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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Margaret R. Dittmore

I am both pleased and honored to address you as Chair of ACRL's Anthropology and Sociology Section for the year 1994-1995. Being part of this section has been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. When I joined and attended my first program six years ago, I was impressed with the high quality programming and the seriousness of the group. In the business meeting that followed, I was met with friendliness and an offer to join one of the committees. As a result, I became part of a whole new circle of colleagues with whom I work to improve academic/research librarianship in the fields of anthropology and sociology and from whom I learn much about functioning in a professional association. We share many interests, consult about common job-related problems in our respective institutions, introduce each other to colleagues/opportunities, and keep each other updated on existing and emerging resources and services. As benefits of membership, these are strong incentives for involvement. Certainly, our participation at this fundamental level--meeting together twice a year in committees and discussion groups--forms the very backbone of ACRL. Unfortunately, a relatively small percentage of ANSS's total members are an active part of this network. There is considerable talent among the rest of you. Join us! You won't regret it! I also extend a warm welcome to those who are thinking of ANSS for the first time. Our new Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, Jim Williams, will be looking for volunteers to serve on various committees. The Nominating Committee will be selecting candidates to run for office. Please let us hear from you!

Communication, networking and professional development remain major themes in the section this year. In addition to trying to involve more current and new members in our activities, ACRL's financial concerns have caused us to rethink how we are communicating with each other. Earlier this year, a list-serv, ANSS-L, (pronounced Ansel, as in Ansel Adams) was instituted by ANSS member Stephen MacLeod at the University of California at Irvine. It is an unmoderated, unedited news and discussion forum for librarians, information specialists and others interested in anthropology, sociology and related fields. It already boasts almost 200 members. Our goal over this next year is to increase that participation and to explore what else we can

do electronically to communicate among ourselves, support our work, and contribute to broader discussions and development in our related fields.

Another form of communication will be highlighted over this coming year as well--that of scholarly publishing in the fields of anthropology and sociology. It will be the focus of ANSS's annual program to be held in Chicago next summer. Currently taking shape, the program will feature several excellent speakers on a range of issues from manuscript review and selection to trends in publishing over time. A tour of the Field Museum library will be offered in conjunction with the program.

In closing, I invite all of you to join us in our activities. ANSS and ACRL are membership-driven organizations. We exist to enhance your ability to more effectively serve your communities. Try us!

## CANDIDATES FOR ANSS OFFICES

**Vice chair/chair elect:** Fred J. Hay, Appalachian State University and Janita Jobe, University of Nevada, Reno

**Secretary:** J. Christina Smith, Boston University and Isabel del Carmen Quintana, Harvard University

**Member-at-large:** Ann L. Wood, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Lynne M. Schmelz, Harvard University

### Candidates Statements

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(Atlanta), co-chair, 1990-1991; ACRL AFAS Membership Committee, 1992-present; College and Research Libraries, editorial board intern, 1993-present. Membership in Other Professional Organizations and Learned Societies: International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Commission on Documentation, 1990-present; American Anthropological Association, 1985-present; Association of Black Anthropologists, 1989-present; Northeastern Anthropological Association, 1990-present; North Carolina Folklore Society, 1994-present. Honors, Awards, Prizes, Medals, Citations: Douglas W. Bryant Fellowship of Harvard University Library for bibliographic research in African-American and Caribbean Anthropology, 1992-1993; American Ethnic Studies Program grant to develop credit course in Ethnic Studies Bibliography and Librarianship, Kansas State University, 1988-1989; Tropical South America Fund of the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida to do anthropological fieldwork in Haiti, 1983-1984. Publications: "The Subject Specialist in the Academic Library: A Review Article," *Journal of Academic Librarianship* 16(1)1990; *African-American Community Studies from North America: A Classified, Annotated Bibliography*, Garland, 1991; "Tozzer Library: How to Access the World's Largest Anthropology Bibliography," *CAM: Cultural Anthropology Methods Newsletter* 4(1)1992.

Statement: In 1973, anthropologist Sol Tax wrote, "A Bibliographer who must 'do his job' for anthropologists must be frustrated indeed. The study of man [sic] appears to have no natural boundaries." We have all felt that frustration of trying to manage the literature of such a diverse discipline; especially because it has been so widely scattered by the leading classification system. Since 1973, anthropology (and other social sciences, especially sociology) have continued to diversify while the hegemony of the Library of Congress classification system has become nearly complete in American research libraries. ANSS has always done an excellent job in communicating and addressing the many needs and frustrations of social science librarians through its programs, newsletter, committee meetings, discussion groups, and most recently by its listserv. I believe that these functions must be maintained with their usual high quality. At the same time, ANSS needs to explore new options for enlarging our active network of individuals and institutions, both from within and outside the Section, who are interested or concerned with social science librarianship and documentation.

