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A Challenge From The Chair

As Chair of the Anthropology and Sociology Section, let me greet you with a challenge: like many sections of ACRL, we have a strong core of librarians who actively participate in our committees, meetings, and panels. We have even more members, though, who aren't able to be active in the section due to local demands or commitments to other combs in the ALA hive. Unlike some ACRL groups, we also lose active members as they get promoted to broader responsibilities away from subject bibliography; often such alumni aren't active any longer in the section but want to remain in touch with the field and those who are currently working in it.

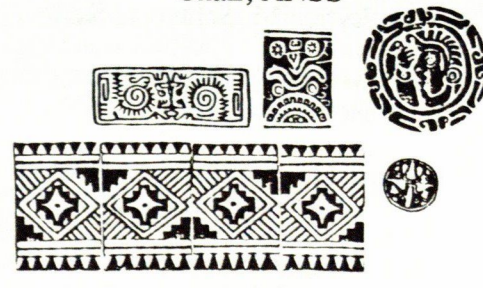
All these people comprise ANSS, however; this newsletter is a tangible effort to reach the whole section. We have established ourselves as a viable ACRL section because people participate in our activities and because other people find it worthwhile to pay for membership. Our challenge is to link the center and the periphery, to enhance the value of what our committees and panels do for the total membership of ANSS. Indeed, at the present time we have more volunteers wanting to work on committees than we have formal slots for them to fill. At one level, the fact that all are always welcome at all of our meeting means this isn't a problem (aside from rewarding people with resume-fattening terms), but in a larger sense it appears that we could be actively doing more because we have willing participants. At our meetings at Midwinter I'll be asking what we can project as Section activities and how we can receive input from those of you we reach mainly by ANSS currents.

There are many issues of possible interest to the Section. The fact that the Society for Applied Anthropology, through our founding member Bart Clark, has established a formal committee for bibliographic concerns (in sharp distinction to the AAA, for example) raises new liaison

possibilities. The emergence of World Cultures, the machine-readable-only anthropology journal, and the differences between its IBM and Macintosh versions, creates a whole new medium for our professional concern/custody/criticism. That this newsletter was largely assembled by electronic mail rather than conventional means, and that Stanford and Dartmouth, to give only two instances, are moving to online rather than paperpathfinders, bibliographic instruction 'handouts', and subject-dedicated databases, suggests that we as a Section are not merely reacting to electronic media entering our domain, but are actively creating new and novel means of better doing the bibliography of Anthropology and Sociology. Finally, the fact that others of ANSS are involved in team-teaching subject bibliography courses for credit, as anthropology or sociology specialists rather than BI specialists suggests that even as BI evolves as a public service speciality in its own right, the instructional responsibilities of subject specialist librarians will increase rather than decrease.

These thoughts are meant as specimens of what ANSS can be doing, insofar as members of the Section ARE doing them. They aren't the only things we can be doing, but I hope they'll inspire everyone to come to Chicago and San Francisco (in person, by mail, by e-mail, or phone!) with slates of interests/goals/musings/complaints/dreams!

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Nominating (1988 elections):
(to be appointed)

Review and Planning:
Lynne M. Schmelz-Keil

Midwinter Meeting Schedule

Executive Committee

Saturday, Jan. 17, 8:30am - 12:30am
Palmer House - Parlor G
Monday, Jan. 19, 9:00am - 11:00am
Palmer House - Private Dining Rm. 7

Bibliography Committee

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Palmer House - Exhibit Hall, Cube 2
Sunday, Jan. 18, 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Hilton - Continental Rm., Cube 8

Conference Program Planning, 1987

Friday, Jan. 16, 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Hilton - Private Dining Rm. 6
Sunday, Jan. 18, 9:00am - 11:00am
Palmer House - Clark Rm. 2

Conference Program Planning, 1988

Sunday, Jan. 18, 9:00am - 11:00am
Palmer House - Clark Rm. 4

Nominating Committee

Saturday, Jan. 17, 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Palmer House, Private Dining Rm. 1

Review and Planning

Sunday, Jan. 18, 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Hilton - Private Dining Rm. 6

Committee Reports

Executive Committee. Chair: Gregory A. Finnegan, Baker Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755.

