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1992 Midwinter Meeting Schedule

Anthropology Librarians' Discussion Group
Saturday, January 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Bibliography Committee
Saturday, January 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Monday, January 27, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Conference Program Planning Committee, San Francisco, 1992
Saturday, January 25, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Monday, January 27, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Conference Program Planning Committee, New Orleans, 1993
Saturday, January 25, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Monday, January 27, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Executive Committee
Saturday, January 25, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Monday, January 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Liaison Committee
Sunday, January 26, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Nominating Committee, 1993 Elections (closed meeting)
Sunday, January 26, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Publications Committee
Sunday, January 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Review and Planning Committee
Sunday, January 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Sociology Librarians' Discussion Group
Saturday, January 25, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please consult the conference program to confirm the above information and to obtain meeting locations.

Message from the Chair
Robert B. Marks Ridinger, 1991-92

To paraphrase an ancient Chinese proverb, "a journey of a thousand li begins with a single election." I am pleased and honored to be able to address you as Chair of ANSS and would like to take this opportunity to outline the membership the plans under discussion for the coming year. It promises to continue the pattern of growth and appreciation of the diversities of our fields and an awareness of our continuing informational needs which have been a hallmark of section programming and debate for twenty years. A large part of that diversity stems from the constant input from all members, both newcomers and the long familiar. Please feel free to communicate your concerns, observations, and suggestions to myself or any other member of the ANSS Executive Committee. For the 1991-92 year, this consists of: Cheryl Kugler of Vanderbilt University as past chair; Maija Lutz of the Tozzer Library, Harvard University as vice-chair/ chair-elect; Joyce Ogbum of Yale University as secretary; and Pauline Manaka of the University of California, Irvine and Virginia Seiser of the University of New Mexico as members-at-large.

The topic chosen for the 1992 San Francisco conference program was the complex field of medical anthropology, a topic never before examined by our section. Among the panelists will be Margaret Clark, one of the founders of the discipline in the United States, and Daniel Richards of the National Library of Medicine. Speakers will explore the need for and sources of information on the anthropology and sociology of medical issues confronting society, including the AIDS pandemic. The California Academy of Sciences has graciously agreed to host our annual tour. Further details will be found in the next issue of ANSS currents and in the reports by current committee chairs.

A unique feature of the coming year will be the celebration of two decades of ANSS work and achievement, much of it accomplished through the evolving structure of topical committees created in the section. Due to a large showing of interest at the 1990 Midwinter meeting in Chicago, discussion groups for anthropology and sociology librarians have been created. A meeting on the subject of identifying electronic information sources and materials in sociology, the problems of acquisition and staff development they pose, and their provision to patrons is planned for the Midwinter conference in San Antonio. It is hoped that these groups will provide much-needed space for the raising of common problems, such as maintaining a distinctive professional identity, which have not historically been addressed in more traditional committees. These latter continue to serve the functions of monitoring the effectiveness of indexes and abstracts in the social sciences (and suggesting useful improvements), generating creative solutions for new concerns as these arise, and designing varied and colorful annual programs. It was extremely gratifying to have the Atlanta program become "standing room only" and be chosen as one of the programs to be recorded for general distribution, a pattern I hope we can repeat many times.

I encourage all members to consider carefully the themes recently chosen by the Association of College and Research Libraries, particularly those centering upon the idea of becoming literate in all the various forms in which information is packaged. For our disciplines, this can range from field notes collected in Burkina Faso years ago and more traditional journals, bibliographies, and indexes to demographic data available only via an online utility and compact disk networks. We have an advantage in our experience coping with widely varying sources of data; let us make good use of it.
Slate of Candidates for 1992 Election:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Kathryn L. Creely, Melanesian Studies and Anthropology Librarian, University of California, San Diego

Member-at-Large
Mary M. Koenig, Library Coordinator, Title VI International Studies Grant, University of Minnesota
Christina J. Smith, Anthropology/Sociology Bibliographer, Boston University

Remember to vote!

