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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

James W. Williams

I am honored to address the membership as ANSS Chair. Our section will commemorate its 25th anniversary in 1996. As we have collectively worked on the behalf of anthropology and sociology librarianship during the past 25 years, ANSS has evolved into one of the most active and dynamic sections within the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Much has changed in our institutions during this time. In 1971 card catalogs, and often manual typewriters, were the norm. Communications between our institutions depended on the U.S. mail service and telephone. And when a telephone call failed to receive an answer, one could only try again at a later time; voice mail was not an option. Computerized catalogs, word processing, e-mail, and listservs have radically and irrevocably changed our world. Unchanged for ANSS, however, is the need for the active involvement of a larger number of its members.

The work of ANSS is carried out by its several committees and through its discussion groups. Fred Hay, ANSS Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, will soon be making appointments for 1996/1998. If you have even the slightest interest in serving on a section committee, now is the time to volunteer (a volunteer form is included in this issue). Contact Fred as soon as possible at:

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ANSS urgently needs the talents and expertise of all its members. We need the enthusiasm and fresh insights of our newer members. We need the

experience and perspective of the presently and previously active members. We need YOU. For the information of those of you who are new to ANSS and/or conference attendance, all ANSS committee meetings (with the exception of Nominating) are open. Your attendance at our meetings is not only welcomed but encouraged. Coming to the meetings is an excellent way to meet other ANSS members and to begin to familiarize yourself with the work of the section.

Active participation need not be limited to committee membership or conference attendance. For the ever-growing number of us who have e-mail access, professional involvement is possible by subscribing to ANSS-L, the listserv of the Anthropology and Sociology Section. The listserv offers the opportunity to participate in discussions pertinent to anthropology and sociology librarianship, to post complex reference questions which your institution lacks the resources to handle, and to assist your geographically distant colleagues with their more perplexing queries.

Another quite important means of being active on the behalf of ANSS is by recruitment. Give a junior colleague at your institution a copy of the ANSS brochure. Share the most recent issue of *Currents* with newly hired librarians. Urge them to join ANSS, to attend our meetings, and to be counted among the active ANSS members.

CURRENT OFFICERS

Chair: James W. Williams, Univ. of Illinois
Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Fred J. Hay, Appalachian State Univ.
Secretary: J. Christina Smith, Boston College
Members-at-Large: Joan Berman, Humboldt State Univ. and Lynne M. Schmelz, Harvard Univ.

CANDIDATES FOR ANSS OFFICES

Vice chair/chair elect: Joyce L. Ogburn, Yale Univ.
Member-at-Large: Greg Finnegan, Harvard Univ. and Gary McMillan, Howard Univ.

Candidates Statements

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Statement of Concern: ANSS provides a valuable platform to bring together through print, electronic communication, or face-to-face contact those who seek to serve the research and information needs of sociologists and anthropologists. Among the most important and unique contributions ANSS can make is to publish reviews, bibliographies, critical evaluations of new resources and tools in all formats and media. We are just beginning to exploit the opportunities that the Internet provides for promoting and publishing the work of the section. We need to step up the electronic publishing activities and engage more members of ANSS in the programs, committees, and publications that strengthen the vitality of the scholarly record. In this way ANSS will be poised to provide leadership and information to its members as the many challenges of social science librarianship increase.

NOTES & QUERIES

ANSS will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the ALA Annual meeting in New York. Details will be forthcoming as plans progress. Plan to be there!

ANSS has a new home page! The URL is:

<http://lsounix1.library.yale.edu:80/~lso/anss1.html>

It is still under development, but you are encouraged to take a look and pass on comments to Joyce Ogburn at Yale (joyce_ogburn@qm.yale.edu or 203-432-1756).

ACRL wants to remind members of its award programs. Some awards of interest may include the BIS Innovation in Bibliographic Instruction Award, the Martinus Nijhoff International West European Specialist Grant, and the ACRL Academic of Research Librarian on the Year Award. For more information, contact Jack Briody, ALA/ACRL, 1-800-545-2433, ext. 2516 or through email at jack.briody@ala.org.

