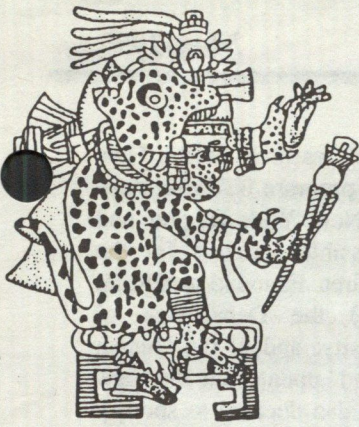


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JOIN US AT THE ANSS PROGRAM AT ALA!!!

Publishing the Social Text: Issues in Sociology and Anthropology Publication and Reviewing

Sunday, June 25, 1995, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Come and explore with us various issues in scholarly publishing. Who gets published? How are manuscripts solicited by publishers? What topics are hot? What are current market conditions and how are these influencing scholarly publishing? What is the role of the editor? What is the review process for journal articles and book manuscripts once they are submitted for publication? Should these processes be examined?

Speakers will be Edward O. Laumann, George Herbert Mead Distinguished Service Professor of Sociology at the University of Chicago Department of Sociology, who has co-authored the recent *Social Organization of Sexuality*, published by the University of Chicago Press; Penelope Kaiserlian, Associate Director and Editor-in-Chief of the University of Chicago Press; and Martha Peacock, Anthropology Acquisitions Editor for Lynne Rienner Publishers. David Henige, Africana Bibliographer at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, will be the discussant.



ANSS CURRENTS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The ANSS Publication Committee and *ANSS Currents* Editors request ANSS members to send us news of job changes, relocations, and noteworthy achievements of relevance to librarianship and the social sciences. We would also be grateful for information on any other events or endeavors which might be of interest to the ANSS membership. We appreciate your continued assistance in making *ANSS Currents* better.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee Maggie Dittmore, Chair

The ANSS Executive Committee met twice during Midwinter '95. Regular reports on the activities of ANSS committees, discussion groups, the ACRL Board, and the ACRL Activities Section Council were given. The 1995 ANSS election candidates were announced. Tozzer Library reported on its activities, including the status of *Anthropological Literature*. A proposed pilot project by the Smithsonian Institution Libraries to electronically republish selected texts of the Bureau of American Ethnology was described.

ANSS committee membership sheets generated from the ACRL database were distributed and corrected by members. Information in the database includes committee members, work, home and E-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers, terms expiration, and years of service. Jim Williams, Chair-Elect, will return the corrections with his own list of new and continuing members. As information for the *ALA Handbook of Organization* comes from this database, it is important to keep it correct and up-to-date.

The Chair reported that the ACRL discussion of staggering Section programs has become a non-issue following Althea Jenkins conclusion (from her study initiated by ACRL President Susan Martin) that ACRL does not have too many programs. Jenkins did feel there are too many committees; however, Martin concluded that was an "autonomy issue" and ACRL has decided not to "micro-manage" the Sections.

Another important issue was the scheduling at future conferences of ANSS committee meetings and discussion groups. ACRL has been encouraging Sections not to schedule meetings during their own President's program and board meetings as well as designated ALA meeting times. This year the ANSS Chair was told the no conflict time periods were now official. To comply with this, ANSS made changes in its own traditional meeting schedule for both Midwinter '95 and Annual '95. Arriving at Midwinter, members noticed that, in fact, meetings of other Sections

were scheduled during these no conflict times. Discussion of this issue pointed out that these times block out substantial portions of two of the conference's busiest days--Saturday and Monday afternoons. For members, they affect not only ANSS meeting times but other commitments they have made based on the older ANSS schedule. With respect to ACRL Board meetings, ANSS has a representative who regularly attends these meetings and reports to the ANSS Executive Committee about them. In addition, ACRL Board meetings do not appear able to accommodate the ACRL membership. For example, the first Midwinter '95 Board meeting had 20-30 visitors for whom extra chairs had to be found from other rooms. It was recommended that these concerns be expressed to the ACRL leadership and a solution be sought before scheduling for the 1996 meetings is completed.