Candidate's Forum
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Kathryn L. Creely
Melanesian Studies and Anthropology Librarian
University of California, San Diego

Take a group of enthusiastic librarians, add a pinch of organizational structure, an informative newsletter, annual programs on the latest topics (don't forget the tours!), an active bibliography committee, and a lively discussion group or two. Mix well and let rise for twenty years. Voila! ANSS! As a candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of ANSS in the upcoming elections, I welcome the opportunity to express my own ideas for new ingredients in our recipe for success.

In our quest for a more perfect ANSS, one of our perennial goals is to involve more section members in our activities. The same cast of characters (creative and hardworking, to be sure!) can be seen year after year, serving on committees, contributing to the newsletter, and running for office. We need new blood! How can we involve other members to a greater extent?

We should facilitate more networking among all our members, both at the ALA conferences and in the intervening months. The contacts made through informal activities are often the most valuable and tangible outcome of participation in any professional association. A by-product of increased networking between members would be a higher level of participation in ANSS' other activities.

An obvious opportunity for networking is through the newly-established discussion groups for anthropology and sociology. The organizers of these groups should be urged to reserve longer time slots for these meetings. An informal social occasion for members to meet, such as a luncheon or reception at ALA, is another networking opportunity to be considered.

Remember that attendance at ANSS meetings is not the only way for members to be involved. We need to establish better means of communication with all members, through the continued excellence of ANSS currents, the use of electronic bulletin boards and e-mail, exchange of instructional materials and accession lists, and development of a membership directory. These endeavors will allow all members, not just those able to attend ALA, to become involved in ANSS.

If elected to this office, I will strive to maintain the good working relationships and enthusiasm which have characterized ANSS activities to date. To continue my earlier analogy, I believe that with the ingredients of creative leadership and an active membership, we can find the formula for continued success!

Committee Reports, 1991 Annual

Executive Committee
Cheryl C. Kugler, Chair

The ANSS Executive Committee met twice during the annual ALA conference in Atlanta. Chairpersons of ANSS standing and ad hoc committees reported on the activities of their committees. Versions of these reports follow in this newsletter.

At the 1991 Midwinter meeting, the Executive Committee agreed to develop a letter of welcome to be sent to new ANSS members. Rob Ridinger presented a draft of the letter to the Executive Committee. We actively discussed the audience, the contents, and the relationship of the draft to other existing ANSS documentation. Committee members and other attendees agreed to send their comments on the draft to Rob for further development and future discussion at the 1992 Midwinter meetings.

We were fortunate that representatives from two libraries were present at the meetings and discussed their institutions. Karen Peacock and Lynette Furuhashi reported on the Pacific Islands Collection at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. The Collection holds 2.5 million items, dealing with Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. One of the many important resources held by the Collection is a microfilm copy of the U.S. Trust Territory Archives. In many cases the paper original of the archival material no longer exists. The Collection periodically publishes and distributes a list of new acquisitions free of charge.

Lyne Schmelz-Keil reported that Tozzer Libray has received the papers of Cora DuBois, except those dealing with her work in India. Tozzer has also received gift collections from Glynn Isaac and Evon Vogt.

Other discussion topics included ANSS representatives to ACRL Activities Section Council and the activities of the ACRL Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity.

Review and Planning Committee
Janet Steins, Chair

The ANSS Review and Planning Committee met on Sunday, June 30.

Janet distributed copies of the completed ACRL Strategic Planning Inventory Form, which she submitted to ACRL in February, 1991. It consisted of a list of the activities planned by ANSS for the year July 1991 - June 1992 and the appropriate goal in the ACRL Strategic Plan each activity supports.

Section reviews, as mandated by ACRL, are now on a five year cycle, and so the next review of ANSS will take place in 1994.

The committee also discussed logistics of producing the next edition of the ANSS Manual of Duties and Responsibilities of Officers, Committees, Chairs, and Members, and what parts of the document need updating. In addition to new committee membership rosters, the new ANSS discussion groups in anthropology and sociology need to be included. Janet will work with incoming ANSS secretary Joyce Ogbum. It is hoped once again to distribute the manual to all active ANSS members in the fall.
Anthropology Librarians' Discussion Group
Nancy Skipper and Gregory Finnegan, Convenors

In Atlanta on July 1 the Anthropology Librarians’ Discussion Group met for the second time. Twenty-three participants were present. As planned at the Group’s first meeting at Midwinter, Cheryl Naslund, the Librarian for the Institute for Development Anthropology, gave an excellent talk on “grey literature.” She discussed the nature and scope of “grey literature” as it pertains to anthropology and the challenges librarians face in identifying, acquiring, preserving, and cataloging this type of material. Some difficult ethical questions were raised about providing access to information that was not originally intended for public use. Copyright concerns and confidentiality issues were also discussed.

