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New Orleans 1988 Annual Meeting Schedule

Program and Business Meeting

Monday, July 11, 9:30am - 12:30pm
Westin, Terrace Room

Executive Committee

Saturday, July 9, 9:00am-11:00am
Omni, Orleans "A" Room

Monday, July 11, 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Holiday Inn/Crown Plaza, Royal Room

Bibliography Committee

Saturday, July 9, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Hilton, Eglinton/Winton Room

Sunday, July 10, 9:00am-noon
New Orleans Conv. Center, Room 33

Dallas Conference Program Planning, 1989

Sunday, July 10, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Hilton, Magnolia Room

Chicago Conference Program Planning, 1990

Sunday, July 10, 8:00am-9:00am
Marriot, Jackson Room

Nominating Committee

Saturday, July 9, 11:30am-12:30pm
Marriot, Chartres Room

Monday, July 11, 4:30pm-5:30pm
Marriot, Chartres Room

Review & Planning

Monday, July 11, 8:00am - 9:00am
Hilton, Jasperwood Room

1988 ANSS/WESS Program: "Strangers in New Worlds: Migration Studies in Europe and America"

Monday, July 11, 9:30am - noon
Westin, Terrace Room

The purpose of the program is to assess the current state of migration studies in Europe and America, looking at trends in research as they affect library collections and services.

The program will be in four parts, focusing first on presentations from scholars who are active in the field of migration studies and who will present overviews of new directions in research. The program will begin with Europeans in America, in a paper to be presented by Dino Cinel, Professor of History at Tulane University. A second paper will be delivered by Mark Miller, Professor of Political Science at the University of Delaware, who will describe current studies on migration in Europe, with a survey of sources and centers for research. The third paper, presented by Joel Wurl, Curator of the Immigration History Research Center, will focus on American research centers, their collections and use.

The fourth part of the program will offer responses by other specialists in either European or migration studies, each posing questions leading to further discussion. Carol Armbruster, European Specialist at the Library of Congress, will offer comments on the librarian's role, while Helen MacLam, Assistant Editor of *Choice* and past president of the National Association of Ethnic Studies, will comment from an ethnic studies

perspective. A final comment by Suzanne Roberts, Humanities Bibliographer, Yale University Libraries, will survey current research and resources from an historiographic perspective.

The ANSS Business Meeting will follow the program from noon to 12:30pm.

1988 ANSS Committee Roster

Executive Committee.

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Josephine Z. Kibbee, Anthropology Subject Specialist, 100 Library, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61820 (217) 333-2305. (1987-89)

Note: ANSS will hold elections in 1989 for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and for one Member-at-Large. If you are interested in being on the ballot contact Kathryn Creely, C-075-K, Melanesian Studies Resource Center, Central University Library, UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093. (619) 534-1283.

Bibliography Committee.

Chair:

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1987-89 Members:

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Josephine Z. Kibbee, University of Illinois.

Mary M. Koenig, University of Minnesota.

Ann L. Wood, University of Massachusetts.

1988-90 Members:

Anita Garey, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Janita Jobe, Texas Tech University.

Pat Woolter, Sonoma State University.

Note: *The Bibliography Committee has one opening for 1988-90 appointments. Please complete the Committee Volunteer Form on page 7 or contact Stephen MacLeod.*

Conference Program Planning, Dallas, 1989.

Chair:

Bonnie L. Wright, University of California, Irvine, PO Box 19557, Irvine, CA 92713.

Members:

Diane M. Zabel, Pennsylvania State University.

Stephen MacLeod, University of California, Irvine (ex-officio).

Note: *The Dallas Conference Program Planning Committee has two openings for 1988-89 appointments, especially for local arrangements in the Dallas area. Please complete the Committee Volunteer Form on page 7 or contact Stephen MacLeod.*

Conference Program Planning, Chicago, 1990.

