Hello fellow ANSS members! I hope this finds you having a good start to the new academic year. I want to thank you for your continued membership and participation in ANSS and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

As someone who has worked in higher education for my entire adult life (and regretted doing the math on just how many “first days” of school I’ve experienced) I appreciate that we have an extra fresh start each year to consider how changes at both the local and global levels will affect our campuses and our work.

This year, I wonder how many of you have been asked to address the use of ChatGPT or other generative AI programs when you teach information literacy concepts, especially given reports that ChatGPT may produce false citations. The wider availability of generative AI tools raises so many questions relevant to libraries and information literacy: What does the potential for students to use these tools mean for questions of authorship and authority? Can researchers ethically use AI for data analysis? And if so, how do they acknowledge that work?

These questions are the types we can explore in professional communities like ANSS through both programming and through the ANSS ALA Connect. All members should feel free to begin or join conversations in Connect and to bring up topics of conversation with the leaders of committees and discussion groups. If you’re new to...
ANSS or considering membership, please feel free to reach out to me on Connect or via email (jhagman@illinois.edu) to learn how to begin new conversations or to become involved in ANSS leadership.

I hope the new year is bringing you all the same sense of excitement at the chance to start fresh and tackle new goals. And I hope to hear more about your work soon.

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### Midwinter Committee Meetings

LibLearnX, the successor to ALA’s Midwinter conference, will be held in January 2024, with both an in-person component in Baltimore and an online digital experience. ANSS committees will hold midwinter meetings online, with agendas shared ahead of time to the ANSS community in ALA Connect.

ALA’s [Annual Conference and Exhibition](https://www.ala.org/conference) will be in San Diego, CA, June 27 - July 2, 2024.

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### Benchmark

Benchmark is the newest tool for data-driven planning and advocacy in academic libraries. Launched by ACRL in late 2021, Benchmark provides enhanced access to ACRL annual survey data from 1998-2020. With Benchmark, you can illustrate ongoing activities and usage in a compelling fashion for different audiences, as well as generate key metrics for strategic planning, budget justifications, annual reports, fundraising, and more! Benchmark is also where you can contribute your library’s data to national surveys to further research and advocacy. [Login to your free account](https://www.acrl.org/benchmark) today to complete the 2022 Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey, which includes trends questions on the topic of post-Covid library service and workplace trends!

### Project Outcome

Project Outcome is a FREE online toolkit designed to help libraries understand and share the impact of essential library programs and services by providing simple surveys and an easy-to-use process for measuring and analyzing outcomes. Participating libraries are also provided with the resources and training support needed to apply their results and confidently advocate for their library’s future. Project Outcome’s standardized surveys allow libraries to aggregate their outcome data and analyze trends by service topic, program type, and over time. [Sign up](https://www.projectoutcome.org) today!
The ANSS Nominating Committee has been busy developing a slate for the section’s officers. These positions will appear on the ACRL ballot for the elections that run from March to April, 2024. The candidates’ biographical information is listed below in random order.

**Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect**

**Mimmo Bonanni**

**Social Sciences Librarian, Arizona State University**

Remember the excitement of your first ANSS anthropology discussion group? For me, that pivotal moment came in the summer of 1997. It was a game-changer, introducing me to like-minded professionals and setting me on a path of active involvement with ANSS—a path that continues to this day. First off, I must express my deepest gratitude to the Nominating Committee for considering me for the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect position. The prospect of contributing even more to an organization that has been so formative in my career is genuinely thrilling.

Shortly after joining ANSS, I was welcomed into the Bibliography Committee (now known as the Resource Review and Bibliography Committee). I served as a general member from 1998 to 2001, before leading the committee as its chair until 2004. Our team was instrumental in generating content for *ANSS Currents*, where I had the pleasure of reviewing *Ecology Abstracts*. Furthermore, my dedication to ANSS extended to the Conference Planning Committee. I’ve had two enriching stints: first in 2004-2005 and later in 2014-2015. These roles gave me the opportunity to explore a variety of topics at our annual conferences, from the future of subject librarianship to emerging digital trends in social sciences. After spending seven years immersed in digital projects at ASU Digital Repository, my career path circled back to social sciences librarianship in 2014. ANSS was right there, offering me the opportunity to become the editor of *ANSS Currents*. My tenure from 2016 to 2021 included coordination, editing, and publication roles. I also served as co-chair of the Publications Committee, an experience that provided me invaluable insights into ANSS’s inner workings and strategic goals. This period of involvement saw several milestones, from adopting the new ACRL WordPress platform to spearheading new naming conventions for the ANSS web presence, and incorporating a social media manager role for ANSS. As co-chair of Publications, I had the privilege of collaborating with talented colleagues and reporting to the ANSS Executive Committee on our activities and achievements. I’ve also served on the ANSS Nominations Committee, and most recently as a member of the ANSS Review and Planning Committee.

