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1993 ANSS PROGRAM

PORTRAITS OF LOUISIANA: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH DIVERSITY

Sunday, June 27, 1993
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Co-Sponsors:

ACRL Afro-American Studies Librarians Section
ACRL Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee
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The Anthropology and Sociology Section's annual program, "Portraits of Louisiana: Empowering Communities through Diversity," will focus on the documentation of selected groups forming the mosaic of Louisiana life and the role that libraries and archives play in this endeavor. It is designed to be of interest to librarians, archivists, anthropologists, sociologists, historians, and folklorists.

Speakers:

Florence E. Borders (Archivist, Center for African and African-American Studies, Southern University at New Orleans): "Afro-Louisiana Women- History and Culture"

Irvan J. Perez (national spokesperson for the Isleños community, St. Bernard Parish, LA): "Isleños of St. Bernardo"

Ulysses S. Ricard, Jr. (Senior Archivist, Amistad Research Center, New Orleans): "Creoles of Color of Louisiana"

Barry Jean Ancelet (Southwestern University, Lafayette, LA): "Louisiana Cajuns"

ACRL SECTION NEWSLETTERS FUNDING REDUCTIONS

In a July 28, 1992 memorandum to ACRL newsletter editors, Althea Johnson, ACRL Executive Director, announced that a serious budget deficit made various expenditure cuts necessary. ACRL money was provided to produce only one eight-paged issue of all section newsletters in FY 1993. Therefore, the projected November 1992 issue of *ANSS currents* did not appear. Although newsletter editors were notified in November that a single eight-paged newsletter would again be funded in FY 1994, the ACRL Board of Directors rescinded their earlier action at the 1993 Midwinter Meeting and restored monies to cover the traditional two eight-paged newsletter issues.

The budget will undergo another review, however, and final approval will occur at the 1993 Annual Conference. If the restored newsletter funds receive approval, the volume 8, number 2 issue of *currents* will be published in November 1993, followed by volume 9, number 1 in May 1994. If the Board should vote to reinstate the cut that was originally planned, volume 8, number 2/volume 9, number 1 will appear as one issue in May 1994.

Questions or comments concerning the status of newsletter funding may be addressed to either of the editors or to the ANSS Chair.

Medical Anthropology: Choices and Challenges

1992 ANSS Conference Program

Co-sponsored by the ACRL Science and Technology Section and the Medical Library Association, the program was held on Sunday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., with approximately fifty-five attending. A summary of the program appeared in *C&RL News* v. 53, no. 9 (October 1992), page 576.

Message From The Chair

Maija M. Lutz, 1992-93

I am very pleased to be able to address you as Chair of ANSS and to highlight a few of the concerns and activities of the section. As many of you may have noticed, we did not publish our customary November issue of *ANSS currents* this year. This was due to budgetary constraints; not only was ANSS affected, but all other ACRL sections as well. Although we have been assured that we will be able to publish both issues of the newsletter next year, the future of the printed newsletter appears to be in limbo and alternate forms of communication are being explored. If you feel strongly that *ANSS currents* should be retained in its present format, please convey your thoughts to me, to Kathy Creely, the Vice-Chair of the section, or to one of the co-editors of *ANSS currents*. Our addresses can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

As a result of this year's need for belt-tightening by all ACRL sections, there has been unprecedented communication among sections and discussion of ways in which closer cooperation among sections may result in programs with wider appeal and less competition for funds and time slots. It has also been suggested that each section be allocated an unrestricted sum of money to be used at the section's discretion, since the priorities of each section may differ. Again, if you have ideas about any of the above, please contact us.

The ANSS program for the 1993 Annual Conference in New Orleans is entitled "Portraits of Louisiana: Empowering Communities through Diversity" and promises to be a very exciting one. The focus of the program will be on documenting the history and traditions of four groups which contribute to the mosaic of Louisiana life—Creoles of Color, Isleños, Cajuns and African-American women. This program should appeal to anyone who is interested in recording, preserving, and disseminating information about diversity in American society. The cultural richness and diversity of New Orleans makes it an especially suitable place for holding this program.

