Greetings! I would like to thank all of the amazing members of the Anthropology and Sociology Section (ANSS), and welcome our new members as the fall begins. ALA/ACRL can sometimes be a large and confusing organization, and I was fortunate to have found ANSS (my ALA home) when I first began exploring the opportunities within the organization. Many past and current members have been integral to my learning and growth as a librarian and as a member of ACRL. Through the years, I have served on the Planning Committee, Liaison Committee, and as ANSS Secretary. This section excels at providing opportunities for service, leadership, and engagement for all members, current and new. Furthermore, the generosity of the membership has provided over $800 to the ACRL 2019 Scholarship fund.

Our Membership Committee’s efforts to assess, grow, and engage our 635 members (a continuously growing number) is evident in increased social media and website engagement. They are also the folks responsible for putting together our ANSS Annual Social, which is always a wonderful opportunity to meet, talk to interested parties, and, in the case of New Orleans, try some new foods (fried alligator - yum!).

Speaking of foods and Annual, the 2018 Annual Program on *Southern Food Culture & Politics* provided an excellent discussion on Southern food and beverages while also introducing attendees to a local museum, continuing our tradition of looking for opportunities to tie in our programs and discussion groups with local or regional cultures and current social issues.

As the fall weather begins here on the east coast, it is easy to forget the blazing heat of New Orleans, but it is impossible to forget all of the excellent work being done by our committees both at ALA Annual and throughout the year, as you will read in their reports. The focus for this upcoming year as discussed in the
Executive Committee will be, in true librarian form, to assess and make recommendations for archiving and organization of shared ANSS documents as well as the user experience of the ANSS website.

Midwinter’s virtual format may no longer necessitate in-person meetings, but we know that it does not slow down the great work being done. Again, thank you to everyone who makes ANSS a welcoming, inspiring, and productive part of ALA/ACRL.

-- Katie

**PRELIMINARY MIDWINTER MEETING SCHEDULE**

2019 Seattle

Virtual

All committee meetings and discussion groups will convene virtually during the month of January (but not during Midwinter proper). As those dates are established, we’ll publish them over ANSS-L, on ANSSWeb, and on our social media sites.

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**ACRL Books**

ACRL publishes a range of books to assist academic librarians in developing their professional careers, managing their institutions, and increasing their awareness of developments in librarianship, providing timely, thought-provoking, and practical content and research to academic and research librarians worldwide. Some recent titles:

- [Academic Libraries and the Academy: Strategies and Approaches to Demonstrate Your Value, Impact, and Return on Investment, 2-Volume Set](#)
- [Shaping the Campus Conversation on Student Learning and Experience: Activating the Results of Assessment in Action](#)
- [Framing Information Literacy: Teaching Grounded in Theory, Pedagogy, and Practice, 6-Volume Set](#)

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UPCOMING ANSS OFFICE ELECTION INFORMATION

The ANSS Nominating Committee has been busy developing a slate for the section’s officers. These positions will appear on the ACRL ballot for the elections that run from March to April, 2019. The offices that will become vacant at the close of the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. are: Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Member-at-Large, and Secretary. The candidates’ biographical information is listed below in a random order.

**Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect**

**Juliann Couture**
Social Sciences Librarian, Acting Head, William M. White Business Library, University of Colorado, Boulder

I joined ANSS in 2008 when I became an academic librarian and have been an active member ever since. I still recall my first ALA Annual and attending the ANSS Social and feeling welcomed into the section which was, and still is, eager to engage new members and committed to the growth and support of all its members. I would like to extend my thanks to the Nominating Committee for considering me as candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and am thrilled at the opportunity to continue to serve a section that has been so instrumental in my success as a social sciences librarian.

Upon joining ANSS, I was appointed to the Instruction and Information Literacy Committee where I served as a member from 2008-2013 and as chair from 2012-2013. During my time on the committee, we worked to disseminate the recently approved *Information Literacy Standards for Anthropology and Sociology Students* and explored ways to create a repository of teaching materials to support information literacy instruction in related social science fields. I had the opportunity to serve on the ANSS Conference Planning Committee which partnered with EBSS (Education and Behavioral Sciences Section) to plan and facilitate an engaging session titled *Supporting community transformation: Becoming a community-engaged academic library*. But I am most proud of my accomplishments as the ACRL Liaison to the American Anthropological Association (AAA) from 2012-2018. In this capacity, I strove to deepen connections between these two associations and elevate the role of academic libraries and librarians as partners and collaborators with anthropology faculty and the scholarly society. I advocated for the society to undertake a more open system of scholarship and have been a part of the society’s initiative to create a repository for anthropology scholarship. My time as ACRL Liaison to AAA continues to inform my work as an academic librarian and the role scholarly and professional societies play in creating community and supporting the growth and development of its members.