Note: *The Chicago Conference Program Planning Committee has openings for appointments for 1988-90. Please complete the Committee Volunteer Form on page 7 or contact Stephen MacLeod.*

Nominating Committee, 1989 Elections.

Chair:

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Note: *The Nominating Committee has an opening for one appointment for 1988-89. Please complete the Committee Volunteer Form on page 7 or contact*

Stephen MacLeod.

Nominating Committee, 1990 Elections.

Note: *The Nominating Committee has openings for appointments for 1988-90. Please complete the Committee Volunteer Form on page 7 or contact Stephen MacLeod.*

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Members:

James Williams, University of Illinois.

Note: *The Publications Committee is a new committee of ANSS. There are openings for committee appointments for 1988-90. Please complete the Committee Volunteer Form on page 7 or contact Stephen MacLeod.*

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Members:

Deborah A. Kane, University of Nebraska.
Stephen E. MacLeod, University of California, Irvine.
Lynne M. Schmelz-Keil, Rutgers University.
John M. Weeks, University of Minnesota.

1988 Tour of the Amistad Research Center & the Middle American Research Institute

ANSS will host a behind-the-scenes tour of the Amistad Research Center and the Middle American Research Institute at Tulane University on Tuesday, July 12, 1:00 - 5:00pm, followed by a reception. To register contact Lynne M. Schmelz-Keil, Director of Development and Public Relations, Rutgers University, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08903; (201) 932-7505.

The Amistad Research Center is a manuscript library for the study of history and culture and race relations in the United States. While the focus is national, the holding are international in scope. Amistad is among

the largest of the nation's repositories specializing in the history of Afro-Americans. Papers of black Americans and the records of organizations and institutions of the black community make up about 90% of the Center's holdings. The other 10% contains documentation on Native Americans, Puerto Ricans, Chicanos, Asian Americans, European immigrants, and Appalachian whites.

The collections include:

- Over 3,500 linear feet of original manuscripts, letters, diaries, memoirs and other writings.
- Approximately 250,000 photographs dating from 1859.
- Over 400 video and audio tapes of oral history.
- Over 15,000 books, including many rare and first editions.
- Over 1,000 periodicals, dating from 1826.
- Over 30,000 pamphlets, dating from 1942.
- About 1,500,000 clippings, beginning in 1942.
- Over 200 paintings, drawings and pieces of sculpture by Afro-American artists of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Middle American Research Institute had its beginning in 1924 as the Department of Middle American Research at Tulane University. Its attention was focused on the pre-Columbian archaeology of Middle America. The present exhibit gallery is in large part a reflection of this early emphasis; all artifacts are American. Exhibits include:

- Maya Tomb
- High Civilization in Ancient America (Southwestern U.S.; Middle America; Peru)
- Central Andes
- Modern Guatemalan Masks
- Zapotec Funerary Urns (Mexico)
- Modern Guatemalan Costumes
- A Sample of Artifacts from Middle American Cultural History
- Maya Relief Carving

The current research activities of the Institute include the anthropology and archaeology of Mexico and Central America, with emphasis on Mayan prehistory. The Institute is currently publishing a 60 volume series on Mesoamerican archaeology, epigraphy, languages, cultural anthropology, and other social and natural sciences.

Please register as soon as possible.

Notes & Queries

Papua New Guinea Source Materials at UC San Diego. Much of the explorations of the interior of Papua New Guinea was accomplished by Australian and British government patrol officers. Often the first contact New Guinea tribes had with Europeans and the "outside world" was with members of these patrols. The reports of these patrols contain some of the earliest written descriptions of many tribes and, as such, are an invaluable source of information for the ethnography of New Guinea.