It was agreed that ANSS will seek to reclaim the monthly lists of section membership adds and drops that ACRL has stopped sending to Sections. Kathy Creely, Past Chair, had recently drafted letters to be sent to both groups of ACRL members using those labels.

Finally, Joyce Ogburn offered her services and those of her institution to create an Anthropology Home Page prominently featuring ANSS on the World Wide Web. There was much enthusiasm for this proposal. She will work with the Publications Committee on this project.

1995 ANSS Program Planning Committee Ellen Sutton, Chair

The ANSS 1995 Conference Program Planning Committee met on Saturday, February 4, and discussed prospective speakers and necessary procedures. Our program title will be "Publishing the Social Text: Issues in Sociology and Anthropology Publication and Reviewing," and will feature speakers from the academic and publishing communities. We outlined plans to acquire firm commitments from speakers before the February 15 ALA deadline for publicity for the preliminary program. The committee also discussed arrangements for the ANSS tour of the library of the Field Museum of Natural History to be held on Tuesday, June 27. Greg Finnegan has made arrangements for the tour, and will handle publicity and reservations for the tour.

1996 Conference Planning Committee Maija M. Lutz and Lynne M. Schmelz, Co-Chairs

The 1996 Conference Program Planning Committee met in Philadelphia on February 4 to discuss possible topics for the ANSS New York program. Maija Lutz also attended the ACRL program planning meeting for the New York conference. The committee chose as its theme the vital role that academic and research institutions have played in

anthropological documentation and research in the New York area. A tentative title for the program is "From Area Studies to World Systems: The New York Region and Anthropology." We discussed possible speakers for the following topics: 1) the Wenner-Gren Foundation and its precursor, the Viking Fund; 2) the Department of Anthropology at Columbia University; and 3) the Human Relations Area Files (history and update on its new electronic format). The committee also decided to sponsor a tour, the first choice being the new anthropology library of the American Museum of Natural History. Other possible tour sites include the Goldwater Library of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the U.S. Customs House, which houses a branch of the National Museum of the American Indian. The committee also discussed a possible celebratory event to recognize the 25th anniversary of ANSS.

Bibliography Committee David Carpenter, Chair

At the first of its two Midwinter meetings, the Bibliography Committee discussed a note in the December 1994 issue of *Anthropology Today*, brought to the Committee's attention by Ellen Sutton. In this item, under 'RAI News,' readers were asked to send comments to Dr. David Zeitlyn (david.zeitlyn@anthropology.oxford.ac.uk), who, at the request of the Council of the Royal Anthropological Institute, is evaluating *Anthropological Index* for its usefulness as an index. The Committee members discussed their own experiences in using *Anthropological Index*, and noted that the Committee had published an analysis of this index in the May 1992 issue of *ANSS Currents*. The Committee decided that the Chair should send a copy of this review to Dr. Zeitlyn. Next, the Committee briefly discussed some titles for potential new Bibliography Committee analyses. Members agreed to look over the Committee's projects list and think about significant anthropology or sociology titles not yet reviewed which would be of interest to the ANSS membership. The Committee then turned its attention to Myra Anderson's draft analysis of the *Latin American Studies CD-ROM* (published by National Information Services Corporation). Myra described the difficulty of analyzing the content of this product, which includes six databases. Committee members offered comments and suggestions for changes to Myra's draft analysis. At its second Midwinter meeting, Ellen Sutton's draft analysis of *Anthropological Literature on Disc* was the primary focus of the Committee's work. Committee members offered many suggestions for minor changes to the draft. Members also described their own experiences in using *Anthropological Literature on Disc*. Myra Anderson and Ellen Sutton both agreed to complete second drafts of their respective analyses as soon as possible. The Chair distributed information about the *National Archaeological*

Database, and encouraged members to take a look at this Internet-accessible resource for future Committee discussion.

Publications Committee

Fred J. Hay, Chair

Discussion focused on *ANSS Currents*. The 1994 issues were examined. Joyce Ogburn was applauded for the excellence of the design and layout of the November 1994 issue. Beginning with the May 1995 issue, Joyce will also serve as *ANSS Currents* Co-Editor. She replaces Jim Williams who stepped down to assume the responsibilities of Section Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. The 1994 Publications Committee Annual Report (penned by Jim Williams) was discussed and approved. The Publications Committee and guest Al Bartovics, who was present to Represent the ANSS Liaison Committee, discussed Joyce Ogburn's proposal to create an ANSS home page at Yale University. The Committee voted to recommend the Ogburn proposal to the Executive Committee. The uncertain future of ACRL funding for Section newsletters and the problems with using electronic communication as an alternative were again discussed.