**JOBE, JANITA A.** Education: University of Texas at Austin, M.L.I.S., 1986; University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S.W., 1979. Present Position: Government Publications Librarian, University of Nevada, Reno, 1989-present. Previous Positions: Reference/Documents Librarian, Texas Tech University, 1987-89. ALA Divisions: ACRL ANSS Publications Committee, 1994- ; Nominating Committee, 1993; Bibliography Committee 1988-92, chair, 1990-92;

ACRL Standards and Accreditation Committee, 1988-91; GODORT Membership Committee, 1990-94. State and Regional Library Association Activities: Mountain Plains Library Association, Documents Section, secretary, 1994; Nevada Library Association, GODIG, chair, 1991; NLA Local Arrangements, chair, 1991. Publications: "State Publications" column in *Government Publications Review and Journal of Government Information*, November/December issues 1991-1994; "Assessing the GPO Pilots" in *Use of Technology in Depository Libraries: A Practitioner's Perspective*, 1992.

STATEMENT: ANSS is a relatively small section with few economic resources and a small percentage of active members. My goal as chair of the section would be to identify ways to maximize use of these resources, both fiscal and human. I would encourage engagement in more joint activities with other sections of ALA, whether through social events, tours, or jointly sponsored programs. I would also encourage us to adopt a goal to identify and articulate the needs of our members in order to encourage more active participation by all members.

### 1994 ANSS PROGRAM

#### Cultures of the Caribbean: Diversity and Transformation, Research and Resources

Cosponsor: ACRL Afro-American Studies Librarians Section

Reported by James W. Williams

The program began with a bibliographical history of the primary ethnic group of the Caribbean, African-Americans, presented by ANSS member and *Currents* co-editor Fred J. Hay (Tozzer Library, Harvard University). Hay outlined the general traditions to the anthropological study of the region as 1) the Herskovitsian approach, which emphasizes African cultural survivals; 2) the post-World War II/Columbia University area studies approach; and 3) the structural-functionalist approach of British social anthropology. Within this context, the seminal works and the major subsequent writings which they influenced were discussed. The publication time of the literature described spanned nearly 90 years. The earliest cited work was the Cuban lawyer Fernando Ortiz's 1906 book, *Hampa Afrocubana: Los Negros Brujos* (Afro-Cuban Underworld: The Black Obeah). The most recent sources mentioned were journal articles which appeared in the 1990s.

Thomas Boswell (Department of Geography, University of Miami) described the demographic changes in Miami from 1960 to 1990. Miami's Hispanic population increased from five to 49 per cent during this 30 year period and is projected to be an approximate 55 percent in 1994. The ethnic composition of no other American city has changed so rapidly. The Hispanic population is predominately Cuban, with more than one-half of the one million Cubans



who reside in the United States concentrated in Miami.

The Cuban population in Miami is different from the large Hispanic populations in other U.S. cities in several important respects. First, the Cubans are more economically successful. Most were from the middle and upper social classes and migrated for political, not economic, reasons. Many came from Havana where tourism was a major industry. These people brought excellent qualifications and readily found employment in the thriving tourist trade of Miami. The Cubans differ also by being densely concentrated into a single city, having politically empowered themselves, being politically conservative, having lower birth rates, and being older than the average U.S. citizen by five to six years. Finally, very few return to their homeland, unlike the Mexican and Puerto Rican immigrants of whom one-fourth to one-third eventually do return to their native land.

Richard Phillips (Latin American Collection, University of Florida Libraries) discussed electronic resources. Phillips stated that some impressive CD-ROMs have begun to be produced in Mexico and more new sources will be forthcoming as CD development proceeds in South America. Phillips demonstrated CODICE 90, a Mexican product that contains the final results of Mexico's 1990 census of housing and population. The CD-ROM contains a cartographic component which makes it possible to obtain precise data on neighborhoods, precincts, and streets within a city. Phillips also demonstrated NTDB (National Trade Data Bank), a CD-ROM available from the U.S. Department of Commerce. This tool provides a great amount of statistical data on U.S. exports and imports plus analyses of foreign economics, markets, business contacts, and product potentials and includes data on Latin America and the Caribbean. A number of other CDs were described in the lecture.