The Melanesian Studies Resource Center at the University of California, San Diego, has acquired a large microfilm set of patrol reports from the Australian Archives, under a special agreement with the National Archives of Papua New Guinea. Some 900 files of reports from 1890 to 1955 are included in this collection. This is the only copy of these microforms available outside of Australia and Papua New Guinea. The reports are open to use by qualified researchers, although some restrictions may apply. A detailed index of the reports is in preparation and will be available through the Melanesian Studies Resource Center. For more information contact:

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Melanesian Studies Resource Center
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La Jolla, CA 92093-0175

New Research Guide for Anthropology to Be Published in 1989. Mary Koenig, Social Sciences Reference Librarian at the University of Minnesota (and member of the ANSS Bibliography Committee) and John Weeks, Bibliographer for Anthropology at the University of Minnesota (and ANSS Member-at-large) have recently signed a contract with Westview Press to write a research guide for anthropology. This publication will be part of the monograph series, Westview Guides to Library Research. The goal of the book is to serve as a self-instructional reference tool for logically and systematically accessing the literature of anthropology, as well as a basic text for use in library instruction programs for undergraduate and graduate students in anthropology. It should be published in late 1989.

The Social Anthropology of Western Europe: A Selective Bibliography of Books in Humanities/Social Sciences Libraries, University of Minnesota is now available free-of-charge. Charles G. Spetland, Western European Studies Library Grant Coordinator, at the University of Minnesota, has recently informed ANSS that copies of this publication, which is publication number 9 in the West European Studies Series, are now available by writing to:

Western European Studies Series
Subject Bibliography Unit
Wilson Library, Room 5
309 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455

This bibliography was compiled by John M. Weeks and Martha L. Brogan, with Mary Koenig, Margaret Nord, Anita Rickard and Charles Spetland.

The Peters Projection vs. the Mercator Projection.

A good review of the literature on the Peters Projection, a relatively new map projection developed by German historian Arno Peters in 1973, has recently been published in *The Christian Century* (Vol. 105, No. 6; February 24, 1988). Peters developed a new map projection - a way to view the round world as a flat map - that finally overcomes the problems and limitations of the Mercator Projection.

New Orleans Museums

In keeping with a brief ANSS tradition, we list below a few museums in the conference city of New Orleans with exhibits and collections of interest to our members.

Louisiana State Museum
751 Chartres Street
New Orleans 70116 (504) 568-6968
Local history, archaeology and Indian artifacts included in collections; research library and archives cover social and cultural history of Louisiana.

New Orleans Museum of Art
Lelong Avenue, City Oark
New Orleans 70119 (504) 488-2631
Collections include Pre-Columbian masterworks from Mexico, Central and South America; African art, Victor Kiam Collection of African, Oceanic, Northwest Coast American Indian art.

La Pharmacie Francaise (Pharmacy Museum)
514 Chartres Street, in French Quarter
(504) 524-9077
Site of apothecary shop of first licensed pharmacist in the U.S., museum includes nineteenth century pharmaceutical memorabilia.

Musee Conti Historical Wax Museum
917 Conti Street, in French Quarter
(504) 525-2605
Figures depict the history and legends of New Orleans and the Louisiana Territory, and include Marie Laveau and her voodoo dancers.

Bibliography Committee Reviews

The Bibliography Committee was founded in 1981 and became a standing ANSS committee in 1982, charged in part to review the state of bibliographic control and access to literature of the anthropology and sociology fields. The committee has analyzed the major indexes and abstracts for anthropology and sociology and communicated its findings to the publishers, affirming that which is being done well and suggesting means by which publications might be improved. Beginning with this issue, *ANSS currents* will include abstract and index analyses prepared by members of the Bibliography Committee.

Sage Family Studies Abstracts

Sage Publications, Beverly Hills, CA
Paul V. McDowell, Documentation Editor
1979, vol. 1- .

Analysis Prepared by:

Robert C. Myers, February 1988

A. Overall Usefulness: As an overall tool, this abstract is of limited use for most comprehensive literature searches. It is of value mostly to undergraduates who need something with which to get started on a paper. It is very weak in gerontological family literature. The abstract covers mainly U.S., British, and Canadian journals.