Professional Liaison Committee

David Hovde, Chair

The Professional Liaison Committee met at Midwinter, however, no report was available by press time.

DISCUSSION GROUP REPORTS

Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group

J. Christina Smith, Convener

The Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group met at Midwinter in Philadelphia to discuss anthropology area studies resources on the Internet. Convener Christina Smith (Boston University) shared copies of an article from the CISS Newsletter (California Indian Subject Specialists) entitled "CISS and Electronic Access." This sparked a discussion of the California Indian Library Collections on CD-ROM. Lisa Mitten (University of Pittsburgh) distributed photocopies of her home page for Native American, anthropology/archaeology, linguistics/language, and sociology Internet sites and a list of URL addresses for those sites. Lisa's home page may be reached at www.pitt.edu/~lmitten. Participants also discussed Internet sources for Southeast Asia, the Pacific, and Africa. The topic then switched to *Fieldwork in the Library*, recently published by ALA on anthropology sources. Concern was raised regarding the quality of the book. Joyce Ogburn (Yale) briefly touched on a proposed anthropology service model at Yale, and may have more information at our next

meeting. Topics proposed for the ALDG meeting in Chicago include 1) HRAF on CD-ROM and 2) COPAR (Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records) and what it means for us as librarians.

Sociology Librarians Discussion Group

Gary McMillan, Convener

Changes in the status and direction of the "Guide to Electronic Resources" project were reported (the Ad hoc Committee is in the process of phasing out and did not hold a separate meeting this conference). The plan for the guide (originally formulated in 1992-1993) now should reflect changes in emerging Internet access technologies and take account of the exponential growth in resources. To this end, a more modest goal to identify sociology (and sociology subdiscipline-related) sites as gateways to individual resources has been adopted. However, selected specific resources of major interest (e.g., ICPSR catalog and *General Social Survey Codebook*) will be highlighted. This scaled-back project will be an ongoing work of the Sociology Librarians Discussion Group, the results of which will be posted to the University of Michigan subject guides clearinghouse and published in relevant newsletters (*ASA Footnotes*, *C&RL News*) as appropriate. Sally Wilson Weimer (University of California, Santa Barbara) shared her experiences of finding library pathfinders, government sources of information, and other resources on the Internet. Several attendees noted that the business sections of major newspapers have been regularly publishing articles on Internet resources and applications, many of which are very useful for social scientists as well as the business community. Lisa Mitten (University of Pittsburgh) discussed the process of developing her "home page" project for accessing resources in anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, sociology and Native American resources, sharing her insights on getting started, locating and using help sheets and style guides for the html markup language, and revealing source code information in other home pages as a means of figuring out how to create one's own home page. Carol Ritzen Kem (University of Florida) described the development of a similar project at her campus where librarians will create subject-specialized "dens". Such customized home page projects represent a real boon to sociologists in identifying, organizing and providing access to electronic resources. The group discussed sociology collection development issues briefly, including the impact of budget cuts on their institutions' monograph and serials collections, and the increasing importance of collection assessment in ensuring the quality of resources available. Problems of communication and organization were discussed with regard to work on a sociology supplement to the RLG conspectus with a view to beginning work on selected subdisciplinary areas this Spring and Summer.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Gregory A. Finnegan has been appointed Associate Librarian for Public Services and Head of Reference of Tozzer Library. His previous position was Humanities and Social Sciences Reference-Bibliographer of Dartmouth College Library.

Maija M. Lutz has been appointed Associate Librarian for Technical Services and Collections of Tozzer Library. Maija's job title was changed to more adequately reflect what she has been doing in recent years.

Ellie E. Marsh has been appointed Associate Librarian for Public Services for the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Her previous position was Head of the Social Work Library of the University of Washington.

Janet L. Steins has been appointed Coordinator of Technical Services and Collection Development Librarian for Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. Her previous position was Assistant Director for Reference Services at the American Museum of Natural History.