Marian Goslinga (Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Florida International University Library) also discussed electronic resources for the study of Latin America and the Caribbean and described the means for locating information within the Florida International University Library. While FIU has dispersed the materials that constitute its collection into various decentralized locations, its commitment to Latin American and Caribbean studies remains undiminished. Goslinga demonstrated the search strategies of FIU's computerized catalog and included a display of its capacity to search additional schools.

## COMMITTEE & DISCUSSION GROUP REPORTS

### Executive Committee

Kathy Creely, Past Chair

The Executive Committee met twice in Miami, braving long

bus rides and sweltering heat and forgoing precious hours on the beach. Among other items of business, the chair reported on our current membership levels, now at 519 personal members (a slight increase over last year) and 97 organizational members (a slight decrease from last year). The Executive Committee plans to begin sending letters to welcome new members to the Section and, even more important, to solicit comments from former members in hopes of identifying unmet needs. Other plans include submission of the Section's manual to ALA in electronic format, so that it can be posted on the ALA Gopher. A new version of the ANSS brochure is now available. Many thanks to Joyce Ogburn (Yale University), who compiled and edited the information and did the layout. The ANSS Program was very successful, with over 50 people attending. Not bad, considering that the program was on at the same time as Ralph Nader's speech! Our own Fred J. Hay (Appalachian State University) presented an interesting overview of the history of anthropology in the Caribbean and even prepared a great bibliography on the subject. Thomas Boswell (University of Miami) gave a splendid talk on the population dynamics of Miami, particularly the Cuban community. This is especially appreciated in light of recent events. Librarians Marian Goslinga (Florida International University) and Richard Phillips (University of Florida) gave us their insights on Caribbean studies collections at their respective institutions.

### 1995 Program Planning Committee

Ellen Sutton, Chair

The ANSS 1995 Conference Program Planning Committee met twice in Miami and finalized its proposal, which was submitted to ACRL. Our program title will be called "Publishing the Social Text: Issues in Sociology and Anthropology Publication and Reviewing," and will feature up to four speakers from the academic and publishing communities. A principal goal of this program will be to provide information about the current state, recent trends, and prospective directions in scholarly publishing. Particular topics and speakers were discussed, and the committee will research and narrow the field to several speakers in early fall, with the goal of securing all speakers before Midwinter. We will give preference to speakers from the Chicago area and the states immediately surrounding Illinois. We discussed other ALA committees that are possible co-sponsors of the program.

The committee will also sponsor a tour of the library of the Field Museum of Natural History during the 1995 ALA Conference. Additionally, the Asian and African Section is planning a program/tour of the Africa exhibit at the Field Museum and ANSS has agreed to co-sponsor their tour. Greg Finnegan of our committee is in charge of the ANSS tour and with liaison with the Asian and African Section regarding their program.



### Professional Liaison Committee

Fred J. Hay, Chair

On May 10, 1994, the members of the Liaison Committee again met at Tufts University (courtesy of Committee member Laura Walters). We were joined by Albert Bartovics of Harvard's Baker Library, whose term of appointment to the Liaison Committee officially began July 1, 1994. We discussed implementation of the social science documentation listserv, creation of the directory of subject specialists, the contents of a summary report of the Liaison Committee's activities to be presented to the Executive Committee and to in-coming Chair David Hovde, and the mechanisms for continuing the Committee's work after the Committee's membership changes in July. The Committee approved a form to send to ANSS members, and others interested in social science librarianship and documentation, that will become the basis of the directory of subject specialists. The proposed directory will be divided into three sections: 1. those who work primarily as librarians, 2. those who work primarily as social scientists, and 3. organizations and associations. The charter members of the Liaison Committee, Greg Finnegan, Fred Hay and Chris Smith have now completed their terms.