Since we did not have a fall newsletter, this issue contains committee reports from both the 1992 summer conference in San Francisco and the midwinter meeting in Denver. You will also find reports of the two discussion groups, which continue to provide a lively forum for anthropology and sociology librarians to discuss issues of common concern. If you would like to become more involved in ANSS, attending a discussion group meeting may be a good way to begin. If you would like further information on any of the committees, discussion groups, or any other aspect of the section, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Creely or myself.

Committee and Discussion Group Reports

Executive Committee

Maija M. Lutz, Chair

The ANSS Executive Committee met twice during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco in June and again twice during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver in January. In addition to the regular reports on ANSS committees, discussion groups, the ACRL Board, Tozzer Library, Human Relations Area Files (HRAF), and Library-Anthropology Resource Group (LARG), the meetings in June focused on several issues or areas which need reassessment or review, including the meaning and purpose of program co-sponsorship and whether or not ANSS should continue to sponsor tours during the summer conferences. Several officer/editor changes were also announced. Kathy Creely is the new vice-chair/chair-elect for 1992-93 and Chris Smith the new member-at-large. Joyce Ogburn resigned as secretary and her term will be completed by Janet Steins. Fred J. Hay replaced Maija Lutz as co-editor of *ANSS currents*.

During the two meetings in January much discussion revolved around the possible phasing out of the section newsletters and how this would impact the work of ANSS, including publishing of Bibliography Committee reviews. The second meeting was attended by Anne Beaubien, past president of ACRL as well as past chair of ANSS, who presented us with some factual information about ACRL finances and indicated the need for creative ideas from section members about how best to utilize dwindling resources. Discussion ensued about the importance of sections and section activities to members.

Committee reports included an update on the 1993 New Orleans program entitled "Portraits of Louisiana: Empowering Communities through Diversity" as well as a report by the 1994 Miami Program Committee about plans to present a joint program with three other sections (Arts, Afro-American Studies Librarian, and Law and Political Science) on African Diaspora cultures of the Caribbean. The members of the Liaison Committee requested an extension of their terms of office in order to rewrite the initial charge of the committee to include new networking possibilities with those interested in social science documentation. Janet Steins announced the slate of candidates for the 1993 ANSS election. In addition to the candidates for vice-chair/chair-elect, secretary, and member-at-large, the ballot will contain an amendment to the ANSS bylaws concerning discussion groups.

Anthropology Librarians' Discussion Group

Greg Finnegan and Nancy Skipper, Co-Convenors

The ALDG topic at both the 1992 Annual Meeting in San Francisco and the 1993 Midwinter Meeting in Denver was the Human Relations Area Files (HRAF.) At the SF meeting, Chris Smith from Boston University discussed HRAF instruction. HRAF and general anthropological handouts from several libraries were distributed. Chris' presentation led to a broad discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of HRAF. One topic was instruction regarding the often-overlooked codes indicating the level of authority of documents. Changes in US copyright law mean that in the last 10 or 15 years, only non-copyrighted source materials are reproduced in full. Because two members of the HRAF Board (Lynne Schmelz-Keil and Jean Adelman) were present, the ALDG was able to hear of developments at HRAF, and to have their comments on HRAF heard by those with influence. Twenty-four attended.

The Denver meeting featured a presentation by Ellen Sutton (Univ. of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana) on the electronic HRAF product, Cross-Cultural CD, available from Silver Platter, based upon her article in *Reference Services Review* (Spring 1991, pp. 57-70) Only three institutions represented have or have had the product (UIUC, Vanderbilt, Maryland.) Lynne Schmelz-Keil again informed attendees about HRAF plans.

Other business: Cheryl Naslund reported on the technical aspects of creating an ALDG Listserv on the Internet. Also discussed were the need to find a Co-Convenor to join Chris Smith after Nancy Skipper and Greg Finnegan end their terms at the New Orleans Annual Meeting in 1993. Eighteen attended.