NOTES & QUERIES

Anita Cohen-Williams (member of ANSS) and Julia A. Hendon (editor of *Anthropological Literature*) published "Internet resources for anthropology" in the February 1995 issue of *C&RL News* (Vol. 56 no. 2: 87-90, 113). Check it out!

REVIEWS

PAIS International on CD-ROM: An Update

Reviewed by: Cheryl Naslund, SUNY at Binghamton, July 1994. (Incorporates some findings from an earlier [1992] draft review prepared by Pauline Manaka.)

PAIS International on CD-ROM, 1972-. Public Affairs Information Service, Inc., 521 West 43rd St., New York, NY, 10836-4396, (212) 736-6629. The *PAIS* database is also available through other distributors, including SilverPlatter, Data-Star, DIALOG, OCLC, RLG and other vendors. The *PAIS on CD-ROM* database indexes publications from 1972-present. Updates are issued quarterly on a single cumulative disc. An annual subscription costs \$1600 (\$1405 to full subscribers of *PAIS International in Print*) and includes unlimited telephone assistance in formulating search strategies. Approximately 350,000 items are indexed, with approximately 16,000 new items added annually.

PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service) indexing is an important tool for librarians and users interested in

legislation and public/social policy. Because *PAIS* is a well-known source that has been available for more than 75 years, the Bibliography Committee decided that an update of new and improved features found in the CD-ROM version of the index would be more useful than a full Committee review.

PAIS provides bibliographic access to public and social policy materials bearing on contemporary public issues, legislation, public administration, and the making and evaluation of public policy. Local, state, regional, national and international issues and perspectives are included. *PAIS* is particularly strong in its breadth and selectivity of coverage. Materials must be primarily of public interest and not solely of interest to practitioners or specialists. Historical works (World War II and later) are included only to provide historical development of a current issue. *PAIS* uses stringent selection criteria and careful indexing to link important literature on background, statistics, demographics, analysis, and opinion from mainstream, minority, and unconventional perspectives to subjects spanning the social and political spectrum. Emphasis is given to factual and statistical analysis over speculative or argumentative presentations. *PAIS* successfully selects publications that are truly informative and represent the full range of positions on controversial subjects. *PAIS* indexers studiously avoid trivial and redundant entries. With an emphasis on the academic market, *PAIS* selects materials with extensive bibliographies capable of supporting further research. Coverage of the writings of prominent public figures is also a noted *PAIS* strength.

Six languages are covered: English (80%); French (7%); German (6%); Spanish (3%); Italian (2%); and, Portuguese (2%). A significant percentage of English language materials originate in English-speaking countries outside the United States. U.S. publications represent 70% of the articles in the database, with 30% published elsewhere in the world. Overall, periodical articles provide 65% of the indexed materials with monographs accounting for 34%, although 1993 statistics indicate 57% and 43%, respectively. Of particular benefit is coverage of the reports of public and private organizations, pamphlets, microfiche collections not available in hard copy, and government documents.

Sixteen hundred journals are scanned regularly, but complete coverage of any single journal or publisher is not attempted. Book coverage in *PAIS* is particularly strong with 7,000-8,000 titles indexed annually. Priority is given to systematic investigations of specific policy issues, comprehensive overviews of a range of positions or approaches to a subject, and reference books. Coverage of statistics, particularly on trade within and between countries is specifically included. Newspapers, textbooks, and popular publications are excluded from *PAIS* indexing.

General selection criteria also apply to the coverage of U.S. and foreign government documents. However, U.S. congressional hearings, U.S. committee prints, and reports or studies of other federal agencies are normally included. Greater emphasis is placed on subjects of national concern and problems common to many localities than on issues restricted to regional or local interest. Though all state and local documents may be indexed, coverage is strongest for New York, New Jersey, California, and New York City. Selection criteria for foreign government documents are comparable to those used for U.S. documents.

PAIS offers retrieval of citations via an index of subject headings, a controlled on-line thesaurus, or free-text searching. Specific field searching is also supported. The thesaurus and subject headings index are each available with a single keystroke. The thesaurus includes alphabetically permuted terms and cross-references. The subject headings index includes the number of occurrences of each subject term and also the number of records containing that subject heading. Cross-references now automatically appear when a term with cross-references is selected from the subject headings index. In a few select cases, the number of cross-references is cumbersome and free-text searching may be preferable.