ANSS has been influential in my growth and development as an academic librarian and connected me to a strong community of social sciences librarians from whom I could learn. If elected as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, I would bring my enthusiasm for building an engaged community around social sciences librarianship and advocating for the needs of ANSS and its members.

**Triveni Kuchi**
Social Sciences/Instructional Services Librarian, Head of Learning & Engagement Department, New Brunswick Libraries, Rutgers University

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for considering me for the position of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of ANSS. I am honored to have this opportunity to serve. ANSS was an immediate draw for me as a sociology librarian, and I have always found this group to be warm and welcoming with friendly, accomplished, and inspiring librarians.

I have been a member of ALA and ANSS for over a decade and a half, since 2002. I have had the pleasure of serving in various committees throughout these years: Currently I chair the ANSS Liaison Committee (2017-2019); I was also a member of this committee from 2003-2007. I particularly enjoyed serving as a co-convener of the ANSS Sociology Discussion Group during 2008-2010, where we had the opportunity to invite fantastic speakers and discuss interesting and challenging aspects of our profession. I also gained
some truly remarkable experience when I co-chaired the ad hoc ANSS Information Literacy Task Force (2004-2006). In this group, we worked with both librarians and teaching faculty members, which made the whole experience unique and worthwhile. I also co-chaired the Instruction and Information Literacy Committee from 2006-2008, when it was first formed. ANSS has provided me with all these opportunities to learn, be creative, apply my skills, network and collaborate with colleagues, publish articles and reports, and work with a variety of issues related to social sciences librarianship.

Also, I am very impressed with the ageless ANSS conference program topics which consistently and creatively bring important matters affecting our profession to the fore. For instance, the 2005 conference program *Are subject librarians an endangered species?* was very well received and continues to resonate with librarians even today. Although the academic librarian roles have been continuously evolving, and librarians are increasingly taking on newer roles or working with colleagues in providing expertise and support in areas such as research data, scholarly communication, open access, altmetrics, and digital humanities, the role of the subject specialist and liaison librarian remains significant within the academic institution. The emphasis is increasingly on the collaborative and engaging nature of our work. Given the subject areas it covers, ANSS is in a unique position to provide a firm ground for exploring and assessing collaborative librarianship in discipline-specific and interdisciplinary areas of social sciences. In view of the changing librarian roles, I believe continuing to find mutual benefits and collaborations with academic librarians from a variety of institutions, as well as forging new partnerships with associations such as the IASSIST (International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology) and COSSA (Consortium of Social Science Associations), will not only help enhance opportunities for ANSS members but also situate ANSS and ACRL as innovative and leading partners. I will strongly advocate for ANSS and advance its mission and values.

As Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, I am also interested in engaging and encouraging new members to make ANSS their ACRL and ALA abode. I firmly believe that the key to ANSS’ success lies in providing members a nurturing environment to help them build connections, network, grow, and succeed in their profession. Engaged members are fundamental for ANSS to continue to thrive, and as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect I will endeavor to support current members and help recruit new ones.

**Member-at-Large**

Ilka Datig  
Head of Instruction & Outreach, Nazareth College

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for suggesting me as a candidate for Member-At-Large. After earning my MA in Cultural Anthropology from NYU, I received my MLS from Syracuse University and have been an academic librarian working with diverse populations in the U.S. and abroad for a decade. I have served on several committees in ANSS, including Conference Program Planning and Membership. Last year I was happy to serve as co-chair of ANSS Conference Program Planning--New Orleans, 2018 Committee. I truly appreciate the community feeling of ANSS and how everyone is made to feel welcome. As someone with a deep interest in the social sciences, I enjoy communicating with other members about what is going on in our respective fields and how we can relate that to our library work. If elected, I would work towards continuing our progress in recruiting and retaining members for ANSS, and making sure that we’re hearing the voices of our members.