Many Discussion Group participants stayed beyond the official meeting time to share brief comments on topics such as the electronic journal “World Cultures,” the feasibility of forming a librarians’ group within the American Anthropological Association, the HIRAF Cross-Cultural CDs, and the Anthro-L list server. In addition, Gregory Finnegan distributed a handout with detailed information on the new Tozzer Library microfiche catalog.

At the end of the meeting, survey forms were gathered on future discussion topics. Strongest interest lies in bibliographic instruction, collection development selection strategies and policy statements, and electronic bulletin boards or list servers. Although the 4:30 meeting time is convenient for many people, the consensus of the Discussion Group was that more than one hour is required for the meetings.

Bibliography Committee
Janita Jobe, Chair

The Committee discussed submitting its review criteria to C&RL News for publication as was proposed by the Executive Committee at Midwinter. A draft of an introductory statement to the criteria was considered and changes were recommended. Final approval was given to letters to the publishers of six recently reviewed indexing and abstracting sources: Criminal Justice Abstracts, Criminal Justice Periodical Index, Art & Archaeology Technical Abstracts, Abstracts of Native Studies, National Criminal Justice Reference Service, and Sociological Abstracts.

The Committee also approved reviews of NCJRS and Abstracts of Native Studies. Reviews of Anthropological Literature and Anthropological Index are undergoing a final examination for consistency of recommendations and comments. It was decided to fold comments on Sociological Abstracts and International Review of Publications in Sociology into the review of Sociofile, although a letter to the publisher was approved independently of publication of the review.

The Committee briefly reconsidered the options with regard to writing formal reviews versus concentrating on publisher contacts. There is some consensus that we should publish reviews of less familiar titles and otherwise emphasize letters to publishers. Because we recognize the value of the review process, however, discussion of the selection criteria for future projects will continue.

Conference Program Planning, San Francisco 1992
David Lonergan, Chair

The committee discussed the research interests of a number of possible speakers in order to arrive at a well-balanced presentation of the field of medical anthropology. It was decided which individuals to invite. Due to the difficulty of contacting active researchers during the summer term, responses have not yet been received from a few potential speakers. At present commitments to speak have been made by M. Margaret Clark (professor of medical anthropology at the University of California-San Francisco and a former president of the American Anthropological Association), Daniel Richards (former chief collection development officer at the National Library of Medicine), and Stephen Eyre (a medical anthropologist doing research on the AIDS pandemic). A tentative agreement to speak has also been given by Judithanne Justice (a medical anthropology researcher), dependent on the completion of a current research project.

Publications Committee
Maggie Dittemore, Chair

The Committee reviewed other ACRL Section newsletters and the design trend information from the ACRL Chapter Topics editors for new ideas. The 1991 Annual Conference ANSS brochure, produced by Stephen MacLeod, and the 1990-1991 annual report of ANSS currents, written by Jim Williams, were also reviewed. The Guidelines for ANSS Currents Contents were updated to include the message from the chair, slate of candidates, and statements from candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect which now appear in each Fall issue.

The Committee discussed the formation of the ACRL publications Committee Ad Hoc Task Force on Newsletters, its charge, and the results of its first meetings. Maaja Lutz shared her response to a memo asking Section newsletter editors to identify 1) in-kind contributions made by individuals and institutions that support the creation of the newsletters and 2) the specific benefits of the newsletters. This information will be used by the Task Force. As requests for newsletter expansion is one of the issues being addressed, ANSS will wait for the outcome before pursuing its own space concerns. Finally, it was decided to draw up a questionnaire to poll membership about the newsletter in the Fall issue. As the Task Force is reviewing the “ACRL Policy on Section Newsletters,” the input of Section members is very important and should help to inform that effort.