1995 ANSS PROGRAM

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

Ellen Sutton, Chair, Program Committee

Recent trends in scholarly publishing and their ramifications for academic librarians was the topic of the very informative "Publishing the Social Text: Issues in Sociology and Anthropology Publishing and Reviewing," sponsored by the Anthropology and Sociology Section. Representatives of both university and commercial scholarly presses (Judith McCulloh of the Univ. of Illinois Press and Don Reisman of Lynne Rienner Publishers) discussed the types of manuscripts they sought to publish and outlined current economic constraints in the publishing industry. Publishers, including university presses, must expect to at least recover the cost of publishing a manuscript, and can no longer absorb the costs involved in the publication of a work on a narrow topic lacking broad appeal or expect the bigger sellers to carry those with smaller sales. Publishers increasingly search for topics that are of interest to a number of disciplines, perhaps with the potential of being adopted as a class text. The effect of the increasing percentage of rejected manuscripts on the tenure process was noted. The former pattern of

the publication of the narrowly focussed dissertation, typically detailing ethnographic field work, as the first rite of passage in becoming a successful academic anthropologist is frequently no longer found. George Marcus, of the Department of Anthropology at Rice Univ., noted the demand to publish theoretical, "cutting edge" ethnographies, "ones that address the concerns of new interdisciplinary arenas" and also the rise of interdisciplinary journals. Edward Laumann, of the Department of Sociology at the Univ. of Chicago, described his foray into the world of trade publishing, and the accompanying media blitz, with the recent publication of *Sex in America* by Little, Brown. David Henige, from the Library of the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, commented and directed the ensuing discussion. Several members of the audience expressed an interest in purchasing the program tape to share with graduate students, faculty, and librarians at their home institutions. A bibliography of readings on publishing in sociology and anthropology was handed out at the program, and is available on request via e-mail to e-sutton@ux1.cs.uiuc.edu.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bibliography Committee

David Carpenter, Chair

The Chair introduced the Bibliography Committee members to Ann Wood (Univ. of Massachusetts), who is now the new chair of the Committee, following the 1995 ALA annual meeting. The Committee then turned its attention to current Bibliography Committee analyses in process. It discussed the draft analysis of Myra Anderson (Univ. of California, Riverside) for the *Latin American Studies CD-ROM* (published by National Information Services Corporation). Myra presented her second draft analysis of this work and asked for the Committee members' opinions on this review. Other members of the Committee reported on their own on-going examinations of other titles.

The Bibliography Committee then turned its attention to a list of titles which had been studied by the Committee in the past, but for which analyses were never published in ANSS Currents. At least a couple of these titles will be re-examined for potential future reviews (for example, *International Bibliography of Social and Cultural Anthropology*). The Committee decided that as more and more librarians are faced with cutting serial subscriptions, it would be useful to

identify selected long-established titles for an occasional Committee analysis, as well as to focus on new publications.

Should the Bibliography Committee review World Wide Web databases or other resources? This question was raised and discussed by Committee members, who shared information about various WWW sites they had found useful for anthropology, sociology or related subject areas. The Committee decided that one WWW database, the National Archaeological Database, should be the subject of an upcoming Bibliography Committee review. On-line tables-of-contents services, such as CARL UnCover, were also considered as a subject for future Committee reviews. Lastly, Committee members identified specific titles for new Bibliography Committee analyses, and agreed upon their own individual Committee projects for work to be completed before the Midwinter 1996 meeting in San Antonio.

Executive Committee

Maggie Dittimore, Chair

The Anss Executive Committee met once during the Annual meeting. Regular reports on the activities of the standing committees, discussion groups, the ACRL Board, and the ACRL Activities Section Council were given. The winners of the ANSS election were announced.