The abstract-like notes of *PAIS* are lengthier in the CD-ROM version than in the print version and generally allow one to successfully evaluate the relevance of the material for one's own purpose. They typically include a description of the subject content, the format (case-studies, reports, edited essays, speeches, etc.), and the data (statistical, demographic, etc.). In addition the notes allow free-text searching of new terms and those used in the vernacular before they are selected for inclusion in the thesaurus. A comparison of searching using free-text rather than thesaurus terms yielded a 5-10% increase in search results. This has important implications for searching, particularly where terminology is controversial and popular terms fail to be included in the thesaurus. U.S. materials are indexed within one to two months of publication; indexing of non-U.S. publications tends to be slower owing to longer transit times. Complete ordering information including costs is available with a single keystroke using the on-line *PAIS Directories of Periodicals and Publishers*.

PAIS on CD-ROM is an excellent source for access to diverse and in-depth information on contemporary public and social policy issues, although theoretical information of interest to specialists is not included. The note field of *PAIS*, describing contents of monographs, is quite useful and unique, and its indexing of statistical sources and directories is also appreciated by many users. International coverage is good, though coverage of Latin American issues, particularly abroad, and Spanish language materials, in

general, might be improved.

Anthropological Literature on Disc

Reviewed by: Ellen D. Sutton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 1995

Anthropological Literature on Disc, 1984-1993. (ISBN 0-8161-1656-3). G.K. Hall-Macmillan, 866 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022; orders are now handled through Simon & Schuster at (800)223-2336. For order information, you may also contact the G.K. Hall representative for this product at (212)702-6789. The cost of the initial purchase of this product, which represents citations appearing in *Anthropological Literature* from 1984 through 1992, is \$995.00, and the cost of annual updates will be \$695.00 (an update has not yet been issued in CD-ROM format). There is no discount for institutions which purchase the print index, and there is no additional charge for networking the product. The index is compiled and edited at the Tozzer Library (formerly the Peabody Museum Library) of Harvard University, on whose collection it is based. Questions about the *Anthropological Literature* database, including this CD-ROM version, may be directed to Julia A. Hendon, Editor, at Tozzer (617)495-2292; e-mail: JHENDON@HUSC4.HARVARD.EDU.

Introduction

The May 1994 issue of *ANSS Currents* (Vol. 9, no. 1, p 6.) featured a description of *Anthropological Literature on Disc* by Julia Hendon ("Electronic Access to Anthropological Literature") and an earlier issue (Vol. 7, no. 1, May 1992, pp. 5-7) carried a detailed review of the print version of *Anthropological Literature* by David Carpenter. While this article will contain certain pertinent information from those two former articles, it will focus primarily on the search software and record structure of the CD-ROM product.

The initial disc of *Anthropological Literature on Disc (AL on Disc)*, which represents the content of Volumes 6(1984)-14(1992) of the print version of *Anthropological Literature*, will be updated annually. The print index is updated quarterly, as is the online version of the database available to subscribers to the Research Libraries Group's CitaDel service. The cost of a subscription of the *AL* database through the CitaDel service varies by size of institution and number of products to which the institution subscribes.

This first issue of the CD-ROM product contains over 83,000 bibliographic records for articles from journals, edited monographs, and edited volumes in monographic series. Annual updates are expected to contain approximately 8,000 records from an estimated 450 journals

and other publications (this estimate is based on a count of recent annual lists of periodicals indexed, which appear in the final issue of *AL* each year, and does not accurately describe the total number of journal titles covered regularly but not annually). The search software is user-friendly and menu-driven, and allows for the searching of specific fields, or for keyword searching across all fields.