### Bibliography Committee

David Carpenter, Chair

At the first of its two meetings in Miami, the Bibliography Committee considered the number and status of ongoing Committee reviews, and discussed some new indexes and databases that might be good candidates for future Committee reviews. Ellen Sutton informed Committee members that the Bibliography Committee reviews in *ANSS Currents* had been cited in *Anthropology Today* as a good source of information on anthropology indexes. Committee members exchanged information on the publication status of *Anthropological Literature on Disc*, which will be reviewed by Ellen Sutton for *ANSS Currents*. Jim Hoag is currently examining *Medline's* coverage of medical and physical anthropology literature, and will share his preliminary work on this database with the Committee prior to Midwinter Meeting. The Chair described some characteristics of the Internet-accessible *National Archaeological Database*, and provided examples of some sample searches of that database. (To access and search the *National Archaeological Database*, Gopher to: `site=cast.uark.edu, port=23, selector=nadb, type=8.`)

The second Bibliography Committee meeting was devoted almost entirely to discussion of, and revisions to, an update on *PAIS International on CD-ROM*, and a full Committee analysis of *Ethnic NewsWatch* (CD-ROM). Both documents were approved for submission to *ANSS Currents* for publication, after revisions suggested by Committee members are incorporated. Time did not permit the discussion of a draft review of the *Latin American Studies*

(NISC) CD-ROM. Members will send their comments and suggestions concerning this work in progress to Myra Anderson, so that a second draft of this review can be discussed at Midwinter. The Committee considered its next set of work assignments and members accepted individual projects to be completed prior to the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.

### Anthropology Librarian's Discussion Group

J. Christina Smith, Convener

The Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group met at Annual Conference in Miami to discuss Anthropology Resources on the Internet. Convener Christina Smith distributed handouts on listservs, electronic journals, and general Internet resources in anthropology and related fields. She reported that she had wanted to bring a list of the anthropology journals and newsletters indexed in UnCover, but the project was too large to tackle. Such a list is available for women's studies. Several topics were discussed, including GIS for Native land claims, the University of Hawaii index of Pacific Island journals and index of Hawaiian chants and sheet music, and UC San Diego's inventories of Melanesian archival collections. The subject then shifted to Internet instructional use and the role of librarians in teaching faculty and students. Some librarians co-teach basic Internet skills (ftp, telnet) together with computer services staff. Others are, or will be initiating subject-specific Internet instruction to faculty and students. The question was also raised as to the number of faculty and librarians who subscribe to Anthro-L. The discussion concluded with the decision to continue with the topic of Internet anthropology resources at Midwinter in 1995. Participants are asked to come prepared to present Internet resources in their areas of subject expertise (e.g., area studies). Twelve attended the Monday, June 27, 1994 discussion.

### Sociology Librarians Discussion Group

Gary McMillan, Chair

Progress on the "Electronic Resources" project was reported. Shari Grove noted that Boston College has posted library pathfinders at its Internet site to promote access and she would be interested in learning of other institutions doing the same. Carol Kem described data and computing resources at UF-Gainesville and the role of Freenet in meeting community Internet needs, thus alleviating demands on the university. Encouragement was expressed for posting all information to ANSS-L, as well as, to the University of Michigan archive and *C&RL News*.

The main discussion focused on the utility of preparing a supplement to the RLG Conspectus for Economics & Sociology which would elaborate on the core and subdisciplines within sociology. The anthropology and women's studies supplements were found to be highly



useful for collection description, evaluation, setting of priorities for deselection, and providing standardized information in support of interinstitutional collaboration.

Taking a client-centered approach, the group reviewed data on section memberships and members reported interests/expertise within the American Sociological Association as a possible means of establishing subdisciplinary priorities for work. At this point, a project prospectus will be posted to relevant lists (ANSS-L, LIBREF-L, and CollMgt-L) to identify librarians interested in working on a subdisciplinary task force to identify LC subject headings, classes, and bibliographies/authority lists to serve as standards for collection assessment. One or more subdisciplinary areas could serve as the focal point for future meetings.

#### Ad hoc Committee on Electronic Resources for Sociologist

Gary McMillan, Chair

Two brief strategy meetings were held (after the originally scheduled meeting was derailed by logistics). The bibliographic databases section of the report was discussed, with components from the first draft distributed for review and comment. The three main components include: (1) a comparative analysis of content by media (print, CD-ROM, and alternative online sources) for key behavioral and social sciences indexes and abstracts; (2) a comparative analysis of search retrieval results for twenty topical Dialog Dialindex searches ranging across 28 databases; and (3) a Sociofile search strategies guide to achieve comprehensive results.