Bibliography Committee

David Carpenter, Chair

At the ALA Annual Meeting 1992 in San Francisco, the Bibliography Committee discussed and gave final approval to an analysis of *International Current Awareness Service: Anthropology and Related Disciplines*, which was submitted to the Publications Committee. Minor changes to an analysis of *Francis Bulletin Signalétique 529: Ethnologie* were suggested. Letters to the publishers of *America: History and Life*, *Anthropological Literature*, and *ASSIA—Applied Social Sciences Index & Abstracts* were approved. The Committee discussed two CD-ROM products: *PAIS* and *Sociofile*. Analysis of the characteristics and coverage of electronic formats pose problems not encountered in reviews of print indexes, including the question of whether the primary focus should be on the content of the electronic product or whether

its software should be the primary focus. The Committee considered some of the primary issues concerning the selection criteria and reviewing of electronic formats. It concluded, in part, that while it is important to study titles in electronic format with the Bibliography Committee's criteria for analyses in mind, it may not always be necessary to write an analysis that rigidly follows the criteria. The Committee then identified categories of publications and the most appropriate types of analyses for each type of publication (these included, bibliographic essays, formal lengthy reviews, and other narratives). Since the Publications Committee had decided to no longer accept Bibliography Committee analyses longer than four pages, the Bibliography Committee decided that it would consider publishing analyses in other formats—including essays and letters—in the future. Assignments for Midwinter were discussed and agreed upon.

At the 1993 Midwinter Meeting, the Bibliography Committee discussed analyses of *Francis Bulletin Signalétique 529: Ethnologie*, *Abstracts in Social Gerontology* (incorporating *Current Literature on Aging*), *PAIS on CD-ROM*, and *Sociofile*. The final draft of the *Francis Bulletin Signalétique 529: Ethnologie* review and letter were approved with only minor revisions suggested. Letters to the publishers of *Abstracts in Social Gerontology* and *Sociofile* will be prepared and distributed to Committee members for comment before the 1993 Annual Meeting. Responses to the Committee's letters to *ASSIA* and the editor of *C&RL News* were distributed and discussed. New titles proposed for upcoming analyses included *Bibliography of Native North Americans on Disc*, *Anthropological Literature on disc*, *Ethnic Newswatch*, *International Bibliography of the Social Sciences: Social and Cultural Anthropology*, and *Ediciones Multiconsult SC CD-ROM*. The Committee considered its next set of work assignments and members accepted individual projects to be completed prior to the ALA Annual Meeting.

Conference Program Planning Committee for Miami 1994

Angela Lee, Chair

The Committee met for the first time at Midwinter. Members include Kathryn Creely (University of California at San Diego); Annette Curtis (University of California at San Diego); Angela Lee (Washington State University), Chair; Gary McMillan (University of Maryland); and Lynne Schmelz-Keil (Tozzer Library, Harvard University). Due to changes in ACRL guidelines for conference program planning, specifically changes which encourage joint programming among

sections, the Committee decided to work with other ACRL sections in developing a program. The program ideas discussed focused on a regional theme centered around cultures in the Caribbean.

Professional Liaison Committee

Fred J. Hay, Chair

A charge for the Professional Liaison Committee was approved by the Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting in June. At Midwinter 1993, the Committee met and discussed our charge. We agreed that it was too narrow and was tied too closely to the Section's publications. The Executive Committee gave their consent to allow us to work on a new charge for the Executive Committee's consideration at the 1993 Annual Meeting. We also asked for and were granted a year's extension of the initial committee's term so that we might truly get the committee functioning as a vital component in ANSS' work. At Midwinter, the Committee discussed various ways of identifying and networking with other social science documentalists. We also approved a revised list of newsletters, libraries and other documentation efforts which will receive the complementary issues of *ANSS currents*.

Publications Committee

James W. Williams, Chair

At the Annual Conference, Fred J. Hay's appointment as *ANSS currents* co-editor was announced. The May 1992 issue was reviewed and the "*ANSS currents* Annual Report for 1991/1992," which is prepared for the ACRL Publications Committee, was examined. Minor revisions to the "*ANSS currents* Committee Report" form were approved. The "Proposed Policy and Procedures on Section Newsletters" draft, prepared by the ACRL Publications Committee's Section Newsletter Task Force, was examined and a few questions and concerns were raised. These were subsequently stated, in writing, to the Task Force Chair prior to a September 1 deadline.