Sociology Librarians’ Discussion Group
Irene Hurlbert, Chair

The first meeting of this new group took place during the Atlanta conference. Sociology librarians attending represented academic libraries from across the country. Common concerns pertaining to collection development and reference and instruction for sociology were identified. In the area of collection development major issues include 1) collecting, during a time of budgetary constraints, for a discipline that is both wide-ranging and highly interdisciplinary and 2) the impact on resources resulting from sociology’s expansion into area studies, gender studies, and ethnic studies. Regional consortia were discussed as one strategy to deal with this problem of expanding programmatic collection needs at a time of scarce resources. Such an approach might prevent all libraries from cancelling journals that are neither core nor specialized titles needed to support specific programs.

In the area of reference and instructional services, the key problem facing sociology librarians is how to provide reference, appropriate referrals, and instruction in growing electronic sources such as datasets. While these sources are increasingly available and valuable to sociologists, time and staffing limitations make it difficult to keep abreast of new technologies and databases. Staff training must be done before users can be assisted or instructed.

The group decided to explore the topic of electronic access to sociological materials at the 1992 ALA Midwinter Meeting. The specific focus will be on the identification of sources in electronic formats and the means by which to acquire and service them. In addition, the group hopes to compile for publication a list of the electronic sources which are available. The group has already begun to share instructional guides for Sociofile and will continue such exchanges of common tools and resources.
Membership News & Announcements

Fred J. Hay, Reference and Acquisitions Librarian at Tozzer Library and co-chair of the 1991 ANSS Atlanta program, has published African-American Community Studies From North America: A Classified, Annotated Bibliography. With this volume, which is part of the Garland Reference Library of Social Science series, Fred devised a special classification system, the Oke-She-Moke-She-Pop Community Study Classification System, for user-friendly computer and/or traditional shelf access to African-American community studies.

David Howde, member of the ANSS Publications Committee, has also taken on the responsibilities of co-editor, LRT Newsletter, and Chair, RASD Publications Committee. David officially became the Coordinator of Reference Services at the Humanities, Social Science and Education Library, Purdue University, in July.

David Lonergan, Reference Librarian at Northern Illinois University and ANSS 1992 Program Committee Chair, has completed negotiations with Starmont House for a biography of science fiction writer L. Sprague DeCamp and a biographical dictionary of famous explorers, the latter due from Garland Press in mid-1994.

Linguistics: A Guide to the Reference Literature by Anna L. DeMiller, Social Sciences/Humanities Librarian at Colorado State University and member of ANSS, was recently published by Libraries Unlimited as a part of their Reference Sources in the Humanities series.

Robert C. Myers, member of ANSS, was appointed Assistant Professor of Librarianship (Reference Dept.) at Central Washington University in July. Previously, he was Library Director at the College of Eastern Utah. Robert is also preparing an annotated bibliography on the sociology of marital satisfaction due from Garland Press in 1992.

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African Archaeology: A Selected Bibliography by Robert B. Marks Ridinger, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Division Chair of Northern Illinois University Library and ANSS Chair, should appear under the G.K. Hall label by December 1991. Robert is also serving as the editor of the Library Anthropology Resource Group's (LARG) project to update Anthropological Bibliographies: A Selected Guide (Redgrave, 1981).

Karen Zimmerman, Archivist at the University of South Dakota and member of ANSS, has been appointed to the Secretariat of the World Archaeological Congress for a four year term. Anyone interested in information regarding this organization can write to her at J.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069-2590 or e-mail to uzk10@sdnet.bitnet.

Sol Tax, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology (Univ. Chicago) and LARG member, has again donated $1,000 to LARG for publication projects. The most recent project, the International Dictionary of Anthropologists (Garland) born before 1920, contains over 700 entries. The next project, Anthropological Bibliographies (see above), is still in need of a volunteer to update the section on South America. If you are interested, please contact Bob Ridinger, Founders Memorial Library, Northern Illinois Univ., DeKalb, IL 60115-2868 (815/753-1367).