Segments on numeric and full-text (especially government) files require more research. Finally, the collection of Internet resources has become a bit staggering. Rather than trying to provide an exhaustive list of resources, more attention will focus on the use of gophers, newsgroups, and archived listservs as finding aids. The committee also discussed whether (and how) to address the multitude of Internet books published within the past few years (over 500 hits were found in the OCLC's FirstSearch WorldCAT file).

To maximize input, portions of the report will be posted to ANSS-L for review and comment. Relevant portions of the completed document will be posted to the University of Michigan subject guides archive.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Fred J. Hay has been appointed Librarian of the W.L. Eury Appalachian Collection of Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. His previous position was Reference and Acquisitions Librarian at Harvard University's Tozzer Library. Fred is currently co-editor of *ANSS Currents* and chair of the Publications Committee.

### NOTES & QUERIES

#### ANSS-L Wants You!

Reported By Nancy Skipper

ANSS-L, an electronic forum for information specialists and librarians in anthropology, sociology, and related fields, now has over 180 subscribers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Australia. If you have not yet subscribed, you are encouraged to do so. The listserv can be used to request information, post announcements, discuss ideas, ask questions, debate issues, report on meetings, summarize research, share approaches to teaching, provide reviews of reference sources, comment on journal literature or news events, or other purposes relevant to information resources in sociology and anthropology.

To subscribe to the listserv, send an electronic mail message to [LISTSERV@UCI.EDU](mailto:LISTSERV@UCI.EDU) containing the following single live message: **SUBSCRIBE ANSS-L Your Name**, (for example: **SUBSCRIBE ANSS-L Alfred Kroeber**). To send messages to be distributed to all subscribers of the listserv, send your message to [ANSS-L@UCI.EDU](mailto:ANSS-L@UCI.EDU). You may request that responses to a question on the listserv be sent to your personal e-mail address, rather than to the listserv, if the subject matter would not be of general interest. For additional information about using the listserv, send the message: **HELP** to [LISTSERV@UCI.EDU](mailto:LISTSERV@UCI.EDU). Please direct any additional questions about ANSS-L to the listowner at [SMACLEOD@UCI.EDU](mailto:SMACLEOD@UCI.EDU).

#### Meetings

Reported by Nancy Skipper

The next annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association is on November 30-December 4, 1994 in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme of the conference will be "Human Rights".

The next annual meeting of the American Sociological Association is on August 19-23, 1995 in Washington, D.C. The theme of the conference will be "Community of Communities".

The next annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology is on March 29-April 2, 1995 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme of the conference will be "Environment, Development and Health".

#### New Gopher File Available

Reported by Fred Hay

The W.L. Eury Appalachian Collection is proud to announce the availability of the *Southern Mountaineers Filmography* on the Appalachian State University gopher. The filmography is an annotated listing of every fictional (and



some nonfiction) movie that portrays southern mountaineers (from either Appalachia or the Ozarks) in chronological order from 1904 to the present. A title index is contained in a separate file. Both the filmography and the index are WAIS searchable. The filmography was compiled by the distinguished scholar of the Hollywood Hillbilly, ASU Professor and *Appalachian Journal* Editor, Jerry Wayne Williamson. To access the filmography, choose the University Library option from the first screen of the ASU gopher (appstate.edu), followed by the Appalachian Collection option on the second screen. Any questions may be addressed to the W.L. Eury Appalachian Collection Librarian at hayfj@conrad.appstate.edu.

## REVIEWS

### *Ethnic NewsWatch*

Reviewed by Shari T. Grove, Boston College, July 1994.

*Ethnic NewsWatch*, 1991-. SoftLine Information, Inc., 65 Broad St., Stamford CT 06801, (203) 975-8292, 1-800-524-7922. *Ethnic NewsWatch* is available on an annual, monthly, bimonthly or quarterly basis. Releases are cumulative. An annual subscription with quarterly cumulative updates costs about \$2,200. Inquire about promotions and discounts when ordering. The 1991-92 backfile costs \$2,995.00 (for 40,000+ full-text articles). Other options are a bimonthly subscription of 6 discs/year for \$2,750, or a monthly subscription of 12 discs/year for \$3,599.

