ANSS committee, an Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group. Nancy Skipper originated the idea that it would be useful to her to meet occasionally with other anthropology bibliographers, and it was enthusiastically received. The chair will schedule a meeting for the discussion group at midwinter in 1991. Naturally, interested section members working in the area of sociology are encouraged to request that the executive committee schedule a comparable discussion session for them. Finally, the chair thanked ANSS officers completing their terms: Steve MacLeod for his three years of service as chair-elect, ANSS chair, and finally as past chair and chairperson of the Review and Planning Committee, and Maija Lutz who completed her two-year term as Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee.

Bibliography Committee
Nancy Skipper, Chair

Work continued on analyses of indexes and abstracts. Much time was devoted to comparing Criminal Justice Abstracts, Criminal Justice Periodical Index, and Criminology and Penology Abstracts. Plans were made to submit revised reviews, along with a new analysis of NCJRS (National Criminal Justice Reference System), to ANSS currents. Progress was also made on related analyses of Sociological Abstracts, International Review of Publications in Sociology, Social Planning/Policy and Development Abstracts, and SocioFile. Reviews will be submitted for group publication in Currents. In addition, the committee worked on an analysis of Abstracts of Native Studies and discussed final revisions for the analysis of Current Literature on Aging. Letters to several publishers were planned and new assignments were made. Committee members suggested new categories for the criteria being developed to analyze CD-ROM products.

Other business included an update on the time frame (spring 1991) for contributing suggestions on the new supplement to Sheehy’s Guide to Reference Books and brief mention of new titles to be aware of for reference or collection development. Concern was expressed for developing a means by which to update continuously “Bibliography of Bibliography in Anthropology” which appeared in Currents and for encouraging the production of a similar bibliography for sociology.

The final topic covered was potential meeting times. ALA’s decision to have the membership meeting on Sunday mornings will make it difficult to accommodate all of the required ANSS meetings.

Conference Program Planning, Atlanta 1991
Brenda McCallum and Fred J. Hay, Co-Chairs

The Conference Program Planning Committee for Atlanta 1991 met twice at ALA Midwinter. Visitors to Committee meetings included ANSS member Hans Panofsky, Librarian of the Herskovits Africana Collection of Northwestern University and Afro-American Studies Section representative, and Alice Reviere Smith, Black Studies and Urban Affairs Librarian of Cleveland State University. Brenda McCallum, Assistant Professor and Head Librarian of the Popular Culture Library, Bowling Green State University, and Fred J. Hay, Reference and Acquisitions Librarian of the Tozzer Library, Harvard University, agreed to serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee. It was tentatively decided to develop a program on folklore documentation in the South entitled “Folk Cultures of the Modern South.” In early 1990, Committee members will be approaching possible speakers about their availability and willingness to participate in the 1991 ANSS Conference program.

Conference Program Planning, San Francisco 1992
Chair: David Lonergan, Northern Illinois University
Committee Members: Kathryn Creely, Melanesian Studies Resources Center, University of California - San Diego; Royce Kurtz, University of Mississippi

Topic: Medical anthropology and sociology of medicine.

Publications Committee
Maggie Dittemore, Chair

Jim Williams reported on issues of interest to the committee which he had been appointed to discuss with George Eberhart, ACRL: 1) Jim outlined the ACRL requirements for an expanded newsletter. This issue had arisen at the 1990 ALA Midwinter meeting during the discussion of how best to publish the Bibliography Committee reviews. After discussing the requirements, the committee decided to continue exploring other options (e.g., a special newsletter issue, a separate publication, or an occasional series) before making a final decision. 2) Jim reported that Eberhart did not think it was necessary to include a disclaimer in ANSS currents when Bibliography Committee reviews are published. 3) Jim confirmed that complimentary issues of ACRL newsletters are being sent to their editors for distribution. The committee reviewed a written request from Bonnie Wright asking it to consider publication of the papers given at the 1989 ANSS Program “Access to Anthropological Fieldnotes: Preservation, Collection and Ethical Issues.” The ACRL Publications Committee will be consulted.

Membership News & Announcements
Fred Hay, ANSS member and co-chair of the 1991 Conference Program Planning Committee, has recently joined the Tozzer Library staff as their new Reference and Acquisitions Librarian. His responsibilities at the library include developing programs in reference and bibliographic instruction, developing the reference collection, and managing the acquisitions operation. Fred, who has conducted anthropological research in Haiti, received an M.A. in anthropology and folklore at the University of Virginia, a Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Florida, and a Masters of Library and Information Studies from Florida State University. Before assuming his position at Tozzer, Fred served as Social Sciences Librarian and Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Kansas State University.