Tozzer Library Online

Most of the bibliographic records catalogued for Tozzer Library since 1981 are included in HOLLIS (Harvard OnLine Library Information System). From July 1, 1986, all of Tozzer's acquisitions have been recorded in HOLLIS.

LOCATION OF TOZZER'S BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS

1868-1979

1979-1986
Tozzer Library card catalog or microfiche catalog (see above). Most of these records are also in HOLLIS. The card catalog was closed June 30, 1986.

1986-
HOLLIS, OCLC, or the annual Bibliographic Guide to Anthropology and Archaeology (1987-).

SUBJECT ACCESS
Only Tozzer Library Subject Headings were used for those HOLLIS records created before July 1986. These subject headings may only be searched in Keyword Subject Heading (KSH) or Keyword (KW) indices. Since July 1, 1986, only LC Subject Headings have been used and they may be searched in Subject (SU), Keyword Subject Heading (KSH), or Keyword (KW) indices.

NOTE: To search by Tozzercall number use the Call Number—Other (CO) index.

SERIAL TITLES AND JOURNAL ARTICLES
Journal articles are not included in HOLLIS but only in the card catalog (up to July 1983) and Anthropological Literature (1979-). The holdings for all serial titles for which Tozzer had a standing order at any time since 1986 are included in HOLLIS.

GETTING INTO HOLLIS
You can access HOLLIS through the Internet, or by dial-up access from a microcomputer with a modem. For information on dial-up access call the number in the HELP section below. HOLLIS is accessible via Telnet to HOLLIS.HARVARD.EDU.

FROM THE OPENING MENU
Choose HOLLIS from the opening menu. Once you are in HOLLIS, a second menu screen will appear. The databases you may search in HOLLIS are Harvard Union Catalog (HU), Older Widener (OW), and Library Guide (LG). All of Tozzer's bibliographic records in electronic format are in HU. A description of Tozzer Library (or any other Harvard library) can be accessed in the LG database.

EXITING HOLLIS
Depending upon software and hardware considerations, the command for quitting HOLLIS varies. Call one of the numbers below to find out what command to use to rid yourself of HOLLIS. Or, simply wait 10 minutes without pressing ENTER or RETURN and HOLLIS will rid itself of you.

HELP
For help with INTERNET ACCESS or DIAL-UP ACCESS, you may call 617-495-0490 or 617-495-9388, or send a message to Library@Harvard.Harvard.Edu.

For help with matters relating to TOZZER LIBRARY, you may call Fred J. Hay, Reference Librarian at 617-495-2292 or send message to him at Dixon@Harvard.Edu. Tozzer Library will supply ANSS members, who request it, copies of HOLLIS OPAC documentation. If interested, contact Fred J. Hay at the above number or address.

Notes & Queries

Given the unpredictable nature of the publishing business, it should come as no surprise that B.A.R. (British Archaeological Reports) has resumed publication. All inquiries about manuscripts should be addressed to David P. Davison, the General Editor, at Tempus Reparatrum, 29 Beaumont St., Oxford OX1 2NP. Details concerning
distribution, including availability of back copies, are available from BAR, 122 Banbury Rd., Oxford OX2 7BP.

The newsletter Current Citations in Biological Anthropology (CCBA) has ceased publication after nearly two years of operation. Individuals interested in reactivating this newsletter should contact Geocentric Publications, P.O. Box 13357, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

The first volume of Annotated Bibliographies for Anthropologists, a new journal which will be available on Macintosh and IBM disc or in photocopy, will appear in the Fall of 1991. The journal will publish annotated bibliographies of any length as well as citations analyses. Subscription rates will be $10/vol. for disc or $18/vol. for paper. Further information about subscriptions and submissions can be obtained from Cheryl Claassen, (Claassen@appstate.bitnet), ABA Editor, Rt. 3, Box 150, Boone, NC 28607, phone 704-963-5906.