User Instruction

Thesaurus: There is no single, comprehensive thesaurus for terms employed in *AL on Disc*. According to Julia Hendon, subject headings employed from 1984-1986 (Vols. 6-8) were "based on a system developed by the Peabody Museum Library." The print list of these headings, *Tozzer Library Index to Anthropological Subject Headings* (2nd rev. ed., Boston: G.K. Hall, 1981), contains information on subject hierarchy. Library of Congress subject headings (LCSH) have been used beginning with Volume 9 (1987). However, as David Carpenter noted, *AL* "creates additional subject terms...as supplemental headings." Therefore, no single source of controlled vocabulary is available for consultation; the multi-volume LCSH is not adequate for locating the exact subject headings assigned, and does not correspond to those employed in Volumes 6-8 at all. The subject index of a print issue of *AL* is a good indicator of viable subject headings currently in use, but 1)only those headings employed in that particular issue will appear in that list and 2)not all libraries will have both the print and the CD-ROM versions of the index.

Printed User Guides: G.K. Hall's CD Searcher 2.0, an 18-page booklet with instructions on set-up and use of all G.K. Hall CD-ROM products, accompanies *AL on Disc*. There is no printed documentation specific to *AL on Disc*.

User Assistance

Online: Instruction on individual screens is very straightforward, and help can be obtained through pressing the F1 key at any time. An opening screen invites the user to enter terms, to browse the indexes or to press A for "More on Anthropological Literature." Typing A leads to a series of brief but clear help "chapters," which have information on hardware requirements, basic searching and displaying, searching and browsing indexes, using search tags (field tags), printing, sorting, and saving results to a disk. The final "chapter" is on "speed keys," which are function keys for various operations.

Telephone: G.K. Hall's CD Searcher 2.0 booklet lists G.K. Hall Technical Support at (800) 592-8057. Users may also call the Help Desk of Tozzer Library's *AL* operation at (617) 232-0412.

Scope and Coverage

AL on Disc is one of the most comprehensive indexes available for anthropological and archaeological literature. The initial disc represents Vols. 6-14 (1984-1992) of the print version of the index. The CD-ROM product will receive annual updates; the quarterly print issues of the index can serve as updates to the annual CD-ROM issues. *AL on Disc* contains 83,000 bibliographic citations to articles from journals, edited monographs, and edited volumes in monographic series from the collection of the Tozzer Library. Until 1992 (with Vol. 3, no. 4) Tozzer did not index reviews (for books, films, etc.), so the CD-ROM disc does not contain such citations. The Tozzer collection reflects a broad definition of anthropology as an interdisciplinary field. Citations to literature on biological and linguistic anthropology and archaeology, frequently absent from social science indexes covering cultural anthropology, are included in *AL*. Journals based primarily in another discipline, such as the *American Journal of Sociology*, tend not to be part of Tozzer's collection, and are therefore absent in *AL*. In recent years, *AL* has extracted articles from approximately 450 journals each year (this figure represents a decrease from previous years). Coverage of particular journals is sometimes uneven: in a given year, a whole volume of a journal may not receive indexing, while several years of another journal may be indexed in that same year. This is explained, at least in part, by the fact that issues may be received on an irregular basis by Tozzer. A much more serious problem is that issues are sometimes missed. For example, issues of the *Annual Review of Anthropology* for 1986, 1988, 1990, and 1991 are not indexed in this database.

Geographic coverage is international in scope, and Julia Hendon has estimated that "almost half of the articles indexed are not in English."

Document Availability

Photocopies of any article listed in *AL* may be obtained by contacting the interlibrary loan service of Tozzer Library.

Record Structure and Retrieval Software

Record structure: Searchable fields include author, article title, source publication (containing standard information such as place of publication, publisher, ISSN or ISBN, volume and issue numbers, and date of publication), subject, notes (which denote presence of summaries of the content in other languages), author added entries (which are listed in the author index and retrieved in a standard author search), and "Anyword". There is no separate date field. Years (e.g., 1990) can be entered as keywords, but such a keyword search will retrieve items that are about that time

period as well as published during that time period. Also, there is no field that denotes language of publication.

Retrieval software: There are two basic searching modes: direct command, using prescribed syntax, and browse mode. In the browse mode, one can select one of the eight indexes, which correspond to the searchable fields listed above. Keyword searching is possible in either mode; in the browse mode, one can do single-word or bound-phrase keyword searching within the "Anyword" index. The opening menu leads one into the direct command mode, offering information on the browse mode as one of the searching "tips." From any of the indexes, a term can be selected to appear at the search prompt, where a search can be initiated by pressing the enter key. The author index is especially useful for searching, because it displays variant forms of the author names in this database. Another informative index is the source index, where one can see a list of all publications indexed (this type of index is absent in the software of many bibliographic database systems, such as SilverPlatter's SPIRS software, which offers one basic index for browsing and searching).