B. Time Lag: Time lag is minimal. A random selection of 50 abstracts showed 67% of the citations to be for 1987 material and 33% for 1986 material.

C. Coverage:

1. **Number of publications indexed:** 1979 - 130 journal indexed. 1987 - 145 journals. Some key journals are notably absent such as the *Gerontologist* and the *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*. 1000 abstracts are published in each volume.

2. **Types of publications indexed:** Books, articles, pamphlets, government publications, speeches, legislative research studies, theses, dissertations, and figurative materials.

3. **Subjects and geographical areas included:** International coverage. Subject emphasis is a social sciences approach to family literature.

D. Format:

1. **Indexes:** Each issue has an author and subject index. Cumulative indexes and a list of source periodicals are included in the December issue beginning with 1986. For prior years, the cumulative indexes are in the August issue. The indexes are adequate.

2. **Binding:** Paperback, but serviceable.

3. **Print and legibility:** Good. Very clean and

easily read.

4. **Style:** Entries are complete and uniform. Journal titles are not abbreviated.

E. Frequency: Issued quarterly.

F. Editing: Consistently good. Few, if any, typos.

G. Scope: Coverage is international with an emphasis on U.S., Canadian, and British sources. All publications appear to be in English. Literature from 1979 to the present is abstracted. Each volume limited to 1000 abstracts which is a major weakness.

H. Cost: \$50.00 for institutions, \$60.00 for individuals.

I. Summary: Easy to use. Limited coverage of the literature. The number of abstracts should be increased to more adequately cover the increasing rate of publishing in this subject area. Major gerontological journals such as the *Gerontologist*, the *Journal of Gerontology*, and the *International Journal of Aging and Human Development* should be covered by this abstracting service.

Social Work Abstracts

Analysis prepared by:

James W. Williams, January 1988

Printed Format:

Preliminary: *Social Work Abstracts* is issued by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the major professional organization for social work in the United States, and appears as a section in the NASW journal *Social Work Research and Abstracts*.

A. Overall Usability: Very good, although usability within libraries would be enhanced if the abstracts were issued as a separate publication. Since indexes and abstracts are primary reference sources, they are usually shelved separately from journals and rarely circulate.

B. Time Lag: The Summer 1987 issue (v.23, no.2; received at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library July 7) carried 519 citations. 62 citations (11.9%) were to journal issues dated 1987, making the time lag 6 months or less; 159 (30.6%) were to issues dated 1986, making the time lag 6 months to 1 1/2 years; 117 (22.5%) were to issues dated 1985, making the time lag 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 years; 95 (18.3%) were to issues dated 1984, making the time lag 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 years; and 86 (16.5%) were to issues dated 1980-83, making the time lag 3 1/2 to 7 1/2 years. Some concern must be expressed at finding approximately one-third of the citations to be to journal articles that have been in print for two and one-half years or longer. An analysis of the Spring 1987 issue (v.23, n.1) disclosed similar findings.

C. Coverage:

1. **Number of publications indexed:** Approximately 150 journals per year, with 31 titles designated as

core journals and given 90 to 100% coverage. More than 250 titles are reviewed for possible inclusion. (see SWAB section of the BRS search manual for complete listing.)

2. Subjects included: (1) fields of service (e.g., family and child welfare, aged, alcoholism, juvenile delinquency), (2) social policy and social relations, (3) service methods (e.g., casework, group work), (4) professional issues (e.g., education, standards, ethics), (5) related fields (e.g., psychology, psychiatry, medicine, economics).

3. Geographic area(s) covered: No restrictions are stated. The emphasis is on indexing core domestic social work journals, however, and coverage of non-U.S. geographic areas is not extensive.

4. Types of publications indexed: Primarily English language journals, with an emphasis on social work journals published in the U.S., and doctoral dissertations completed in social work in the U.S. and Canada. Books, occasional papers, etc., are included from time to time, but constitute only a tiny portion of the file.