1991 Atlanta Program: "Folk Cultures of the Modern South: Documentation of Living Traditions"

The 1991 program, which was co-chaired by Fred J. Hay and Brenda McCallum, was not only attended by a capacity audience, but has also received some welcome publicity. The program was written up in the July 2, 1991 issue of Cognotes, the official conference newspaper of ALA, as well as in the September issue of College & Research Libraries News. And for those who were unable to attend the program or wish to hear it again, it was taped and is available for $24.00 under order no. LA91046ab from ACTS, Inc., 14153 Clayton Rd., Dallwin, MO 63011; (314)394-0611; fax: (314)394-9381.

The goal of the program, which was co-sponsored by the Afro-American Studies Librarian Section, the Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT), and the Atlanta Historical Society, was to present dialogues among librarians, folklorists, anthropologists, sociologists, historians, and others who work in folk culture documentation. The presentations focused on both field work and archival work, as well as on the various media used to record folk traditions and the technological means of accessing them.

The first speaker, Daniel W. Patterson, a folklorist at the University of North Carolina, discussed the history and significance of folklore documentary film and why it is not well known outside of folklore circles. He used the film "A Singing Stream: A Black Family Chronicle" to illustrate the layers of information that emerge from this film, such as characteristics of Afro-American song style, the meaning of music in family and community, and the history and development of Gospel performance.

Beverly B. Patterson, an anthropologist at the University of North Carolina, used her indexing project of 500 commercially produced folk music LP's to illustrate the cultural, historical, and esthetic importance of this material. She discussed the need for providing better access to these important early recordings, since they may not be available much longer. Although these recordings have played a large part in shaping American popular music, their value has not always been recognized by scholars.

The next speaker, sociologist and social historian Elizabeth Rauh Bethel of Lander College, spoke about the relationship between oral sources and archival material in her study of Promised Land, South Carolina. She discussed the interplay between historical records, such as census manuscripts and probate records, and memory. Various levels of memory serve as important sources of information, including autobiographical memory, cultural memory, and voiceless ancestral memory.

Nancy J. Martin-Perdue and Charles L. Perdue, Jr., folklorists at the University of Virginia, closed the program by discussing their work locating, organizing, and analyzing materials from the Virginia Writers Project collections. Much of this material is very scattered, poorly indexed, and in a state of deterioration due to the high acidity of the paper. Especially noteworthy and in need of preservation are narrative life histories, important historical and sociocultural records that portray the condition of life of a wide array of Virginians in the 1930's and 1940's. Many other states have similar collections that were compiled as part of the Works Progress Administration and are in need of organization and preservation.

Bookshelf

Anthropology

Reported by Maija M. Lutz

Images of the Other: A Guide to Microform Manuscripts on Indian-White Relations. (By Polly Swift Grimshaw. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1991.) This guide identifies, describes, and evaluates sixty-five manuscript collections in microform which document the earliest contacts of Europeans with native inhabitants of the Americas.

The Indians of Central and South America: An Ethnohistorical Dictionary. (By James S. Olson. New York: Greenwood Press, 1991.) This work provides basic information about the existing Amerindian tribes of Central and South America. Each entry consists of a brief historical description of a tribe followed by several bibliographic citations.


Dictionary of Concepts in Cultural Anthropology. (By Robert I. Wi nthrop. New York: Greenwood Press, 1991.) The eighty entries comprising this volume describe the major concepts of anthropology that have shaped the discipline both historically and theoretically.

Dictionary of Concepts in Physical Anthropology. (By Joan C. Stevenson. New York: Greenwood Press, 1991.) The entries in this work trace the development of concepts in physical anthropology from their origins to their contemporary and multidisciplinary contexts.

African-American Traditions in Song, Sermon, Tale, and Dance, 1600s-1920. An Annotated Bibliography of Literature, Collections, and Artworks. (Compiled by Eileen Southern and Josephine Wright. New York: Greenwood Press, 1990.) This bibliography, which is part of The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Black Music, provides a broad survey of the primary materials of the folk-arts traditions of Afro-Americans in the U.S. from the 1630's to 1920. Future plans include a companion volume offering a pictorial record of Afro-American traditions.


The American Monographs Program, 1876-1949, Unit Two: Anthropology. (Further information available from Chadwyck-Healey Inc., 1101 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.) This program was designed to
identify, film, and republish on microfiche all monographs published
in the U.S. between 1876 and 1949. These titles, which reveal the
growth of anthropology as an academic discipline in the U.S., will be
available as a set or as individual titles.