Jim Williams (Vice Chair/Chair Elect) reported that he had returned to ACRL the ANSS committee/discussion group membership sheets, which had been reviewed and corrected by members since the Midwinter meeting. As this information appears in the *ALA Handbook of Organization*, it is important to keep it up-to-date. Jim asked to be notified of other corrections. Also, it was announced that forty-five letters from the Section were mailed welcoming new members and encouraging those who had dropped their membership to reconsider. This mailing was made possible after ACRL decided to resume sending mailing labels to sections.

A draft document begin considered for publication by the American Anthropological Association entitled *Research Tools for Anthropologists* was distributed to the Committee for review. The draft was written by an undergraduate who served as an intern at the AAA headquarters. The Committee, briefly reviewed the

draft and discussed the best way to respond. It was agreed that Maggie Dittmore (Chair) would collect written comments from members and compile them into a single response to AAA. If time permitted, contributing members would see a draft of the response for comment before it was finalized.

Time did not permit a completion of the agenda. A return to two meetings at Midwinter 1996 was discussed.

1995 Program Committee

Ellen Sutton, Chair

The ANSS 1995 Program Planning Committee met briefly on Sunday, June 25, prior to the program "Publishing the Social Text: Issues in Sociology and Anthropology Publishing and Reviewing," in order to discuss final arrangements of the program. The committee also completed preparations for the tour of the Field Museum Library, to be held the following Tuesday.

1995 Tour - Field Museum of Natural History

Reported by Greg Finnegan

The Section's behind-the-scenes tour of the Field Museum of Natural History Library was as great a success as the one we sponsored in 1985. A full-capacity group of 56 people were delighted by what Ben Williams, Michelle Calhoun, and their colleagues showed us. We were shown a stunning selection of materials from the Runnells Rare Book Room, which Ben displayed with a wonderful and infectious mix of great enthusiasm and profound knowledge. We also toured the library's stacks, technical services space, and the separate anthropology stacks; in going to and from the latter, several biological laboratories and specimen-storage areas were shown as well. As in 1985, those attending included a substantial number of non-specialist (and non-ANSS) librarians, from school, hospital, and public, as well as academic, libraries, and several children and parents of librarians. We were able to give the Friends of the FMNH Library a \$236 donation, beyond the expenses of the refreshments; the appreciation extended to the FMNH Library and staff by attendees was especially great.

Professional Liaison Committee

David M. Hovde, Chair

The Liaison Committee sent a short questionnaire to the various societies, libraries, and individuals to whom we sent newsletters. We had a 15% response rate. All of the respondents found the newsletter useful and all but one hoped for a continued relationship. The committee is also continuing work on the subject specialist survey project.

Publications Committee

Fred J. Hay, Chair

The Publications Committee meeting was joined by then Vice Chair Jim Williams. We reviewed the most recent issue of *Currents* and made recommendations for the forthcoming issue. Emphasized again was the need for including more Membership News in the newsletter but again we were at a loss on how to effectively gather that information. Committee Chair and *Currents* Co-Editor Fred Hay (Appalachian State Univ.), in the tradition established by previous *Currents* Co-Editors who were elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (Jim Williams and Maija Lutz) announced his intention of resigning from both positions.

The Committee agreed that *Currents* Co-Editor Joyce Ogburn (Yale Univ.) should be encouraged to assume the duties of Committee Chair. Joyce assented to do so. The Committee decided that future issues of *Currents* would be edited by the full Committee and coordinated by an Editor-in-Chief who is the current Committee Chair.

DISCUSSION GROUP REPORTS

Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group

J. Christina Smith, Convener

Some 23 individuals attended the Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group at ALA Annual Conference on Monday, June 26, 1995 in Chicago. Two topics were discussed: the Human Relations Area Files on CD-ROM and CoPAR (Council on the Preservation of Anthropological Records). Lynne Schmelz (Harvard Univ., Tozzer Library) reported that the second installment of HRAF on CD-ROM consists of 50,000 pages, with three new files and updates of twelve files. Updates of the sixty probability cultures

will be done first, along with new files of ethnic groups in the U.S. and Canada. HRAF has hired Ron Johnson, a new analyst, to assist with the processing of the 50,000 pages. HRAF's Mel Ember and David Levinson are available to do 2-day workshops (free, with room and computer equipment supplied).