Deborah Margolis  
Middle East Studies and Anthropology Librarian, Michigan State University

Thank you to Helen Clements, chair of the Nominating Committee, for asking me to run for ANSS Member-at-Large. I was encouraged by a colleague to join ANSS when I started working at Michigan State University Libraries, around 2010, when I took over anthropology collection development responsibilities. ANSS has
provided me with publishing opportunities, professional development, and a network of amiable and admirable colleagues across the country, and I am grateful. I have served on the Resource Review and Bibliography Committee for two terms, and served on the Program Committee, chairing for one year. My current position at MSU is Middle East Studies and Anthropology Librarian, working with the Muslim and Jewish Studies Programs and the Anthropology Department. (It has taken me a while to become comfortable with all of anthropology’s subfields, but I’m about there.) I have developed a specialty in public programming and exhibits and like to provide opportunities for people to learn about cultures through literature and the arts, as well as from each other; I’ve been project director of MSU’s *Muslim Journeys* scholar-led book discussion series for five years now. I also have had the opportunity to travel to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine as part of my work, collecting library materials, visiting libraries, studying language, and helping lead study abroad. I have a “continuous appointment” at the MSU Libraries now, and would like to give back to ANSS by serving as Member-at-Large. I have always enjoyed ANSS socials and would like to help organize them. I would reach out to potential and new members, being a welcoming presence as others have done for me.

**SECRETARY**

**Rebekah J. Lee**
Reference Librarian, Preston Ridge Campus Library, Collin College

Thank you very much for nominating me for the position of ANSS Secretary! I’ve been a member of ANSS since 2014 and a volunteer since 2015. I served on the Membership Committee from 2015 to 2016, and I have assisted with interviewing ANSS members for the *ANSS Currents* Member Profile.

I joined this group as a way to network and increase my opportunities for professional development. Through my involvement with ANSS I was also inspired to return to school for my Master of Liberal Studies in Global Studies, and I plan to pursue a PhD in Sociology. My genuine curiosity and passion for the social sciences stem from my years as a Montessori teacher, and these qualities influence every aspect of my current work with dual credit, freshmen, and returning students.

Serving as ANSS Secretary would be an amazing opportunity for me to learn more about our section while serving its members and the Executive Committee. Once again, thank you for considering me for this position. Have a great day!

**Rachael Muszkiewicz**
Associate Professor of Library Services, Valparaiso University

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for motivating me to pursue the office of Secretary of ANSS. It would be a privilege to serve the organization in this capacity. ALA and ACRL can seem vast, and it has been lovely finding a smaller home among welcoming colleagues within this section.

I have been a member of ANSS since 2011, but I have had a bigger role in the section since I became the Co-Convener of the Anthropology Discussion Group for ALA Annual 2017. The anthropology section has a special place in my heart, as I was an archaeologist before I became a librarian (BS in anthropology, MA in archaeology), but my current institution, Valparaiso University, does not have an anthropology department. I am the liaison to Sociology and Classics, so I have been able to indirectly keep up with the discipline, but it is within ANSS that I can really “talk shop,” anthropologically. It is especially nice to find a network of librarians that I can talk to without having to explain participant observation or pedestrian survey.

I bring with me a high level of organization, communication skills, attention to detail, and a good sense of humor. I am very excited and enthusiastic about ANSS as an organization, and I hope to help ANSS communicate their mission to the larger library world.
CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE – WASHINGTON, D.C., 2019
Tom Diamond and Lora Kay Baldwin, Co-Chairs

The Conference Program Planning Committee for Washington, D.C., 2019 and the PPIRS (Politics, Policy and International Relations Section) Program Committee conducted a joint meeting in early July. Both committees decided to collaborate and serve as co-sponsors for a proposed program on grassroots advocacy. The program’s proposed title is *Grassroots Advocacy and Librarians: Using Research Power to Make Change*. The proposed program topic is a perfect fit with the political culture in Washington, D.C.

From our short program description: “PPIRS and ANSS invite you to a panel discussion examining grassroots lobbying, featuring experts who will discuss the mechanics/logistics of grassroots organizing and lobbying as well as how libraries can provide the resources and services necessary in effectively supporting initial or ongoing advocacy efforts. Participants in the program will leave with concrete information and ideas on supporting patrons interested in grassroots advocacy efforts. This program examines how librarians can help patrons in their own efforts to effect change in government and their communities.”

Our proposed speakers are Darcy I. Gervasio, Coordinator of Reference Services, Purchase College Library, SUNY and Aliqae Geraci, Assistant Director, Catherwood Research and Learning Services, Cornell University Library.

The ANSS Program Planning Committee would like to thank PPIRS Program Committee chair Erin Ackerman and her committee members for working with us and for all their great contributions.

We’re excited about this program proposal and hope it will be accepted for the Washington, D.C. conference!

INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION LITERACY COMMITTEE
Elizabeth Fox and Gina Schlesselman-Tarango, Co-Chairs

The Instruction and Information Literacy Committee has been working on companion documents to ACRL’s Framework for Information Literacy for anthropology, criminology/criminal justice, and sociology over the past year. We have completed draft documents for all three and will spend the next year polishing those documents with the goal of presenting them for review to the ACRL Standards Committee at Annual 2019.

Hailey Mooney, the ACRL liaison to the American Sociological Association (ASA), presented a poster with the draft of the sociology companion document at the ASA annual conference in August.

We look forward to helping subject specialist librarians and general librarians teach information literacy concepts to students of all ages.

LIAISON COMMITTEE
Triveni Kuchi, Chair

The ANSS Liaison Committee met on June 23, 2018 during the ALA Annual conference in New Orleans. Several Liaison Committee members were unable to attend the conference. A couple members had conflicts since all the committees met at the same time during the All Committee meetings. It was suggested that a virtual meeting prior to the Annual conference might be ideal to address some of the agenda, especially if it is known beforehand that members will not be able to attend summer ALA meetings. The ANSS Executive Committee will be discussing expansion or reassignment of disciplinary associations based on ANSS liaison needs and recommendations. Many thanks to outgoing American Anthropological Association liaison Juliann Couture for her extensive contributions to ANSS and AAA. The committee has recommended a new AAA liaison to the ANSS Executive Committee, and an announcement will be
made shortly after the Annual conference meetings. American Sociological Association liaison Hailey Mooney and American Criminal Justice Society liaison Melissa Chomintra continue their terms. The committee applauds all the liaisons’ valuable efforts in engaging and participating with members of AAA, ASA, and ACJS. Please take a moment to read the ANSS Liaison reports and updates on the liaison blog.

**ACRL – ACADEMY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES Liaison Report**

Melissa Chomintra, Tulane University

Another fall is steadily underway. I hope everyone had a productive summer and is settling into the new academic year. The summer brought a lot of change. I accepted the position of Scholarly Engagement Librarian for the Social Sciences at Tulane University and moved to New Orleans. I am quickly acclimating to the city and have enjoyed my first few months immensely.

Over the summer I attended ALA Annual, as many of you did. While ALA can be completely overwhelming, I found comfort in seeing familiar faces at the Liaison Committee meeting. Being the first to hold the position of liaison to ACJS, I have struggled to make connections. While it was nice to hear that others have struggled in similar ways, I find myself wondering, *What else can I do? Is ACJS interested in this partnership? Was there expressed interest from both parties before creating this appointment?* My apologies for getting philosophical, but my lack of success makes me abundantly introspective. Onwards and upwards.

**ACRL-AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION Liaison Report**

Hailey Mooney, University of Michigan

The big American Sociological Association (ASA) gathering happens every year in August. This year, the Annual meeting was held August 11-14 in Philadelphia, PA. I, along with fellow ANSSer Paula Dempsey, presented a poster that showcased our work to date on the draft Sociological Information Literacy Framework. You can see the poster and accompanying handout at http://hdl.handle.net/2027.42/145189. It’s titled “Find and Cite Three-to-Five Sources: Applying the Sociological Imagination to Critical Information Literacy.” This was a big accomplishment for the Sociology Subgroup of the Instruction & Information Literacy Committee, since we’ve been working for some time towards the creation of a Disciplinary Framework Document. The Sociological Information Literacy Framework presented on the poster is a condensed draft version; we still have work ahead of us, especially around coordinating a peer review process that includes both ANSS and ASA members. More to come on that later! We received some positive interest in the project while at ASA, notably from Teresa Ciabattari (ASA Director of Academic and Professional Affairs) and Susan Ferguson (co-author of the Sociological Literacy Framework). The Sociological Information Literacy Framework takes the format of a crosswalk between the [Sociological Literacy Framework](http://hdl.handle.net/2027.42/145189) and the Framework for Information Literacy. I would like to recognize my fellow members of the Sociology Subgroup: Nidia Banuelos, Paula Dempsey, and Rui Wang.