If elected as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, my extensive history with ANSS will inform my efforts to meet the organization’s ever-evolving needs and ambitions. My aim is to facilitate enriching experiences and collaborations for our members, old and new. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to the possibility of contributing at an even higher level to the organization that has been a cornerstone of my professional life.
Join us at RBMS 2024 for an immersive exploration of how we can leverage the invaluable lessons, experiences, and progress of the past three years to propel our profession towards greater equity, diversity, inclusivity, and community engagement. This conference will delve into critical questions: How do we reignite and sustain vital initiatives in both physical and virtual realms? How can we maintain momentum in a landscape where change often comes in small steps? Discover the keys to fostering and sustaining momentum in collaborative partnerships. The call for proposals will be announced this fall and registration will open in the spring. Watch rbms.info for details.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for recommending me for the position of ANSS Member-at-Large. This nomination is quite an honor. After working at several other academic institutions, I joined Lehigh University as the Social Sciences Librarian in July 2022 and was eager to serve as a liaison to multiple departments, including anthropology and sociology. I immediately felt at ease while attending an ANSS Membership Committee meeting as a guest in September 2022. In October 2022, I was delighted to join the ANSS Membership Committee.

As a member of the ANSS Membership Committee, I have sent welcome emails to new and returning members. I also had the pleasure of co-hosting the ANSS ACRL Dine-Around in March 2023 with Jessica Hagman, where I enjoyed meeting new and potential ANSS members. Planning and co-hosting the ANSS Virtual Social in July 2023 with Miriam Rigby was very enjoyable too.

Making others feel welcome is very important to me and has always been at the forefront when serving in leadership roles. I am grateful for past opportunities on local, regional, and national library association boards and committees. I would be honored to continue this mission and further the goals of ANSS in the position of Member-at-Large.

Member-at-Large
Elizabeth Young Miller
Social Sciences Librarian, Lehigh University

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Election Information
Conference Program Planning Committee - Chicago, 2023
Robert Miller, Chair

Our ANSS committee traditionally works with the Conference Program Planning committee of the Educational and Behavioral Sciences Section (EBSS). This past cycle, our partnership proposed a panel for ALA 2023. Our proposal, "Systematic and Evidence Synthesis Reviews: Supporting Research in the Social Sciences," was accepted and was, by all accounts, very successful! Over 50 people attended, with several audience members staying afterward for a long, in-depth discussion with the panelists.

Rebecca Freeman, Marie Paiva, and I are grateful for the program-planning expertise of our EBSS colleagues! They led the way in submitting such a strong proposal, and the way the two committees work together is fun and productive!

Instruction & Information Literacy Committee
Jessica Hagman, Chair

Catherine Bowers and Margie Ruppel will be the Instruction and Information Literacy (IIL) committee co-chairs for the upcoming year and will continue the process of moving forward the two Information Literacy Framework companion documents. The draft companion document for Criminology has been approved by ANSS Executive Committee, so IIL will be seeking additional feedback from beyond ANSS to develop a final draft. A working group of the committee is also finalizing a first draft of the Anthropology Framework. We expect to collaborate with ANSS Discussion Groups and via ALA Connect to continue to gather feedback on these documents in the coming year.
ANSS Liaison Committee Report  
Tom Diamond, Chair

The ANSS Liaison Committee conducted a Zoom meeting on August 10, 2023. The committee welcomed Sarah Dahlen as our new American Anthropological Association (AAA) liaison rep and new committee member Olivia Hobbs. Alison Wessel is a continuing member. Sarah shared her plans to attend the November AAA conference in Toronto. She will pursue collaborations/connections around the topic of synthesizing information/research in written papers. Sarah asked for suggestions on how to make connections at the conference. The members discussed the committee’s charge and how to best address each item. The committee will schedule its next meeting before the January/February Executive Board meeting.

