

## American Sociological Association Preliminary Liaison Report, Apr. 2010

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This report provides information on opportunities that build communication tools between ASA and ALA/ACRL, to serve as a clearing house for projects and programs of interest to both ASA and ALA/ACRL members, and to work as a team to build this liaison service to enhance value for both associations.

### American Sociological Association (ASA), Annual Meeting San Francisco, August 7- 11, 2009

I Participated in the ASA departmental workshop: Are the Sociological Titles You and Your Students Need in Your Institution's Library? Building Collection Standards for Sociology Departments; Departmental Workshop  
Session Organizer: David E. Woolwine, Hofstra University  
Sunday, August 9, 2009, 10:30am - 12:10pm, Hilton San Francisco

ACRL Anthropology and Sociology Section (ANSS), Assessment of Library Collections and Services Ad Hoc Committee members, collaborated to create the Assessment Tool for Sociology Collections and Services in Academic Libraries report, December 2009. David Woolwine, Hofstra University, serves as committee chair and I serve as an advisor.

This document provides an opportunity to develop a conversation between sociology faculty and students and sociology librarians about building library resource collections and providing research services in sociology. The document grew out of discussions between ANSS members and the American Sociological Association. ASA was interested in creating a "universally applicable tool that could be used to rapidly assess collections and services in sociology", as mentioned in the above listed report. The project with the resulting report was collaborative and received input from sociology faculty and sociology librarians, from both committee members and advisors.

ACRL, ANSS Instruction and Information Literacy Committee(IIL), shared information literacy standards in sociology and anthropology with ASA. These documents can be found at the link below:

[http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/anthro\\_soc\\_standards.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/anthro_soc_standards.cfm)

The ANSS IIL Committee is collaborating to build a Repository of Teaching Materials to support the information literacy needs of sociology librarians and sociology faculty, located at <http://archive.nyu.edu/handle/2451/28103>. Jason Phillips, New York University, and Co-Chair of the IIL Committee, is overseeing the development and use of this teaching repository.

**ASA Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology (STLS), Cooperative Initiatives Committee**

Service includes offering to provide collaboration between ASA Teaching and Learning Section and sharing information with and about ACRL, especially information about academic and research libraries, collections and research services.

I attended the ASA STLS business meeting during the ASA Annual Meeting, Sunday, August 9, 2009, San Francisco, Parc Fifty-Five Hotel. Betsy Lucal, Indiana University South Bend, served as the Section chair.

General information about the ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 2009, is at

<http://www.asanet.org/meetings/index.cfm> (detailed information may not be

available); see <http://www.asanet.org/footnotes/mayjun09/index.html> for Annual Meeting Supplement of ASA Footnotes 37, 5 May/June 2009 . As Footnotes is moving to a new web location, the preceding web addresses may not be active.

#### **ASA Footnotes Newsletter**

The ASA Footnotes newsletter, December 2008, reports the Teaching Resources Library is in the process of being developed and produced into a Digital library of teaching resources, see

<http://www.asanet.org/footnotes/dec08/index.html>. In the ASA Footnotes Nov./Dec. 2009, the ASA Academic and Professional Affairs Program is seeking 17 subject area editors to serve in the ASA Digital Library of Sociological Teaching Materials, as one of ASA's new initiatives, see [http://www.asanet.org/footnotes/nov09/apap\\_1109.html](http://www.asanet.org/footnotes/nov09/apap_1109.html) (please note they are also seeking a new name for the digital library).

During the ASA annual meeting, August 2009, I composed and distributed a draft Flier : Academic and Research Librarians Work to Partner with Sociology Faculty & Students at the ASA STLS meeting. I welcome your comments and criticisms about this process of sharing ideas and building a partnership with ASA and ALA ACRL.

#### **American Sociological Association Meeting**

The next ASA Annual Meeting is August 13-17, 2010, at Hilton Atlanta and Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotels, Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting theme is Toward a Sociology of Citizenship: Inclusion, Participation, and Rights. The Section on Teaching and Learning offers an excellent variety of programs and roundtable discussions. This is an important opportunity to become more active in the Section, and gives Sociology Librarians a venue to share their teaching goals, strategies and resources with sociology faculty and students. It also permits collaboration with ASA members to offer roundtable groups focusing on academic library services, collections and liaison with faculty and academic departments.

#### **ACRL Council of Liaisons**

The ACRL Council of Liaisons is exploring a proposed restructuring of the Council, including funding processes and developing four new committees to oversee coordinating, grants, development, and community. Your comments on this proposed restructuring are welcome.

My special thanks to Margaret Weigers Vitullo, ASA Academic and Professional Affairs, for her comments and suggestions; to David Woolwine, for his leadership and excellent communication between ASA and ANSS; Betsy Lucal, for her helping to bring our academic libraries and librarians into the STLS activities; Tom Van Valey, Western Michigan University, for his suggestions for the Assessment Tool for Sociology Collections and Services in Academic Libraries report; and Susan Kroll, ACRL Council of Liaisons Chair, for her excellent suggestions. I welcome your comments to help build continuing and more effective relationships between ACRL, ANSS and ASA to achieve the ACRL liaison program goals.

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