The Executive Committee heard reports on the work of all ANSS committees at the Annual Meeting. Discussion and agreement on the 1987 Program occurred. This session will be devoted to speculation on the future of social science research and how that research will affect both services and collections in academic and research libraries. A tour of the Robert K. Lowie Museum at UC, Berkeley is also scheduled for the San Francisco Annual Conference. The Nominating Committee reported that it has a full slate of candidates for the 1987 elections. The first issue of *ANSS currents* was praised and a "courtesy list" of institutions to receive a complimentary subscription was established: the American Museum of Natural History, Museum of

Mankind, National Museum of Man, Newberry Library, Field Museum of Natural History, Musee de l'Homme, Smithsonian Institution, Lowie Museum of Anthropology, Royal Anthropological Institute, and the Tozzer Library. Attending the meeting were: Bonnie Nelson, Jim Williams, Jean Adelman, Greg Finnegan, Ann Wood, Cheryl Kugler, Steve MacLeod, Lynne Schmelz-Keil and Shari Grove.

Bibliography Committee. Chair: James Williams, University Library, University of Illinois, 1408 West Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801.

The Committee is continuing in an effort to establish contacts with 1) academic associations and 2) the publishers of indexes and abstracts useful to sociologists and anthropologists. Work during the Annual Conference concentrated on the following associations: American Sociological Association, Association for Asian Studies, American Indian Studies Center, School of Oriental and African Studies, National Council on Family Relations, American Anthropological Association, Committee on Social Work Education, International Committee on Social Science Documentation, and the Society of Applied Anthropology. Work with the publishers of the following indexes and abstracts is occurring at this time: Geo Abstracts, Women's Studies Abstracts, Combined Retrospective Index to Journals in Sociology, Anthropological Index, Anthropological Literature, Population Index, MLA Bibliography, Sociological Abstracts, Social Sciences Citation Index, Index to Social Science and Humanities Proceedings and NCJRS. Membership on the Committee: Steve MacLeod and Jim Williams were reappointed. Nancy Skipper (Anthropology Bibliographer / Cornell University) was appointed.

Miscellaneous reports: Kathy Creely described the goals of the new Melanesian Studies Center at UC, San Diego. The library will create an archive of field notes and unpublished papers, as well as a book and journal collection. The Center produced an accessions list which is available by subscription. Kathy has received a grant to compile a bibliography of bibliographies on Oceania. Outgoing Chair, Lynne Schmelz-Keil was given a vote of thanks for her service to the Committee above and beyond the call of duty!

Conference Program Planning, San Francisco, 1987. Chair: Stephen MacLeod, Library, University of California, Irvine, PO Box 19557, Irvine, CA 92713.

The committee is planning a program devoted to speculation on the future of social science research and how that research will affect both services and collections in academic and research libraries. Two major social scientists will be invited to discuss their views on where the social sciences may develop into the 1990s. As respondents to these speculations two librarians, preferably prominent figures in the fields of collection development and public service, will speculate on how academic research libraries will respond to those changes. A similar program was presented at the 1982 ARL meetings in Scottsdale, Arizona with representation from the social sciences, humanities and physical sciences. A program addressing issues in the social sciences in a more thorough manner is what the committee has in mind.

Nominating Committee. Chair: Robert B. Ridinger, 1305 Glidden Rd., Apt. 403, DeKalb, IL 60115

(Did not meet at the Annual Conference)

Review and Planning. Chair: Lynne M. Schmelz-Keil, 29 Curtiss Pl., Maplewood, NJ 07040.

(Did not meet at the Annual Conference)

Chicago Museums

It's probable that most of you have ducked into the Art Institute of Chicago at least once over the years; located as it is so near the center of ALA Conference activities, it is almost impossible to miss. And I also know that a large group of ANSS members and friends have visited the Field Museum of Natural History, site of our Section's annual tour in the summer of 1985. But Chicago is home to literally dozens of museums, and we list for you some which are of interest to librarians who are subject specialists in anthropology and sociology. Call ahead for directions and hours; all telephone numbers are in the 312 area code.

American Police Center & Museum
1130 South Wabash Ave (60605) 431-0005
Collections illustrate history of police in Chicago; 5,000 volume library

Art Institute of Chicago
Michigan Ave & Adams St (60603) 443-3600
Non-Western art and artifacts from Africa, Oceania, North and South American (pre-Hispanic and Native American); 158,000 volume library

Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture
4012 South Archer Ave (60632) 847-2441
History, ethnology, and folklore of Lithuania

Dusable Museum of African American History
740 East 56th Place (60637) 947-0600
African and African-American art, memorabilia, historical artifacts

Field Museum of Natural History
Roosevelt Rd @ Lake Shore Dr (60605) 922-9410
One of the world's premiere museums, with extensive collections of ethnographic and archaeological artifacts from all areas; 200,000 volume library