Tozzer Library is hosting an exhibit entitled Cayoni: Traditional Creek Wood Carving from Sept. 18, 1990 through Jan. 27, 1991. Cayoni, better known to many by his English name Joseph Johns, has been Artist-in-Residence at the Peabody Museum for the past fifteen years and was the first recipient of the Massachusetts Arts Council’s Native American Artist fellowship. A Creek Indian from the Alhambra River/Okefenokee area of Georgia, Cayoni began his apprenticeship with his Grandfather—a locally renowned Creek
carver—when he was eight years old. He recounts: "I soon learned to fashion from logs the mythical forms and their meaning to my people." Today, Cayoni is the sole surviving traditional Creek wood carver. Display created and mounted by the staff of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. (Fred Hay, Harvard U)

Tozzer Library has added three more volumes to its holdings of the microfilm edition of The Papers of John Peabody Harrington in the Smithsonian Institution, 1907-1957. Tozzer now owns Vols. 1-8 (479 microfilm reels) of this very important series on Native American history, language, and culture. (Maija Lutz, Harvard U)

Garland Publishing announces a new monograph series entitled Garland Research Guides to Ancient Civilizations. The series will publish guides to the important literature dealing with a single culture area, archaeological culture, or significant issues relating to ancient civilizations of the Old and New World. The series is intended to be useful to the general reader, student, and scholar interested in the study of ancient civilizations. Each volume will have two parts: a critical introductory essay and a topically arranged annotated listing of the important relevant literature. For further information or to submit proposals please contact: John M. Weeks, Series Editor, 5 Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455 (612/624-5860).

Bibliography Committee Reviews

Criminology and Penology Abstracts

Analysis prepared by:
Joyce L. Ogburn
The Pennsylvania State University
June 1990

A. ISSUES REVIEWED:

B. FREQUENCY:
Bimonthly.

C. INTRODUCTION:
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Criminology and Penology Abstracts is "An international abstracting service covering the etiology of crime and juvenile delinquency, the control and treatment of offenders, criminal procedure, and the administration of justice."

USABILITY: This abstract service is not difficult to use, although it would be improved by the addition of a five year cumulative index or an index for each of the first two titles. The existing annual indexes are extensive and detailed, requiring the scanning of each index entry for effective use. The subdivision of the main sections of the abstracts are quite specific and helpful in getting to the right section. There are no instructions to the user.

D. SCOPE:
Criminology and Penology Abstracts contains no scope statement; however, its scope is implicit in the statement on its cover, quoted under the general description. The service fulfills this intention. It is meant also to be international in scope, but the titles abstracted are all American, Canadian, or European.

E. COVERAGE:

GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS COVERED: It abstracts publications from the Western World, but other parts of the world may be covered by a particular article or monograph. On the whole, there is a distinctly Western emphasis to its coverage. If Criminology and Penology Abstracts indexed more anthropological publications, it might have more citations on Third World countries, tribal law, and so forth.

TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS ABSTRACTED: Criminology and Penology Abstracts indexes primarily English language journals, books, and reports. It includes more journals of sociology than of anthropology, which is understandable, given its slant toward western criminology and penology. Occasionally it publishes special articles on specific aspects of criminology and penology. In 1988 the title contained 2,943 abstracts from 240 journals.

F. FORMAT:
INDEXES AND CUMULATIONS: Criminology and Penology Abstracts is issued in paper with cumulation of the subject and author indexes in the last issue of the year, in addition to a list of the journals received for abstracting. Each year contains a separate index for subjects and authors.

ARRANGEMENTS OF ENTRIES: The contents of the abstracts are organized under thirteen broad headings. The arrangement would be familiar to users of legal sources: a topic is subdivided by multiple, numbered subheadings. For example, 5 SPECIAL GROUPS is subdivided by 5.2 Sex, which in turn is divided by 5.2.1 females and 5.2.2 males.

CITATION STYLE: The citation order includes title first, followed by author, and author affiliation. It then varies depending on whether the work is an article or monograph, but includes publisher, date, number of pages, ISBN, journal title, year, volume and issue, pages, and sometimes the ISSN of the journal. Abstracts are not sigend.

PRINT AND BINDING: Both are good.

G. SUBJECT ACCESS:
SUBJECT INDEX: The subject index contains broad terms followed by very specific terms which describe a particular citation. For example, one index contained the term "burglary", and underneath the term cited "ecology, urban area, India, spatial structure" followed by a citation number. Each volume appears to use the same basic vocabulary for the broadest index terms and then varies the specific terms to provide a detailed description of the citation. The specific terms appear to be keywords, but then are not necessarily in the abstracts. The first terms assigned to any citation are in alphabetical
order, but I can ascertain no particular order to the terms within a
citation description, i.e., broad to narrow, alphabetical, etc. The
terms are fairly straightforward, not loaded with jargon, and are
topical. Terminology tends more to the sociological than to the
legal. For example, the index uses terms such as euthanasia and
terrorism, and Nazi; standard legal terminology, such as torts,
liability, and negligence, is employed when appropriate. Indexing
includes geographic areas and minority groups.