Membership Committee  
Jylisa Kenyon and Krystal Lewis, Co-Chairs

This summer the Membership Committee held two socials, an in-person social on June 23rd during ALA Annual in Chicago, and a virtual social on July 18th. We co-hosted the in-person social with PPIRS (Politics, Policy and International Relations Section) at the Big Bar at the Hyatt Regency. Guests enjoyed Chicago-themed cocktails (The Shedd Aquarium contained a Swedish fish!) and local brews overlooking the Chicago River. Our virtual social had a summer theme, with attendees donning summer attire and beach Zoom backgrounds. Elizabeth Young Miller and Miriam Rigby led guests in a Kahoot! game of ANSS trivia (Did you know ANSS was established in 1971?) and a discussion of their favorite “go to” resources for anthropology, sociology, and criminal justice.

As of July 2023, ANSS has a total of 635 members, a 5% increase from July 2022. Regular, non-salaried, and international members increased, while student, support staff, and retired members decreased as compared to July 2022. We continue to send letters to new, reinstated, and dropped members, and ALA is now providing reports and statistics within two months.

The Membership Committee would like to thank Jylisa Kenyon, whose term ended in June 2023, for her service as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee and ANSS Member-at-Large.

Publications Committee  
Jennifer Joe, Chair

The Publications Committee met virtually on Wednesday, June 14. Website manager Melissa Gonzalez reported that the ANSS website had 4173 views from January to mid-June, up from 3444 for the same period in 2022. March 2023 had the highest number of views, and June had the lowest. The most visited pages were the ANSS homepage, with the 2013 Cataloging Q&A: Differences Between Bibliographic Records Created in RDA and in AACR2 a very close second; third was the 2017 Cataloging Q&A: What are Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms and How are They Used?

Social media manager Jennifer Joe reported on statistics for the ANSS Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) accounts from the same time period. Both Facebook and X were down slightly from the previous six months. The Publications Committee is investigating other X-like social media options to potentially replace their X account or augment their ability to reach members, but no decision has been reached.

Jennifer Joe took over as chair of the Publications Committee on July 1, and would like to thank Steve Rokusek for his work as chair and for his guidance as she assumed the role. The Publications Committee is also looking for a new Social Media Manager; if you have questions about the position, please contact Jennifer Joe at Jennifer.joe@utoledo.edu.

Resource Review and Bibliography Committee  
Tom Durkin and Virginia Pierce, Co-chairs

The Resource Review and Bibliography Committee (RRBC) met for a virtual meeting via Zoom on June 6, 2023. In the past year the committee solicited five manuscripts for publication in ANSS Currents.

Two article submissions were submitted for the Fall 2022 issue of Currents. The committee successfully moved these articles through the peer review and editing process in August. A review for Hispanic American Periodicals Index was submitted by Rosalind Fielder-Giscombe and a manuscript for Real-Time Collaboration Tools for Library Instruction was submitted by Jylisa Kenyon.
Three article submissions were submitted for the Spring 2023 issue of Currents. The committee successfully moved all three articles through the peer review and editing process in March 2023. The articles were Early Encounters in North America: People, Cultures, and the Environment by Jennifer Sterling, Elicit: the AI Research Assistant by Kelly Nordstrom-Sanchez, and Do Not Miss Library Resources by Tom Durkin, Jylissa Kenyon, and Virginia Pierce.

Outgoing co-chairs welcomed new co-chairs Carolyn McCallum and Jylisa Kenyon whose tenure begins July 1, 2023. Tom and Virginia shared scheduling, committee documentation, and general co-chair duty information with incoming co-chairs. Carolyn and Jylisa are in the process of finalizing the submission and editing deadlines for the fall.

In discussion with the editors of ANSS Currents, the deadline to have all content sent to the editors of Currents was August 31st. The committee planned the fall peer review schedule accordingly. Author submissions were due to the committee by August 1st and the peer-review process was completed by the end of August. The committee will be sending out calls for new review articles to the ANSS and ACRL communities through ALA Connect very soon.

RRBC will meet virtually in January 2024 to plan for the Spring 2024 issue of Currents. Please contact outgoing RRBC co-chairs, Tom Durkin (thomas.durkin@wisc.edu) and Virginia Pierce (ypierce@statelibrary.sc.gov) or incoming chairs Carolyn McCallum (mccallcj@wfu.edu) and Jylisa Kenyon (jylisadoney@uidaho.edu) if you have any questions.