The discussion period that followed focused on "why should I buy HRAF on CD-ROM?" One attender noted that their institution had been an original HRAF member institution, but had cancelled HRAF in 1980, due to lack of interest. He said that it would be hard to justify starting again. Jean Adelman (Univ. of Pennsylvania, Univ. Museum) responded that while neither Penn or Harvard are involved in cross-cultural research, they do use HRAF as data files. She noted that there are other HRAF products available, and that one can purchase all or none, or parts of data sets. Ultimately, HRAF would like to make packages for a profile, for example, ethnic groups of North America. In response to the concern that George Peter Murdock was not held in high regard, Jean said that the HRAF files were not solely a Murdock product. Greg Finnegan (Harvard Univ., Tozzer Library) added that earlier HRAF files contain a lot of full text translations in English of foreign language materials that are not available in translation anywhere else. Concerns were raised regarding the difficulty many had in getting the first HRAF installation to run and the fact that the manual and installation information was on the disk, not in paper. Lynne and Jean said that they were very vocal at HRAF meetings regarding the need for paper documentation. Both were in accord that having HRAF on CD-ROM was an improvement over the fiche, as it will be much more usable, even if it is a bit clumsier than we would like it to be. Another librarian, Lynn Sipe (Univ. of Southern California) has been added to the HRAF Executive Committee. Jean said that the new and useful facets of the CD-ROM include the inclusion of North American ethnic groups and the updating of the sixty probability sample files, some of which date to the 1940s. Having updated information on these classic societies will be useful.

In other anthropology publishing news, Lynne reported that the newest Cross-Cultural CD on religious beliefs and practices is now available. There are negotiations with Silver Platter regarding the *Bibliography of Native North Americans On-Disc*, which would be available for \$995 with semiannual updates.

A four-volume encyclopedia of cultural anthropology will be published by Henry Holt in 1996, and a two-volume encyclopedia of U.S. immigrant cultures will be published in 1996 by Macmillan. Maggie Dittmore (Smithsonian Institution) announced the availability of a new guide to the collections of the Smithsonian's Human Studies Film Archives and reported on a LARG project to create a directory of international anthropological resources. The print directory of institutional sites should be available late next year.

Lynne Schmelz and Myra Anderson (Univ. of California, Riverside) gave a summary of two CoPAR (Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records) meetings held earlier this year. The first meeting focused on the development of a national database of anthropological records. The second meeting concerned the issue of educating anthropologists, museums, libraries and individuals regarding the significance of anthropological records and the need for their preservation. CoPAR aims to educate AAA members to work "within their own house" for the preservation of anthropological records. CoPAR will have an exhibit at the AAA advertising the need to preserve the anthropological record. Publicity will be aimed at library association newsletters as well as the association newsletters representing linguistics, ethnologists, medical anthropologists, archaeologists and others in the field of anthropology. The second meeting also concerned itself with such ethical issues as the confidentiality of field notes and the significance to some cultural groups of certain kinds of anthropological materials (such as images of sacred dances).

There was brief discussion regarding the repatriation of anthropological records. The discussion focused on differing native American views regarding such materials, the question of whether native American groups requesting the return of anthropological records had adequate storage facilities for those materials, and on issues of preservation and access to all.

Topics suggested for Midwinter 1996 in San Antonio include continued discussion of CoPAR and HRAF on CD-ROM and the planned AAA publication *Research Tools for Anthropologists*, written by Oberlin College undergraduate Ryan Kelley, while on an internship with the AAA.