Cross references are used sparingly, but seem appropriate.

TABLE OF CONTENTS: If a user wishes to browse broad subject
areas, the contents page provides enough detail to assist.

H. TIME LAG:
Coverage ranges from recent publications to those several years old,
although the lag seems to have improved recently. The abstracts
arrive about six months after the stated date of the bimonthly issue.

I. EDITING:
Editing appears to be good.

J. DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:
Criminology and Penology Abstracts would be useful in the academic
and law libraries, and any other library were research is conducted
in the areas of social work, penology, administration of justice, and
the like. It makes no mention of the availability of titles abstracted
or document delivery services. If a citation also can be found in
Criminal Justice Periodical Index, then its document delivery service
can be employed.

K. COST:
$280.00 a year.

L. COMPARISON WITH RELATED TITLES:
Criminology and Penology Abstracts (CPA) is more detailed, yet
broader in coverage than Criminal Justice Abstracts (CJA) or
Criminal Justice Periodical Index (CJPI). A comparison of the
volumes for 1987 and 1988 of all three titles illustrates the difference.

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The 240 journals covered by Criminology and Penology Abstracts in
1988 were not the same 240 covered in 1987. Comparing the three
services, CPA covers more foreign publications than the other two
and makes more use of legal terminology. CPA offers the advantage
of the most detailed contents page of the three. To the user's
disadvantage, however, Criminology and Penology Abstracts is not
available online through standard services like BRS or DIALOG,
although Kugler maintains its own machine-readable data files. Of
the three CPA is the more expensive title.

M. SUMMARY OF POSITIVE ASPECTS:
Criminology and Penology Abstracts is very broad in its coverage
and fairly easy to use. The abstracts are lengthy and give a good
overview of the work cited. Its timeliness of coverage has improved.
The indexing is extensive, although a little difficult to use because
of the number of specific terms that can be used to describe a
citation. On the other hand, the use of very specific terms allows one
to form some sort of judgment of the contents of a work without
having to turn to the abstract. The publishers of Criminology and
Penology Abstracts are to be commended for their breadth and depth
of coverage.

N. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT:
Some sort of cumulative indexes (every five years and/or per title
change) would make this abstracting service more useful. Instruction
for users, would be helpful. Instructions could include a sample
citation with the data elements described and a description of the
focus on sociological terminology. The addition of this title to
traditional online search services would expand access to the literature
of criminology and penology.

* The arrangement of Criminal Justice Periodical Index makes it
difficult to determine the exact number of citations.

Bookshelf

Sociology

The AIDS Benefits Handbook. (By Thomas P. McCormack. Yale
University Press, 1990.)
An exhaustive compilation of information on the means by which to
procure social welfare benefits. Contains concise and practical
information useful not only to AIDS victims but also to the poor,
aged, and disabled.

American Communes, 1860-1960: A Bibliography. (By Timothy
Miller. Garland, 1990.)
Defines the concept broadly. Of potential interest to anthropologists
and sociologists as well as historians.

Dictionary of American Immigration History. (Edited by Francesco
2,500 entries. A useful resource for an area where reference works
are not plentiful, although certain ethnic groups are excluded with
no explanation stated.

Encyclopedia of the Holocaust. 4 vols. (Edited by Israel Guzman.
The holocaust treated in just under 1,000 entries written by scholars
from disciplines as diverse as anthropology, psychology, sociology,
history, and philosophy. The most authoritative summation of
previous research and a major new primary resource.

Handbooks to the Modern World: Asia and the Pacific. 2 vols.
(Edited by Robert H. Taylor. Facts on File, 1990.)
Presents cultural, economic, political, and historical information as
well as statistical data. A commendable successor to Guy Wint's

The Universal Almanac 1990. (Edited by John W. Wright, Andrews
& McMeel, 1989).
New and inexpensive compendium of facts. Very comparable in
coverage to The World Almanac, but each title provides certain
unique information. Annual editions are planned.
Anthropology

Tikal Report 14: Excavations in the Great Plaza, North Terrace, and North Acropolis of Tikal. (By William R. Coe. Philadelphia: University Museum, University of Pennsylvania, 1990.) This report, which consists of six separate parts (3 volumes of text, 2 volumes of illustrations, and a map box for oversize plans and sections), is a pivotal volume in the entire Tikal publications series projected to comprise more than 40 reports. Field investigations and restoration work were carried out at this important Mesoamerican ceremonial center from 1956 through 1970 under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania Museum and the government of Guatemala.


Atlas of World Cultures: A Geographical Guide to Ethnographic Literature. (By David H. Price. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, 1989.) In addition to identifying the geographical locations of 3,500 cultural groups on a series of 40 maps, the author of this atlas links these groups to a bibliography of classic ethnographic studies which contain detailed information on each group. He also provides each group with the culture area code assigned to it in the Human Relations Area Files and G. P. Murdock’s Ethnographic Atlas.