**Review and Planning Committee**

Triveni Kuchi, Chair

The ANSS Review and Planning Committee (ANSS R&P) discussed the potential access and use of an ANSS Google Drive for storing/retrieving meeting and discussion documents, especially for new leadership every year. Such storage was also considered to be useful for keeping confidential information such as an updated list of external reviewers/evaluators that ANSS leadership and members can access by contacting the chair of ANSS. This led to more discussion generally about information succession at ANSS, especially considering the annual change in leadership at ANSS.

One suggestion was to utilize ALA Connect not only as a communication channel but also as a space to store files that could be readily accessible to newly appointed/elected members of committees who are automatically added to their ALA groups on Connect. Also, even with leadership change elsewhere in other ANSS committees and groups each year, given that the ANSS chair is a three-year commitment (as the section chair and vice-chair, and chair of Review and Planning), this person can have access to documents consistently through those years. This option will be explored further.

The committee met a few times before the ANSS Executive Committee’s Annual meeting to review and update the ANSS Manual for Officers, Chairs, and Committee Members. Thanks to all the ANSS R&P members for moving this along and making the changes needed. The final updated version was shared with the ANSS Executive Committee during the 2023 ALA Annual Conference.
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Sociology Librarians Discussion Group
Joyce Martin and Cynthia Orozco, Co-Conveners

The Sociology Discussion Group provides a forum for discussion and exchange of information among sociology subject specialists and others interested in sociology librarianship. Participating in the Sociology Discussion Group provides a good opportunity to meet fellow librarians and learn more about current issues and library literature. A discussion group may facilitate an ongoing discussion list, with few to no formal meetings. Conveners can choose to host a virtual organized discussion, often around the same time as ALA Annual.

To join the ANSS Sociology Librarians Discussion Group discussion list, please join the group’s ALA Connect community. Please visit the Connect FAQ page for more information. Once you have joined this Connect community, you can post to the list by sending an email to ALA-ACRL-ANSS-SLDG@ConnectedCommunity.org or by creating a new post directly in the Connect community.

AAA Liaison Report
Sarah Dahlen

As the brand new liaison to the American Anthropological Association (AAA), I am excited to make plans to attend their annual meetings in November in Toronto. Before and during the conference, I intend to learn the landscape of the organization, try to connect with members and leaders, and identify appropriate venues for future library connections. There are two potential areas that I see as being particularly promising for an ACRL/AAA connection: information literacy and open educational resources. My intention is to propose a workshop on one of these topics for the 2024 AAA meetings, so my plan for the 2023 meetings is to gauge the interest in these topics and possibly identify collaborators or interested parties.

I welcome your thoughts on how I can best facilitate collaboration between ACRL and AAA, and on where the interests of librarians and anthropologists overlap. Please email me at sdahlen@csumb.edu.
Member News & Socials

Do you have an interesting event or accomplishment you would like to highlight? Please send us your member news for future issues of *Currents*!

Mimmo Bonanni has been promoted to the position of Full Librarian at Arizona State University (ASU) Library. His promotion recognizes his outstanding performance in academic duties: position effectiveness, professional contributions, and service. In reflecting on his 27-year tenure at ASU, Mimmo finds immense satisfaction in guiding students with their research work and takes pride in playing a crucial role in their academic accomplishments. Equally rewarding for him has been the collaborative work with colleagues and faculty on various library initiatives throughout his career.

Sarah Dahlen recently co-authored an article on student information-seeking behaviors which analyzed interviews with students majoring in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Major themes include how students choose the sources they use for their assignments, what they do when their initial search fails, and how they adopt their instructors’ priorities related to information sources.


Miriam Rigby asks ChatGPT what it thinks it can contribute to academic libraries in a recent C&RL News article:

The ANSS Virtual Social in July 2023 was a success, with ten attendees, a game of Kahoot, and a Jamboard activity where participants shared their favorite resources (see below).

Share one of your favorite "go to" resources for anthropology, sociology and/or criminal justice:

- Social Explorer
- Glottolog
- Sage Research Methods
- NCJRS
- Godchecker (for fun)
- Sapiens magazine
- Soc Abs
- eHRAF
- Criminal Justice Abstracts
- SocINDEX with full text (EBSCO+)
- Social Science Premium Collection
- Google Scholar (bc interdisciplinary)
National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD)

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Publisher: Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
URL: https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/pages/NACJD/index.html
Cost: Free | Users are required to create a free MyData account to download data

Introduction
This review offers a brief introduction to the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD), created in 1978 by a partnership between the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR); the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS); the National Institute of Justice (NIJ); and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), an office of the United States Department of Justice. NACJD is one of many thematic data collections managed by ICPSR and includes “data from over 3,100 curated studies or statistical data series.”