Sociology Librarians Discussion Group

Gary McMillan, Convener

A draft outline of sociology resources on the Internet was distributed by Gary McMillan (Howard Univ.) for review and comment. The discussion turned to the workload demands which have arisen for reference librarians and bibliographers as new Internet projects are assigned. Participants spoke of developing and implementing Internet workshops and mini-courses for faculty and staff; of taking on cataloging chores in order to add Internet resources information into the library OPAC; of updating traditional library research guides to include electronic resources; and creating and maintaining discipline/departmental home pages. No one reported the availability of release time from ongoing workload responsibilities to engage in these activities. There is no consensus on which units within an academic library (reference, collection management, cataloging) should assume responsibility for the identification, evaluation, organization or cataloging, and presentation (via library gopher, home page or OPAC record) of electronic resources. Sally Willson Weimer (Univ. of California, Santa Barbara) distributed a brief handout she compiled on sociology and related resources. The issues of ownership and site (address) stability are also problematic when incorporating these resources into local print or electronic guides.

The various electronic versions of *Sociological Abstracts* were discussed, the general consensus being that SA Inc. should release the full file (as supported on Dialog) on CD-ROM and in OCLC's FirstSearch. The abridged versions are more a nuisance than a help. Gary McMillan distributed excerpts of handouts he uses when teaching *Sociofile* search techniques. He noted that with the WinSPIRS software for the SilverPlatter version of *Sociofile* it is possible to create and save to the hard drive the "search hedges" (executable subject searches) which are offered online when searching the Dialog file. For example, sample searches were shown for: domestic violence, blacks, elderly, adolescents, homosexuality, and poverty. Patrons can execute each search set with just a few clicks on the mouse. Gary will get copies of the Dialog search hedges and distribute them at the next meeting.

The group briefly discussed the American Sociological Association's move toward certification and/or

licensure in applied sociology (sometimes referred to as sociological practice or clinical sociology). Not much is known about this new initiative nor its implications for the discipline or for library services. Discussion will continue at the Midwinter meeting.

Ad hoc Committee on Electronic Resources for Sociologists

Gary McMillan, Chair

The Committee met twice to discuss progress in compiling information on Internet resources and to make specific research and writing assignments regarding the resources selected. Other non-ANSS members stopped by for information on Internet resources and provided useful feedback on the draft guide. Gary McMillan (Howard Univ.), Margaret Dittmore (Smithsonian Institution), and Carol Ritzen Kem (Univ. of Florida, Gainesville), under the auspices of ANSS, have negotiated publication of an article in the October 1995 issue of *C&RL News*. With publication, the work of the ad hoc committee will be complete. Electronic resources will continue to be an ongoing interest discussed in the Sociology Librarians Discussion Group.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lynne Schmelz (Harvard Univ., Tozzer Library) has been appointed to a two-year term as Acting Cabot Science Library Librarian and Faculty of Arts and Sciences Science Librarian at Harvard Univ.. This is in addition to her duties as Librarian of the Tozzer Library.

Fred J. Hay (Harvard Univ., Tozzer Library) has published a version of his ANSS program presentation (Miami, 1994) as "The Significance of Caribbeanist Anthropology: A Bibliographic History" in *Reference Services Review*, 23:2(1995):51-60.

David M. Hovde (Purdue Univ.) published "The American Merchant Marine Library Association: The Public Library of the High Seas," *Public Libraries*, 33:4(July/August 1994):205-210, and "Sea Colportage: The Loan Library System of the American Seamen's Friend Society, 1859-1967," *Libraries & Culture*, 29:4 (Fall 1994):389-414.

Ellen Sutton (Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) is now Acting Communications Librarian.

ANSS Committee Volunteer Form

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

Date:

Name, Title, Institutional Address:

Preferred Mailing Address:

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e-mail:

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Number of Years as Member of: ALA _____ ACRL _____ ANSS _____

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

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ANSS Experience (Committees, Offices):

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Signature _____

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