

Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group

The Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group met Sunday afternoon, January 22, 2012 with fifteen attending.

Andrea Eastman-Mullins, VP of editorial and product development at Alexander Street Press, gave a brief introduction on their newly-released Anthropology Online. Cross-searchable with Ethnographic Video Online, Anthropology Online will eventually include 100,000 pages of published ethnographies and unpublished field notes. She distributed literature and trial cards.

The topic of today's discussion was applied anthropology, which is the practical use of anthropology to solve problems in people's lives. It is anthropological research that is done with the aim of intervening in some social problems for the purpose of improving the situation. Applied anthropologists do not do the intervention but rather the analysis to find out what the problems are. Our panelists, Dr. Beverly Davenport and Dr. Jonathan Tomhave, teach at the University of North Texas, where everyone on the faculty in the Anthropology Department is an applied anthropologist. At UNT there are five areas of applied anthropology: business anthropology; migration and border studies; medical anthropology; anthropology of education; and environmental anthropology. The discussion was interesting and lively, and the role of librarians and libraries came up frequently.

Suggestions for topics/speakers for Annual Conference in Anaheim are welcome. A fuller report will appear in *ANSS Currents*.

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