Historic Pullman Foundation
11111 Forestville Ave (60628) 785-8181
Preserved buildings of the town built for the workers of the Pullman Palace Car Company

Jane Adam's Hull-House
800 South Halsted St (60680) 996-2793
Mansion served as first settlement house; collections document history of settlement house movement

Maurice Spertus Museum of Judaica
618 South Michigan Ave (60605) 922-9012
Jewish ceremonial and decorative arts, archaeology, ethnology

Morton B. Weiss Museum of Judaica
1100 Hyde Park Blvd (60615) 924-1234
Housed in Temple K.A.M. Isaiah Israel; Jewish archaeology, ethnology, and liturgical objects; 4,000 volume library

Oriental Institute Museum, University of Chicago
1155 East 58th St (60637) 962-9520
Art and archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Syria, Cyprus, Palestine, Anatonia, Nubia, and Iran; 19,000 volume library

Polish Museum of America
984 North Milwaukee Ave (60622) 384-3352
Polish art, costumes, religious artifacts; 30,000 volume library

Swedish American Historical Society Musuem
5125 North Spaulding Ave (60625) 583-5722
History of Swedish immigration, Swedish-American Life; 5,000 volume library

Swedish American Museum Association of Chicago
5248 North Clark St (60640) 728-8111
Paintings, tools and artifacts describing Swedish emigration to the U.S. and pioneer life

Janet Steins
SUNY Stony Brook

Notes & Queries

Cathleen Bourdon, ACRL Deputy Executive Director, recently released attendance figures for the 1986 and 1985 Annual Conferences. ANSS had 119 of its 326 members register for the New York Annual Conference in 1986, or 37% of the membership were present. This compares to 32% for ACRL overall, or 2,762 of ACRL's 8,714 members registered. The only section with a higher percentage present was WESS, Western European Subject Specialists, with 45% of their members present. ANSS attendance at the 1985 Chicago Conference was 39%. Good news: In addition to our section placing second in percentage attending for the last two years, we have increased our membership from 285 in 1985 to 326 in 1986 (up 14%).

The **National Anthropological Archives** is seeking information about the location of original documents in the United States and Canada relating to anthropology (cultural, physical and applied anthropology; linguistics; archaeology). Prepared finding aids to such collections will also be welcome. This information is to be compiled into a guide to archival material of anthropologists and anthropological organizations. Please contact James Glenn or Kathleen Baxter, NAA, Natural History Musuem, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560; 202/357-1976.

The **Applied Anthropology Documentation Project at the University of Kentucky** has been established to collect and archive technical reports and other literature produced by applied and practicing anthropologists. The Project is sponsored by the

Society for Applied Anthropology, Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists and the Society for Applied Anthropology in Canada. For further information contact John van Willigen, Applied Anthropology Documentation Project, Special Collections and Archives, King Library-N, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0039.

Charles Redman, the newly appointed **Editor for Archeology, American Anthropologist** is currently expanding a resource file of book and manuscript reviewers. The Editor is especially seeking archeologists working in the public sector, in other professions (such as librarians), who would like to be considered as manuscript or book reviewers. Please send your name, address and areas of expertise to Charles Redman, Editor for Archeology, Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287.

News from the **Museum of Mankind Library**: "From 1 October 1986 admission to the Museum of Mankind Library will be by Readers Ticket only. Intending visitors are reminded that the Library should only be used for research purposes and when facilities offered by other libraries have been exhausted. All applicants for readership who are not Fellows of the Royal Anthropological Institute must satisfy the Librarian that they are engaged in serious research for which access to the Library is necessary and that they will observe the Library's rules. Fellows and Junior Fellows of the R.A.I. retain their right to use the Library and to borrow books. Intending visitors from outside the U.K. are advised either to apply in advance or bring a letter of recommendation with them."

Stephen MacLeod
U.C., Irvine



Recent Publications

New publications of interest to members of the Anthropology and Sociology Section will occasionally be listed in ANSS currents. If you would like to list a publication in this column or submit a brief review please contact the editors:

AAA 1987 Grants & Support Index: GRINDEX. Washington, D.C.: American Anthropological Association, 1986.

("a 'user friendly' reference list of grants, fellowships, scholarships and research funds for anthropologists")

American Indian and Alaska Native Newspapers and Periodicals, 1971-1985. Edited by Daniel F. Littlefield, Jr. and James W. Parins. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1986. (Historical Guides to the World's Periodicals and Newspapers).

Moore, Gloria and Ronald Moore. Margaret Sanger and the Birth Control Movement: A Bibliography, 1911-1984. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1986.