Latin American Antiquity. (Edited by Prudence M. Rice. Washington, D.C.: Society for American Archaeology, 1990-.) This new quarterly journal publishes articles in English or Spanish on the archaeology, prehistory, and ethnography of Mesoamerica, Central America, South America, and culturally related areas.


The Peabody Museum: A Visual Record of Artifacts. (Boston: G. K. Hall, 1990.) This is a color microfiche publication presenting 600 artifacts from the collections of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University. The selection of artifacts represents Native American, Pre-Columbian, African, Asian, Oceanian, and European cultures. An accompanying printed catalog provides the title, culture, acquisition date, measurements, medium, and the Peabody Museum transparency number for each of the 600 images.

Music and Dance in Surinam. (Edited by Claartje Gieben and Jan Ijzermans. Leiden, The Netherlands: Inter Documentation Company, 1990.) This is a microfiche collection of source literature on Surinamese music and dance extracted from over 4,000 publications dating from 1599 to 1960. Works examined include publications dealing explicitly with music and dance as well as ethnographies, accounts of journeys and expeditions, novels, almanacs, and missionaries’ reports.

JVC Video Anthology of World Music and Dance. (Produced by the Victor Company of Japan in collaboration with Smithsonian/Folkways Records and distributed in the United States and Canada by Rounder Records, 1 Camp St., Cambridge, MA 02140.) This collection of 30 videocassettes and 9 accompanying books presents performances of folk and classical music and dance from East Asia (not including Japan), Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Soviet Union, the Americas, and Oceania. There is no narration and the subtitles have been kept to a minimum. The accompanying written material describes each performance in detail, including the cultural and historical background of the music, dance, musical instruments, costumes, religious rituals, and other ceremonies.

The Encyclopedia of World Cultures. (Sponsored by the Human Relations Area Files at Yale University and edited by David Levinson. The 20% off prepublication price of $800 available only before March 31, 1991. Further information available from Macmillan Library Sales, 866 Third Avenue, N.Y., N.Y. 10022.) Each of the first nine volumes of this encyclopedia, which will cover more than 1500 cultural groups, will be devoted to a major region of the world. Topics to be covered include history, sociopolitical organization, economy, linguistics, religion, the arts, and many others. Vol. 10 will consist of a cumulative index. The first volume is scheduled for publication in March 1991 with the subsequent volumes to appear through 1993.

The Collected Works of Edward Sapir. (Editor-in-Chief, Philip Sapir. Berlin; New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 1990-.) The publication of this monumental sixteen volume set has commenced with the appearance of Volume V (American Indian Languages 1, edited by William Bright.) The first six volumes of the set will be devoted to articles, papers (some previously unpublished), and shorter works on American Indian languages and cultures as well as works on more general linguistic topics. Volumes VII-XV will contain Sapir’s monograph-length works on American Indian languages and cultures. A comprehensive index to the set will comprise Volume XVI. The next two volumes to be published are Volume VII (Wishram Texts and Ethnography) and Volume VIII (Takelma Texts and Grammar.)

Linguistics: The Cambridge Survey. (Edited by Frederick J. Newmeyer. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988.) This four volume set is a comprehensive introduction to current research in the field of linguistics. Volume I and II focus on linguistic theory. Psycholinguistics and neurolinguistics are covered in Volume III, and Volume IV is devoted to sociolinguistics, anthropological linguistics, and discourse analysis.

Immigrant Communities & Ethnic Minorities in the United States & Canada. (Series editor, Robert J. Theodoratus. New York: AMS Press, 1984-). Sixty-seven volumes have come out so far in this mammoth series, which began in 1984. These volumes encompass a wide range of immigrant and ethnic studies, including those dealing with recent immigrant communities, religious minorities, assimilation, and cultural persistence.
Information Needs in the Social Sciences: An Assessment. (Prepared for the Program for Research Information Management of The Research Libraries Group, Inc. by Constance C. Gould and Mark Handler. Mountain View, Calif.: The Research Libraries Group, 1989.) This is an assessment of information needs in the disciplines of anthropology, sociology, economics, political science, and psychology. The purpose of this assessment is to obtain a broad view of dominant concerns and current trends in each discipline and to determine the relationship between these trends and the data requirements of each. Similar surveys have been completed for the humanities and the sciences.

Ancient Mesoamerica. (Edited by William R. Fowler, Jr. and Stephen D. Houston. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.) The first issue of this semi-annual journal is scheduled for publication in the spring of 1990. The journal will be devoted to articles on Mesoamerican archaeology, art history, and ethnohistory, with special emphasis being given to Pre-Columbian archaeology.

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