Scope, Size, Coverage, and Currency
NACJD serves as the data repository for the majority of NIJ and OJJDP funded grant projects as well as datasets created by the BJS. NACJD also accepts data from other sources and requests that interested parties email them at nacjd@icpsr.umich.edu for more information. As of August 25, 2023, a search in NACJD returned 3,404 studies and 80 data series. NACJD has also indexed more than 29,000 data-related publications associated with the studies and series hosted on this website. Over 1.7 million variables reported across these studies and series are also searchable.
When compared to more traditional databases, the currency of NACJD is more difficult to determine since this repository hosts data series as well as individual studies. For example, the “Capital Punishment in the United States Series” includes data from 1973 – 2020 and is produced annually. While the most recent release/update from an individual study was for a project titled “Building Late-Life Resilience to Prevent Elder Abuse: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Study of the EMPOWER Program, Arizona, 2019-2021 (ICPSR 38323),” which was posted on NACJD on August 14, 2023.

NACJD datasets and data series are available for public-use or restricted use. Users must create a free MyData account or log-in via Google, LinkedIn, or ORCID to download public-use data or request access to restricted use data; this account should work across ICPSR platforms. According to NACJD, “[v]irtually every data file is available in a plain text format,” such as ASCII and delimited formats, and many are available in SAS, SPSS, and Stata formats.

**Organization**

The NACJD homepage provides three ways to access data (see Figure 1). The first is a single search bar, which allows users to search by keyword, funding agency, series or program name, etc. The second is a hyperlink to ‘View All’ located under the ‘Discover’ heading, which directs users to the search results page. The third is a link to the ‘Discover Data’ page, which functions more like an advanced search with a single search bar and initial filters that users can apply to their search. The ‘Discover Data’ page will be discussed in more detail in the next section of the review. The homepage also includes an ‘About’ blurb and recent NACJD news as well as links to the ‘Share Data’ page, the ‘About’ page, the ‘Resources’ page, and the ‘Help’ page.

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![NACJD homepage](image)

Figure 1. NACJD homepage
**Search Interface**

In comparison to the single search bar or ‘View All’ option on the NACJD homepage, the ‘Discover Data’ page gives users more control of their search (see Figure 2).

A ‘Search tips’ accordion menu details where search terms can appear as well as how to retrieve results that use alternative forms of keywords, search for exact phrases, combine keywords, and exclude keywords. One significant search tip difference within NACJD, as compared to other search interfaces, is that quotation marks placed around single words will show results that include alternative forms of that keyword. So a search for “victim” will include results that contain victim, victims, victimization, victimize, etc. Quotation marks can still be used to search for exact phrases. Additionally, a space between keywords or phrases, such as “united states” parole, will show results that include all keywords/phrases. Similar to Google Scholar, a minus before a keyword or phrase, such as “-united states” or -probation, will exclude results that include those terms.

The ‘Discover Data’ page also provides seven initial filter categories that can be selected with radio buttons: sponsor, national statistics, criminal justice processing, data format, access, types of data, and special topics. Additional explanations about these categories can be accessed by left or right clicking on the hyperlinked question marks.

**Search Results**

NACJD results are separated into five different categories: 1) studies, 2) data-related publications, 3) variables, 4) series, and 5) NACJD website (see Figure 3).
The “studies” category shows the individual datasets or data series that are available in the NACJD Collection. The “data-related publications” category shows the “journal articles, reports, and other published and unpublished sources that use data from [their] collections.” The “variables” category shows the variables that correspond to the initial search and the “series” category shows potentially relevant data series. Finally, the “NACJD website” category shows the pages on the website that reflect the initial search string.

Each category includes different filter options. For example, “studies” can be filtered by time period, funding agency, restriction type, subject terms, data file format, recent releases, type of analysis, geography, and data availability. “Data-related publications” can be filtered by publication year, publication type, journal, author, and study. “Variables” can be filtered by series, study, dataset, and time period. Additional filters are not available for the “series” or “NACJD website” categories.

Each category also includes different sort options. For example, “studies” can be sorted by study relevance, title A-Z, released/updated, time period, and most cited in ICPSR Bib. As of August 2023, the ICPSR Bibliography of Data-Related Literature (ICPSR Bib.) includes more than 109,000 sources that utilize datasets available across ICPSR repositories. Of these sources, approximately 29,000 “utilized the datasets or series that are available in the NACJD collection.”