At the Midwinter Meeting, the ACRL budget reductions which permit funding for only one eight-paged issue of section newsletters during FY 1993 and FY 1994 were discussed as was a proposal for ACRL Board action which called for the complete abolishment of newsletter funding. May 1994, not November 1993, was decided as the preferred publication date for the FY 1994 issue of *currents*. The content of the issues for 1993 and 1994 was discussed. The decision was made to eliminate those columns which were judged the most expend-

able. Analyses prepared within the Bibliography Committee were considered a very important newsletter feature and their publication will continue as space permits.

Review and Planning Committee

Robert B. Marks Ridinger, Chair

The Committee did not meet in San Francisco, having no new business to discuss. Members did caucus informally on the issue of co-sponsorship of future ANSS programs and the recently completed review for ACRL. The focus of Committee attention at the Midwinter Meeting was the set of proposals, presented to the ACRL Board by Michael Kathman, regarding the future of section newsletters. The Committee plans to continue discussion via correspondence on this issue.

Sociology Librarians' Discussion Group

Irene Hurlbert, Chair

During the Annual Conference, sixteen participants met to discuss collection development issues. We began with a general discussion of the interdisciplinary nature of sociology and the specific circumstances that result for selectors. Among these are the need to identify areas that fall through the cracks and the importance of negotiation skills when dealing with bibliographers in overlapping disciplines.

Focusing on growing budgetary limitations, we explored the need to rethink collection development. For some institutions, collection policies may have to increasingly support the building of a core collection instead of one oriented toward research. Larger interlibrary loan budgets become critically important if the more specialized materials will not be purchased locally.

How to stretch the declining serials budget was another topic. Serial cancellations have become normal practice. Consortia arrangements among regional libraries that include written agreements ensuring that specific journals are retained is one way to deal with the problem. At the Midwinter Meeting, eighteen participants continued the discussion on resource sharing. Although labor intensive to develop, such collaborative efforts among libraries can be productive.

As background to discussions and preliminary to any review of resource sharing possibilities, the group decided to start gathering sociology collection profiles and policies that are in

use. We will function as a clearinghouse for such materials and libraries are encouraged to share theirs with the group.

Bibliography Committee Reviews

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AWARENESS SERVICES: ANTHROPOLOGY AND RELATED DISCIPLINES

1990- , London, New York: Routledge.

Reviewed by: Fred J. Hay, Tozzer Library, Jan. 1992

Issue(s) reviewed: Vol. 1 (complete in 2 issues) and vol. 2, nos. 1-9.

Frequency: Monthly.

Introduction: Since 1952, the International Committee for Social Science Information and Documentation (UNESCO) has published the *International Bibliography of the Social Sciences* (IBSS). IBSS publishes four annual series: Anthropology (since 1955), Economics, Political Science and Sociology. The IBSS anthropology series is the world's most comprehensive serial bibliography of the international journal and monograph literature in social and cultural anthropology. Subsequent to the publication of IBSS, vol. 32 (1986) in 1990, the IBSS database was merged with that of the *London Bibliography of the Social Sciences* of the British Library of Political and Economic Science located at the London School of Economics. Beginning in 1990, the IBSS computer database has been used to produce four parallel *International Current Awareness Services* (ICAS) series.

ICAS: Anthropology and Related Disciplines is divided into two sections. The first section contains copies of the tables of contents (complete or selected) of anthropology and related social science journals. The second section is a listing of book reviews, interfiled with entries for edited monographs (and their tables of contents).

User Instruction: Each issue includes a one and one-third column section "How to use ICAS." It is clearly written and in conjunction with the sample form of entries—separate examples for journal, monograph, subject index and book review entries—printed inside the back cover, sufficient. One exception to the above is the apparent misstatement "where individual articles only are relevant, these are cited within the alphabetical sequence by title of article." In practice, journals from which only one article is indexed are cited in alphabetical sequence by journal title.

Scope: Journals surveyed for inclusion are those received in the previous month by the British Library of Political and Economic Science. These titles are supplemented by unspecified materials from "the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, the School of Oriental and African Studies, University College and other specialist libraries in London, particularly those within the University of London." Some journals are indexed for selected articles only. How the decision, whether an article is relevant or not, is made is not explained and seems, in practice, somewhat haphazard; ethnographic articles by anthropologists have been excluded while nonanthropological articles by nonanthropologists have been included.