Sociology
Reported by James W. Williams

(By Michael Robbins. Workman, 1991.) A cultural survey in the form
of statistical miscellany from authoritative sources. A wide variety of
topics are covered in this first volume of what the publisher plans to
be an annual series.

Organizing for Social Change: A Manual for Activists in the 1990’s. (By
Kim Bobo and others. Seven Locks, 1991.) Information for citizens’
groups from the Midwest Academy, an agency which has been
training people to organize to act for social change since 1973.

Statistical Handbook on Women in America. (Compiled and edited by
Cynthia Taeuber. Oryx, 1991.) A statistical presentation of the female
experience in the U.S. Most of the 437 tables selected for this
compilation by a U.S. Census Bureau statistician provide comparative
data from the post-World War II years through the 1980s.

Journals:
Bridges: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Theology, Philosophy, History,
and Science. (Edited by Robert Seitz Frey and Nancy Thompson-Frey.
PO Box 850, Columbia, MD 21044-0850. Semi-annual.) A synthesis
of knowledge from diverse disciplines is focused on a topic of
contemporary concern in each thematic issue.

Latino Studies Journal. (Edited by Felix Padilla. Center for Latino
Research, DePaul University, 2323 N. Seminary, Chicago, IL 60614. 3
issues per year. Began publication 1990.) Five to six articles in each
issue provide a scholarly exploration of the Latin American experi­
ence in the U.S.

Bibliography Committee Reviews

Abstracts of Native Studies
(v.1, 1984-)
Abstracts of Native Studies Press; Brandon, Manitoba, Canada
Reviewed by: Joan Berman, June 1991

ISSUES REVIEWED:

FREQUENCY:
Annual

INTRODUCTION:
Abstracts of Native Studies is a project of the Society for the Advance­
ment of Native Studies. It was initiated “to provide easy access to a
wide range of scholarship relating to Native people and to help
students bridge more readily the academic barriers between disci­
plines.” (vol. 1, p. vii) It is an index to scholarly journal articles
published during a given year covering the area of “native” or North
American Indian studies. A majority of the articles indexed are also
abstracted. The ease of use and browsability of this index make it a
very comfortable alternative to struggling through the wide variety
of indexes usually necessary to cover this multidisciplinary subject
area.

SCOPE:
The scope is defined only in the Introduction to volume 1, which
states “the principal focus is on Canadian Native Studies,” but it is
also noted that this will be defined broadly and that “in the journals
selected for abstracting purposes, all articles pertaining to Native
people, irrespective of geographic or political borders, are included
in our abstracting process.” (p. vii)

COVERAGE:
SUBJECTS COVERED:
The journals scanned cover “many diverse disciplines such as An­
thropology, Art, English, History, Law, Medicine, Sociology, Psy­
chology, Education, Religion, Linguistics, and Political Science.” The
entries are arranged in the following subject categories: 1. Economic
Activities; 2. Education; 3. Law, Government, Policy and Claims; 4.
Linguistics; 5. Native Culture-Expressive; 6. Native Culture-Mate­
Land Occupancy and Use; 10. Native-White Relations; 11. Physical
Functioning; 12. Psychological Functioning; 13. Methodology and
Review Papers.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS COVERED:
North America with proportionally greater coverage of Canadian
native peoples.

LANGUAGES INCLUDED:
English and French are the two languages included although the
preface indicates there may be others: “non-English language articles
also have abstracts presented in the language of the original
text.”