The direct command mode is the most precise, efficient way to search a given author, journal title, or known, exact subject heading. The three standard Boolean operators, AND, OR, and NOT may be used. Truncation is effected with an asterisk, and a question mark within a word allows for any letter in that space (e.g., wom?n retrieves either woman or women). The syntax and punctuation in the direct command mode are inflexible, but context-sensitive help screens can be summoned at any point in the search.

While the search system is straightforward and flexible, inexplicable errors occasionally occur. For example, in one instance, a search statement in direct command mode retrieved a different number of citations when entered at different times (the search statements were entered the same day on the same equipment).

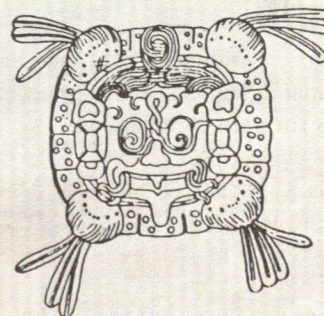
Subject searching: Articles have from two to ten subject headings, which "typically focus on ethnic group, place, time period, and topic" (Julia Hendon). These headings can be searched as character strings (e.g., su="medical anthropology--kenya"). Because the controlled vocabulary changed in 1987, it is most productive to search for subjects by keyword, although lists of the base subject headings are available for consultation (see "Thesaurus" section, above). A keyword search will explore all content fields, such as title, subject heading, and source publication fields, but cannot be limited to a single field. (The fact that a keyword search automatically searches the source publication field does reduce efficiency to some extent, but that is preferable to searching a precise subject heading that was employed for only part of the time the database covers.)

Summary of Positive Aspects

With *Anthropological Literature on Disc*, Tozzer and G.K. Hall have expanded Tozzer's already vast contribution to our access to documentation in anthropology. *AL on Disc* is the first index in CD-ROM format devoted to anthropology, and represents a sizeable portion of one of the world's finest collections of anthropological literature. The CD-ROM allows automated searching of almost a decade of serial publications. The search software is user-friendly and very flexible. Keyword searching facilitates the retrieval of relevant citations. The availability of a browsable subject index certainly goes a long way to reducing problems caused by this split subject system.

Recommendations for Improvement

In terms of the content of *Anthropological Literature on Disc*, it would be helpful if the journals were indexed more quickly and on a more regular basis. Another improvement would be quarterly, rather than annual, updates of the CD-ROM product. Several improvements could be made to the record structure and search software. The addition of discrete language and publication date fields in the record structure would increase precision of retrieval. The addition of abstracts would provide more useful text that could be searched by keyword. The opening menu of the search software could be modified slightly to make it more helpful. The two basic search modes (entering searches at the search prompt or selecting terms in the browsable indexes) are not clearly listed. In the instruction "To browse a listing, use F3 Indexes," the meaning of "listing" is ambiguous. While help in command searching is available in one of the help chapters, a one-sheet guide to using search tags would be useful. A very brief statement on the opening screen about the scope of the literature covered would be useful. Also, the information in the help chapter entitled "About This Disk" could be expanded to include the average number of journals and edited works indexed each year and a brief description of the Tozzer collection on which this database is based, in order that users could more accurately comprehend the scope of this database.



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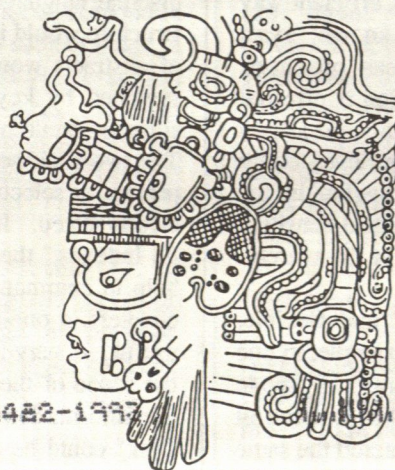
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