Coverage: ICAS claims to index "anthropology, applied anthropology, area studies, development studies, ethnography, and social and cultural anthropology." Geographic coverage is worldwide. Most of the journals indexed are English language but ICAS also includes titles in other European, including Slavic, languages. English translations are provided for foreign language titles. Indexing is in English only.

ICAS includes journal articles, notes, obituaries, book reviews, and chapters in edited books. A note in each issue of ICAS reports that "some 1500 journal titles have been scanned." It is also stated in every issue reviewed (vol. 1, no. 1-vol. 2, no. 9) that they expect to increase this number to over 2000 in the next eight months. Vol. 1, no. 1 indexed 46 journal titles and 11 edited books. Vol. 2, no. 9 indexed 149 journal titles and 13 edited books. Many primary anthropology serials (e.g., *Dialectical Anthropology*, *Anthropology Newsletter*, *Journal of American Folklore*, *Transforming Anthropology*, *Latin American Anthropology Review*, etc.) have not been indexed by ICAS and many peripheral titles (e.g., *Foreign Policy*, *Journal of Environmental Management*, *Scientific American*, etc.) have been included. A complete list of journal titles indexed in an issue is included in each issue. This list includes journal addresses—though the address given for *Current Anthropology* is wrong—and an indication of whether the title is indexed selectively. Lists of edited books indexed are not included. A cumulative list of journal titles has not been published.

Format: Entries are arranged alphabetically by subject and place terms. Individual citations brought together under an index term are arranged alphabetically by title. Indices refer user to journal or monograph title. In the **JOURNALS** section, complete or selective tables of contents to journals are arranged in alphabetical order of journal title. Following title is the following information: i.) volume, number, year, ii.) place of publication and publisher, and iii.) frequency and ISSN. Articles, Obituaries, etc. appear in the same order as in original table of contents. Review entries include title of reviewed book (or sound recording, etc.) only. The **MONOGRAPHS** section is an alphabetical list, by title, of books

reviewed in the journals indexed in the same issue of ICAS and of edited monographs. Reviews include title, author of reviewed book, name of reviewer, (and sometimes, place of publication, publisher, date and pagination), abbreviated journal title in which review appeared and page number of review. Entries for edited works include title, editor(s), place of publication, publisher, date, pagination, ISBN and, where appropriate, series statement. The tables of contents for edited works are presented and each chapter entry includes chapter title, author and pagination.

Subject Access: The subject index is primarily a keyword (or term) in title index similar to that used in the *International Bibliography of the Social Sciences*. When an appropriate title keyword or keyterm is lacking, ICAS assigns one for indexing purposes. Place indexing is by state, country, continent or region. In both indices cross-references are included. The indices are quite adequate but the inclusion of a few more non-keyword in title subject categories (e.g., Obituaries) would greatly facilitate ICAS usage. An author index would also make ICAS a more useful reference and current awareness tool.

Time Lag: ICAS claims that journals are indexed the month they are received. However, the time lag between issue date of journal and issue date of ICAS in which that journal is indexed is much greater than with ISI's *Current Contents* series. ICAS did not index *American Anthropologist*, vol. 92, no. 4 (Dec. 1990) until April 1991. By September 1991, ICAS had not indexed any of nos. 1-3 of volume 93 (each of which had been received by Tozzer Library during the same month as its cover date). The time lag from issue date to the time that Tozzer Library receives ICAS is about two months.

Document Availability: The majority of the journals and edited books indexed by ICAS are held by larger academic libraries. All should be easily available via Inter-Library Loan. Document delivery is not provided by ICAS.

Cost: \$295 a year in U.S. and 175 British pounds elsewhere.

Comparisons With Related Titles: ICAS does not include many of the anthropological titles indexed in *Anthropological Literature*, *Anthropological Index* or *Bulletin Signaletique*. It does, however, cover articles of anthropological interest in nonanthropological journals which are not surveyed by the other indices. It allows greater subject and geographic location access than *Anthropological Index*. Unlike *Anthropological Literature* and *Bulletin Signaletique*, it lacks author access and its indices do not cumulate.