Seymour-Smith, Charlotte. Dictionary of Anthropology. Boston, MA: G.K. Hall, December 1986.

Journals

The Haworth Press continues to publish the journal Behavioral & Social Sciences Librarian, which occasionally contains important articles that relate to sociology/anthropology librarianship. Complimentary sample copies are available on request from: Haworth Press, 28 East 22nd St, New York, NY 10010-6194.

Databases

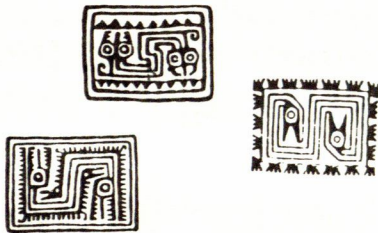
One of the most interesting publishing ventures in recent years is the "electronic journal" World Cultures, published quarterly, beginning in 1985, on microcomputer diskettes. This "journal" will provide unique and invaluable information to researchers in cross-cultural study. Early issues of World Cultures provide coded information, sampled cross-culturally, on a variety of world societies and cultures. This data was drawn from numerous major research projects. The journal will provide both numeric and textual data in a format which will accommodate secondary analysis using word processing, graphics and statistical packages commonly available to "electronic scholars."

Because of the cumulative capabilities of this concept, data of ongoing interest to subscribers can be manipulated, stored and updated over a period of time. The variety of secondary research projects, teaching and training possibilities that might occur with the use of this material are very exciting. The journal is available in a variety of formats so that it can be used with a variety of microcomputers.

Further information regarding World Cultures can be obtained from:

World Cultures
P.O. Box 12524
La Jolla, CA 92037

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Tour of Museum of the American Indian

As the 1986 Annual Conference was winding down last July, a small group of ANSS members and friends ventured far outside midtown Manhattan to visit the Museum of the American Indian and its Library.

The Museum's unsurpassed collections represent the largest in the world relating to the ethnology and archaeology of the Indians of North, Central, and South America and the West Indies. Located at Audubon Terrace in the neighborhood of Washington Heights, in uptown Manhattan, the three-story Renaissance Revival building was completed in 1916 to house the then private collection of George C. Heye.

Our tour of the museum concentrated on North American exhibits; highlights were Chilkat blankets and blanket boards, as well as an entire room of Plains Indian tipis. Our docent, who had

taught school for several years on a Navaho Reservation in the Southwest, was an outstanding interpreter of both the historic and prehistoric cultural artifacts on view.

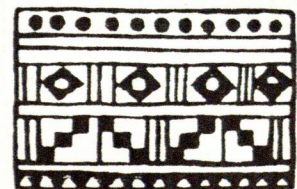
Our second stop of the afternoon was the museum's 50,000 volume library, which is located in the Borough of the Bronx (as are some 90% of the objects owned by the Museum for which there is no room in the Manhattan building). We were warmly greeted not only by the librarian, Mary Davis, but also by the president of its Board of Directors. We viewed a slide presentation about the history of the library and its founding as the Huntington Free Library (before there was any NYPL), and then went into the stacks to see some of the highlights of the research collection, including contemporary newspapers published by Native American groups in South America, miniatures, and extensive vertical files.

There was plenty of time before returning to Times Square to partake of refreshments, generously provided by Yankee Book Peddler of Contoocook, NH.

For those of you who may want to visit the Museum of the American Indian or its library on a future trip to New York, be warned that you should not wait too long to do so. The City of Dallas has offered to house the museum in a facility large enough to incorporate its exhibit space, collections, and library under one roof - great for the museum, but this is one New Yorker who would hate to see it go!

Be sure to watch for announcements about ANSS's next tour, during the San Francisco Annual Conference -- at this time slated to go to the Robert K. Lowie Museum of Anthropology at U.C., Berkeley. For further information contact Steve MacLeod, Library, University of California, Irvine, PO Box 19557 Irvine, CA 92713 (phone: 714-856-4967).

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ANSS Committee Volunteer Form

ANSS is seeking volunteers for committee assignments for the 1987-1989 period. Committee appointments necessitate attending mid-winter and annual meetings. Appointments are normally for two years.

Name, Title, Institutional Address:

Date:

Number of Years as Member of ALA_____ ACRL_____ ANSS_____

Academic Background: (Institutions, Dates, Relevant Subject Areas)

ALA or ACRL Committee Assignments:

ALA or ACRL Offices Held:

ANSS Experience (Committees, Offices):

ANSS Committee Preferences (Be Specific):

Anthropology and Sociology Background/Interests/Publications (include state, local, regional):

Signature: _____

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