D. Format:

1. Author, subject, title indexes: Author and subject indexes appear in each issue. There is no title index.

2. Cumulative indexes and frequency of cumulations: Indexes are cumulated in the final issue each year. No cumulations for longer than the annual period are issued.

3. Binding: Softbound, but the material is of good quality. Issues hold up well under heavy use. The margins are adequate to permit photocopying and hardcover binding without damage or loss of material.

4. Print size and type (legibility): Excellent.

5. Style: Arranged into broad subject categories and further divided into subcategories for greater specificity. Extensive see also references follow many of the classified sections.

E. Frequency: Quarterly.

F. Editing (Typos, etc.): Good. Errors are unusual.

G. Does the publication fulfill its stated scope: Yes.

H. Scope: A statement of scope has never been included in the printed issues, but one does appear in the BRS search manual. It states that *Social Work Abstracts* contains abstracts of articles published in over 150 social work journals and journals published in related fields, with all core domestic social work titles abstracted, and also includes doctoral dissertations and other materials. In a study which compared, in part, coverage of social work journals in *Social Work Abstracts* against coverage in *PsycINFO*, *ERIC*, and *Social SciSearch*, Mendelsohn found that "SWAB provides better coverage of social work journals..." (Mendelsohn, Henry N. "Searching Social Work Abstracts: A Review," *Database*, Feb. 1986, p.24). A check of the 1987-1988 edition of *Ulrich's* by this reviewer identified no core domestic social work

journals to which coverage is not being given.

I. Summary of positive aspects of the publication: The coverage of core domestic social work journals is thorough and surpasses that of much larger databases. The excellent physical format makes the printed index extremely easy to use.

J. What, if anything, about the publication should be changed: Suggestions for improvement are (1) issue the abstracts and the journal as two publications, (2) improve the currency of journal items indexed, (3) expand coverage to include more foreign journals in response to the growing international emphasis of social work programs, (4) increase the number of books indexed; chapter level indexing for multi-authored, edited works is particularly needed since bibliographic coverage of such items is generally lacking, and (5) include the statement of scope in the printed issues.

Online Format:

A. Availability of search aids:

1. Thesaurus: None, although the authority file (i.e., descriptors) is supposed to be included in the newly published *User's Guide to Social Work Abstracts*. The lack of a thesaurus was cited as a serious shortcoming by Mendelsohn in the aforementioned article.

2. User guide, etc.: Publication was recently announced. The guide is advertised as including editorial practices, indexing practices, retrieval methods, sample BRS searches, and the authority file.

B. Searchable fields: (see BRS search manual).

Retrieval would be improved by a "year" field. Presently it is necessary to limit material by year of publication by use of the source field (e.g., 1 and (1985 or 1986 or 1987).so.). While the language code does not make it possible to omit or include foreign languages selectively, a serious problem is not currently posed because the database contains so very little foreign language material.

C. Number of vendors which offer database: One, BRS.

D. Cost: Among the social science databases in the BRS system, the connect hour royalty of \$40 and the per offline citation charge of 38¢ are comparatively expensive. The offline charge of 18¢ per citation for title, source, and abstract, however, is less than that charged by many databases for fields which carry basic bibliographic information. When this factor is taken into account, *Social Work Abstracts* compares much more favorably, particularly when printing is done online.

E. Suggestions for improvement: The absence of a user's guide has been a serious shortcoming. The new NASW publication will hopefully correct this. Updating the online file with greater frequency, putting more of the file online retrospectively, and developing a thesaurus along the lines of the ERIC thesaurus are goals which NASW should be encouraged to pursue.

ANSS Committee Volunteer Form

ANSS is seeking volunteers for committee assignments for the 1988-90 term. Committee appointments necessitate attending mid-winter and annual meetings. Appointments are normally for two year terms.

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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):

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