The search terms used in the most recent search are carried over to the search box on the results page, making it easy for users to edit their current search. Filters remain selected even if new keywords or phrases are added to the search box. To start a new search, users can type new keywords into the search box and access the “Search Tips” accordion menu if they need additional assistance.

**Data/Document Availability**

Upon clicking on the title of a result, users are directed to a landing page that provides more information (see Figure 4).
For example, if a user clicks on a “study” link in the search results, the landing page includes a project description and links to download the documentation and data (after logging in) as well as a Usage Report. The “Notes” box will also indicate if the data have any access restrictions as well as whether the data are part of NACJD’s Fast Track Release, which “include[s] datasets and other materials deposited by an investigator that have undergone basic processing by NACJD.” Depending on the study, information about the variables and associated data-related publications might also be included. Some studies also offer users the option to preview a subset of the data via the “Explore Data” button or to analyze the data using the “Analyze Online (SDA)” button once logged in. Each study also includes a unique DOI and the option to export ICPSR study-level metadata in various formats, such as Dublin Core and DDI 2.5.

The “At a Glance” tab is where users will want to focus their attention when attempting to determine if a dataset or series is relevant to their information need. This tab includes a project summary, the study’s geographic coverage, the project scope, and its methodology. Users can also navigate to the “Data & Documentation” tab to see the various data and codebook files associated with the study or series (see Figure 5).
Upon logging in, if the data are classified as restricted use, users must click “Access Restricted Data” to see the steps that need to be taken to gain access to the data (see Figure 6). Restricted data includes datasets or series where there is a potential risk of identifying participants. Even with restricted data, users are often able to download study documentation, including metadata, codebooks, etc., to help determine if the data will meet their needs prior to beginning the application process.
If the data are public-use, upon logging in, users can download the data in a variety of formats after accepting the terms of use (see Figure 7). As of August 2023, approximately 50% of studies in NACJD include public-use data files.

The data download is delivered as a .zip file that includes the codebook and data file. The .zip file also includes other associated text files, such as a file manifest and a bibliography or related literature file. It also includes links to the terms of use and a recommended citation.

**User Guidance**

As discussed above, search guidance is provided for users via the “Search Tips” accordion menu located on both the “Discover Data” and search results pages. The “Help” page, which is linked to at the top of each page, also includes various questions and answers related to restricted data, access, analysis, and general topics. Users are also encouraged to reach out to ICPSR user support if their question isn’t answered.

The “Resources” page, which is linked to at the top of each page, also includes the bibliography of sources that use NACJD data, learning and data guides, resources related to the application process for accessing restricted data, and guidance on how to analyze data online using Survey Documentation and Analysis (SDA), a tool created at the University of California, Berkeley (see Figure 8).
The most useful learning and data guides provided by NACJD are their resource guides, which “provide detailed information about complex or frequently-accessed data collections,” such as the Annual Parole Survey and Annual Probation Survey, the National Crime Victimization Survey, National Juvenile Corrections Data, the Survey of Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities, and Violence Against Women, to name a few (see Figure 9).

Guidance on using the SDA tool includes online documentation created by the University of California, Berkeley as well as a web-based tutorial, a video tutorial, and a webinar created by ICPSR.

Positive Aspects
As a repository for data related to crime and justice, NACJD offers users interested in finding raw data for secondary analysis a generally useful and accessible experience. The single search bar and various filters allow users to quickly find the types of data they are interested in. The fact that at least 50% of data is deemed public-use at the time of this review and users can quickly download data in plain text and proprietary formats upon creating a free account are great benefits. Another useful and positive feature of the NACJD website is the searchable bibliography, which is browsable by author, journal, and sponsoring agency.

Recommendations for Improvement
One of the challenges of using the NACJD ‘Discover Data’ search page is that not all filters listed on the search screen are included on the search results page. As a result, when on the search results page, there is no list of the initial filters that were selected on the search screen. Another challenge is that once a radio button is checked for a filter, it cannot be unchecked without clearing the entire search and starting over. Lastly, although NACJD does share documentation related to the SDA tool, the associated YouTube tutorial and webinar created by ICPSR are 14 and 10 years old, respectively.

Conclusion
Overall, NACJD is an easy-to-use resource that offers a wealth of raw data that would be of interest to students and researchers in criminal justice, criminology, and related disciplines.

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