Summary Of Positive Aspects: ICAS indexes journals not surveyed by other anthropology indices. It is also the only anthropology journal index that currently includes book re-

views (though *Anthropological Literature* plans to add book reviews with the current volume). As a monthly current awareness service, ICAS will presumably be more current than other anthropological indices. The ICAS title keyword index offers additional subject access to the controlled vocabularies of *Anthropological Literature* and *Bulletin Signaletique* and the subject classification scheme of *Anthropological Index*.

Recommendations for Improvement: Include more anthropology journal titles. Add author index. If time lag for production of the *International Bibliography of Social and Cultural Anthropology* cannot be shortened, produce annual cumulative indices for ICAS. Use more care in deciding what is and isn't included from journals which are selectively indexed. Add selected index terms (e.g., Obituaries) from the International Committee for Social Science Information and Documentation's *Thematic List of Descriptors: Anthropology* (1989) to the keyword subject index. To be effective as a current awareness service, ICAS must decrease the time lag between the time of journal publication and the time it is indexed.

FRANCIS BULLETIN SIGNALETIQUE 529: ETHNOLOGIE

Quarterly, with annual cumulated indexes. V.45-, 1991-.

Reviewed by: Ellen Sutton, University of Illinois, 1992

Paris: Centre de la Recherche Scientifique. The price for the quarterly issues and the annual summary issue is 440 ff. (approximately \$80.00) per year airmail, and 405 ff. (approximately \$75) surface mail.

V.40-44, 1986-1990, entitled *Bulletin Signaletique 529: Ethnologie*. From 1970 to 1986 included in *Bulletin Signaletique 521: Sociologie-Ethnologie* (v. 24-39). Prior to 1970 included in *Bulletin Signaletique 521: Sociologie, Ethnologie, Prehistoire et Archeologie*. Also available: *Francis: Ethnologie*, the online version of the print index reviewed here. This database covers the period 1972-present, and is available in the United States from Telesystemes Questel. *Francis CD ROM*, covering the 19 Francis databases for the years 1984-present, has been issued very recently. The 1992 price of the CD ROM is 6,000 ff. (approximately \$1,100 per year); a backfile disc covering 1984-1990 indexing is priced at 17,500 ff. (roughly \$3250).

The stated intent of the collective *Francis Bulletin Signaletique* series in all its parts is to provide for researchers, students, and specialists essential documents concerning the human sciences published throughout the world. *Francis*

Bulletin Signaletique 529: Ethnologie (hereafter referred to as *Francis 529: Ethnologie*) indexes numerous periodicals and series, including proceedings of meetings and colloquia, along with selected monographs, in the field of cultural anthropology, which are located at the library of the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme or other libraries related to the Institut de Information Scientifique et Technique. Other sections of *Francis Bulletin Signaletique* cover related areas within and outside anthropology, such as archaeology, prehistory and protohistory, sociology, and religion. The series has undergone various changes in organization and title in its history. Still, it remains one of the most prominent indexes in anthropology.

Scope and Coverage: Sources covered in *Francis 529: Ethnologie* represent humanistic, rather than social scientific, aspects of anthropology, which reflects the French tradition of anthropology. For example, few political science or psychology journals are indexed, while numerous music, literature, philosophy, and other humanities journals are indexed. The focus is on European materials, particularly French serials, some of which are series from relatively obscure institutes, although coverage of U.S. anthropological journals is very good. The 1991 issues state that 40% of the sources analyzed are in English, 40% in French, 15% in Italian, German, or Spanish, and 5% in Slavic languages. Inclusion of monographs and other non-serial works is very sparse and incidental.