PUBLICATIONS INCLUDED:
There is a list of the titles, with addresses, which were screened for
each volume: approximately 150 in volume 1 and 250 in volumes 2
and 3. A second list, in the form of an index, includes the journals
actually indexed in the volume. In volume 1 this index includes the
volumes and issues of the journal indexed as well as the abstract
numbers for the individual entries; unfortunately this practice was
not continued in volumes 2 and 3. This information is particularly
useful to the user who is trying to be sure of complete coverage for
specific journal titles. In volume 1, 51 titles were indexed; in volume
2, 127 titles were indexed; in volume 3, 120 titles were indexed. Spot
checking of volume 3 revealed examples where not all issues of a
volume were indexed (e.g., only vol. 12, no. 1 of American Indian Law
Review was indexed) and where more than one volume of a title was
indexed (e.g., all of vol. 9, 1985, and vol. 10, 1986 of American Indian
Culture and Research Journal were indexed). All major articles in the
issues scanned were indexed, but “review articles” were inconsist­
tenly indexed and “reviews” (e.g., book reviews) were not indexed.
It was surprising to find International Journal of American Linguistics
screened but not indexed in volume 3, although it was indexed in
volumes 1 and 2.

FORMAT:
INDEXES:
There is a detailed subject and culture index, an author index and a
journal index: each index lists abstract numbers only.

ARRANGEMENT OF ENTRIES:
Entries are arranged alphabetically by author within broad subject
categories. Sequential abstract numbers are assigned with the first
two digits representing the year of the index, the next two the subject
category and the last two the order within the subject category.

CITATION STYLE:
Citations include author(s), title of the article, unabbreviated title of
the journal, volume, date and inclusive pagination.

PRINT AND BINDING:
The print is very legible and the soft paper cover and binding will
probably hold up until several volumes are bound together.

SUBJECT ACCESS:
SUBJECT INDEX:
The subject index includes keywords or phrases and culture names.
There are no cross references and there is not a thesaurus of terms used. However, the index is small enough - five double-column pages in 1986 - that scanning the entire index is both possible and fruitful. In fact, such scanning is essential for full retrieval of relevant citations.

CLASSIFIED ARRANGEMENT:
The thirteen subject categories, arranged alphabetically by author, are very browsable.

TIME LAG:
Two to three years; the volume covering 1986 was published in 1989. This volume also included a substantial number of titles with 1985 dates. A phone call on 6-10-91 produced the information that the 1987 and 1988 volumes are "about to go to the printer" and should be available about November 1991; lack of funding is a difficulty for this small, specialized publication.

EDITING:
A discororrecting number of typos were found in the 1986 volume, e.g.: "Skaggit" became "Skogbit" (860340); Paul Lawson became Paul Cawson and thus unretrievable in the author index (860802); author Sevillaano became Sevilliano (860538); Journal of American Indian Education became Journal of American Education (860210); the issue number of American Indian Education was incorrect (860208) which affected retrieval since the journal is not continuously paginated. (In fact, of the six articles in this issue - volume 25, no. 2 - one was correctly cited, four were cited as volume 25, no. 1, and one was cited as being published in a different journal (861202). This last item was a very interesting one; two separate articles of different length and content, but both titled "The Right-Brained Indian: Fact or Fiction?" by R.D. Chrisjohn & M. Peters, actually have been published, one in Journal of American Indian Education and the other, as cited in Abstracts of Native Studies, 1986, in Canadian Journal of Native Education, volume 13, no. 1, 1986.)

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:
Most of the journals indexed would be available in academic libraries or easily accessible through interlibrary loan.

COST:
$20.00 per year, institutional rate; $15.00 per year, personal rate.

COMPARISONS WITH RELATED TITLES:
Virtually all of the journals indexed in Abstracts of Native Studies are amply indexed elsewhere; the convenience lies in bringing the multidisciplinary titles together in a single index. There is no comparable title since Index to Literature on the American Indian ended its short life (1970-1974).

SUMMARY OF POSITIVE ASPECTS:
This is an easy to use index which is eminently browsable. It would be helpful both to undergraduate students and general readers as well as for scholars to use as a double check on their own various information retrieval systems.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT:
More careful editorial work would increase the successful use of this index. It would be helpful to include in the journal index a note of the volume(s) and issue(s) included, as was done in volume 1. A brief scope note in each volume would help the user to know quickly what to expect from this index. Finally, it would be helpful to include an indication of criteria for selection of titles to be indexed.

Calendar of Events
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 Anthropology:


Sociology:
Eighth International Conference of Europeanists, March 27-29, 1992, Chicago, IL. Contact: Council for European Studies, Box 44, Schermerhorn, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.


Call for Papers
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