**Introduction:** *Ethnic NewsWatch (ENW)* is a full-text CD-ROM database providing access to articles that appeared in 99 domestic ethnic newspapers and journals. Only English or Spanish language articles are included. *ENW* has easy-to-use menu-driven search software, which permits keyword searching, among its many useful features. Articles reflect issues from both urban and rural areas. Although editorial decisions are made by the officers of the corporation, *ENW* looks to its editorial board for suggestions and advice. *ENW* has a short publishing time lag of between five to eight weeks. *ENW* intends to give you the other sides of the stories' on issues of local, national and global importance by providing access to articles published in the domestic ethnic press. *ENW* consists of two databases--a database of full-text periodical articles and a directory of information about the publications included in the full-text database. The intent of *ENW* is to provide access to articles published in the ethnic press. Publications are predominantly secular in nature. *ENW* provides access to voices on local and regional issues or concerns which may not be reflected in the mainstream press.

**User instruction:** A printed user guide accompanies *ENW*. In addition, most of the user instruction information is either available onscreen or can be called up on useful help screens, replete with examples. Directions for searching are

available in either English or Spanish. *ENW* also has English or Spanish language search options. Although there is no printed or online thesaurus, one can browse indexes of selected categories, such as keyword, subject, geographic location, or author in order to determine the occurrence of specific terms in the database. Overall, the system is user friendly.

**Scope and coverage:** At the time of this review, *ENW* provides approximately 99,000 articles from 99 periodicals from across the United States. While the majority are weekly publications, daily, biweekly and quarterly newspapers and magazines also appear. Each title represents one of the following broad ethnic groups: African American, 35 titles; Hispanic American, 20 titles; Asian/Pacific Island American, 9 titles; Arabic, 3 titles; Native American, 13 titles; Jewish, 9 titles; and, Eastern European, 8 titles. Coverage is from 1990. *ENW* includes indexing and full-text reviews of books, movies, theater, arts and musical recordings. Articles are currently added at the rate of 4,000 monthly. Advertisements are excluded. There is no print version of *ENW*.

Because a limited number of ethnic publications are indexed in *ENW*, one should consult *Gale Directory of Publications and Broadcast Media* to identify the range of available ethnic periodicals. Two other helpful publications are: *Ethnic Periodicals in Contemporary America: An Annotated Guide* (1990), compiled by Sandra L. Jones, or *The Ethnic Press in the United States: A Historical Analysis and Handbook* (1987), by Sally M. Miller.

**Record structure:** *ENW* is menu-driven. Its commands prompts are available either in English or Spanish. Searches are entered on the opening menu screen in selected search fields. Since only broad ethnic group categories (e. g., African-Americans) are provided, it is best to do a keyword search for a specific ethnic group (e. g., Haitians). The context-sensitive search fields are: article key word, subject, title, author, type, publication date, names of people, geographic location, ethnic group and publication name. Use of truncation and Boolean search operators are supported. A strong feature of the database is the specific categories it provides for searching types of articles. These are: interview, editorial, column, obituaries, reviews of books, movies, theater, records and television. Forthcoming additional categories will include biography, food, fashion, sports and business. Onscreen instructions including function key commands make searching, printing and downloading very easy.

**Comparisons with related databases and summary of positive aspects:** Clearly *ENW* stands alone as a source for accessing full-text articles in ethnic publications, and is unrelated to any other database.

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### ANSS Committee Volunteer Form

ANSS is seeking volunteers for committee assignments. Committee appointments necessitate attending Midwinter and Annual Conferences.

Date:

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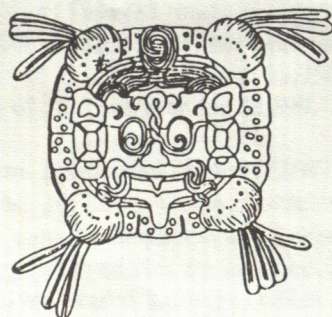


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The principle value of *ENW* is access to the domestic ethnic press. For the most part it is a current newspaper database and reflects people's voices and concerns in the popular press. The prospective audience for *ENW* is very broad. It makes primary source materials available to undergraduates. *ENW* might be of particular interest to communications students. A library subscription to *ENW* provides access to articles from 99 ethnic newspapers and journals without requiring libraries to establish and maintain individual subscriptions to each of these titles.

**Recommendations for improvement:** More editorial and historical information about the individual publications would be welcome. The addition of a general on-line index, from which one could select terms and initiate searches, would be especially helpful.

**Other published reviews have appeared in:** Booklist. Vol. 90, No. 18; May 15, 1994, p.1704-1707; Library Journal. Vol. 118, No. 7; April 15, 1993, p.136-8; and Multicultural Review. Vol. 2, No. 1; March 1993, p.90.



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