In the 1990 and 1991 volumes, approximately 300 journal and other serial titles (including monographic series) were included, while the list of covered "ouvrages" (containing only books, including collected works) was limited to 35 titles in 1990 and 26 in 1991. The contents of journal issues are selectively indexed, based on subject content. Most materials are analyzed approximately two years after publication date. Sometimes several years of a journal are indexed in the same issue, so lag time of indexing an issue can be four or five years. The somewhat erratic pattern of indexing particular journal titles makes it difficult to assess the entire list of journals covered from year to year, although there are complete lists of both serials and non-serial works in the quarterly issues and cumulated in the annual supplementary issue. A more realistic estimate of the entire number of serial titles analyzed from year to year may be 500 rather than 300. This irregular and late indexing of given titles may explain the omission of such prominent English language titles as *Cambridge Anthropology*, *History and Anthropology*, *Annual Review of Anthropology* and the *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford* from the two volumes reviewed here (1990 and 1991). The issues of the index appear fairly promptly, within several months of their nominal dates.

To provide for all types of anthropological research, a subscription to all of the relevant sections of *Francis Bulletin Signaletique* is necessary because the topical sections seem to complement, rather than duplicate, each other. Close scanning of included articles reveals surprisingly little overlap in indexing among the related parts, such as *529: Ethnologie* and *521: Sociologie*. While the same journals are in some cases scanned for both sections, different articles from those journals are typically selected for inclusion in only one section.

Format: Each issue of this quarterly print publication contains an author index, a detailed subject index with two levels of subjects, a geographic index, and an ethnic groups index, each of which is cumulated in the annual index issue. Entries are arranged alphabetically by author within broad subject categories and sub-categories. An outline of this classified arrangement is presented in the introductory pages of each issue in both French and English. Categories are subdivided geographically when applicable. Citations present all essential bibliographic information. There is no limit to the number of authors listed, although only first initial of the author are used in most cases. Journal and series names are not abbreviated. Citations are followed by a brief annotation, usually one sentence in length, unless the title eliminates the need for an annotation describing contents.

Although *Francis 529: Ethnologie* is a French publication, it is easy to use and well-formatted. Detailed notes on coverage, arrangement, and bibliographic elements precede each section. The main difficulty for non-French users is the fact that the abstracts and the index sections are only in French. All titles, countries, and ethnic groups listed in the index are translated into French regardless of language of publication.

Document Availability: A large number of serial publications covered in this source are available in only the largest research libraries. No U.S. library is likely to have all of them. Regular receipt of a number of the series is difficult due to the irregularity of publication and the distribution practices of their publishers. Bibliographic verification for interlibrary borrowing purposes is problematic due to variations in cataloging items in series and incomplete holdings listings in the bibliographic utilities. Each citation contains a designated institution cooperating with the Institut de L'Information Scientifique et Technique (INIST) of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris, which houses the documents analyzed in this index. A list of these institutions with complete addresses "where the document may be consulted" is reproduced in each issue of *Francis 529: Ethnologie*. The explanatory page in the 1990 volume, not repeated in the 1991 volume, contained a paragraph on document availability which stated that reproductions of documents not restricted by copyright could be requested in writing from INIST.

Comparison with Related Titles: Other comparable indexing tools are *Anthropological Index to Current Periodicals in the Museum of Mankind Library*, the annual *International Bibliography of Social and Cultural Anthropology*, and *Anthropological Literature*, which provides access to much of the serial literature held by Harvard's Tozzer Library. None of those tools provides even short annotations, as does *Francis 529: Ethnologie*. All of the named indexes provide similar subject access except for *Anthropological Index*, whose access points are far more limited than the other three indexes.

Comparison of coverage with *Anthropological Index* is problematic, as that source provides no cumulative list of publications analyzed, although it is known to provide broad coverage of Western European periodicals. Certainly most if not all English language publications included in *Francis 529: Ethnologie* are covered in the other three sources named. The major contribution of *Francis 529: Ethnologie* is its fairly timely coverage of lesser known French periodicals and series, although many of these are very well tracked, after a longer delay, by the *International Bibliography of Social and Cultural Anthropology*. Doubtless several unique sources will continue to be available from *Francis 529: Ethnologie*, but the value may not merit the cost to most libraries. *Anthropological Literature* and *International Bibliography of Social and Cultural Anthropology* both provide more even coverage of the more prominent Western literature and of the less familiar international sources they cover.

Conclusion: The principal strength of this well-produced index is its coverage of French periodicals and series and its coverage of little-known serials from various other, primarily European, countries. Some of these publications are not included in the comparable indexes mentioned above, and none of these other indexes provide even brief abstracts.

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