Another highlight from the ASA meeting was the chance to enjoy a dinner out with fellow sociology librarians. It is always a pleasure to catch up with colleagues. And while I may have missed out on sightseeing during my visit to Philly (it was pouring rain during the little time I set aside to go visit the Liberty Bell), I did eat some very good food. No cheesesteaks for me, but plenty of other treats to be had at the Reading Terminal Market—conveniently located right next to the convention center. And, of course, in the convention center there was food for the mind: thoughtful critiques and studies on myriad topics. I attended several sessions focused on the meeting’s theme of “feeling racism,” including a moving and deeply personal presidential address from Eduardo Bonilla-Silva. Many sessions were directly relevant to librarians, such as those focused on media, technology, big data, open access, and teaching and learning. I was
excited to hear from a professor who incorporates information literacy in her Social Problems class through the lens of the fake news problem. I was thrilled to hear about algorithmic literacy in an Internet & Society themed session using data from the Quello Search Project. It is also notable that Philip Cohen’s persistent efforts to grow and publicize SocArXiv resulted in his presiding at an invited session on open access. Specific topics included the story of Sociological Science, an OA journal; trends and issues in open scholarship; and peer review.

I am already thinking forward to the next ASA meeting in 2019. On behalf of ANSS librarians, I received an invitation from Mary Romero (current ASA president) to submit a proposal for an invited program session. That means the chance to coordinate an entire session focused on librarian contributions to sociology. This is an exciting opportunity and I am currently working with Paula Dempsey and Jesse Klein to put together a strong proposal. Hopefully you will find our session on the ASA meeting schedule next year!

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you would like to discuss further anything I’ve mentioned here, or have other questions or ideas related to our ASA liaison activities.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Susan Silver, Chair

The ANSS Membership Committee met at ALA Annual. The committee is happy to report that, as of June 2018, there were 631 members of ANSS! This represents a 5.7% increase over last year. Student membership appears to be a growing area, up from 76 student members in 2017 to 117 as of June 2018. Many members attended the ANSS joint social with PPRIS (Politics, Policy and International Relations Section) in New Orleans, and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to HeinOnline for sponsoring the social. The committee would like to share the results of the membership survey conducted in February. The responses showed that the majority of members have job assignments that are related to ANSS disciplines.

Most ANSS members join and remain members for the networking and committee opportunities. ANSS-L, Currents, and participation on ANSS committees and in discussion groups are valued highly among members. Those who responded to the survey felt that ANSS should explore new opportunities to connect and serve its membership, such as reaching out to recent graduates, more interdisciplinary collaborations (like the joint social and programing with PPRS), as well as webinars and mentoring. The Membership Committee will be continuing to explore these and other membership promotion ideas.

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mimmo Bonanni and Allison Ringness, Co-Chairs

The ANSS Publications Committee met virtually on July 3, convened by co-chairs Mimmo Bonanni and Allison Ringness. The committee welcomed members and heartily thanked Louisa McMurray for her role as co-editor of ANSS Currents over the years. She is stepping down from her position this summer, and her editing and contributions will be sorely missed. We discussed website statistics from the 2018 calendar year to date, which show a significant increase from 2017 in the total number of views, visitors, and average visits per day, and also an increase of members in ANSS social media, both Twitter and Facebook. We reviewed content for the Fall 2018 issue of Currents and deadlines for the issue. Under new business the committee discussed committee membership since two members are rolling off the committee in 2019, a new chair and new members are needed. If anyone is interested in the committee, please email co-chairs Mimmo Bonanni (mimmo@asu.edu) or Allison Ringness (alringness@icloud.com). Under old business, the committee talked about the recent survey responses on the ANSS website. Valuable input was received, and the committee will likely put out another call for volunteers to evaluate the ANSS website this year. The committee also discussed the idea of creating an ANSS publications email account that could be used for communication and contact information for the ANSS website in the future. This year the committee also
implemented the first phase of a standard file naming convention for the website, which will add to content discovery. Allison and Mimmo also reported on the digital storage for ANSS working documentation, including Dropbox for website files and Google Drive for ANSS *Currents* documentation.

**REVIEW & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Helen Clements, Chair**

The Review and Planning Committee met during the All Committees meeting at Annual on June 23. Members present were Anne Larrivee, Helen Clements, Jill Conte, and Susan Silver; Miriam Rigby and Wayne Sanders were unable to attend Annual.

Since we have unused operating funds, we discussed donating them to ACRL for scholarships. There were some possible reimbursements to be made, and those will be paid before we make a donation. The deadline for reimbursements and for donations to ACRL scholarships is mid-August. (Anne Larrivee, ANSS Chair, led this discussion.)

We also talked further about the feasibility of creating a named ANSS scholarship within ACRL. This would involve additional administrative costs. Jill Conte, incoming Chair, had consulted with the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section of ACRL. They have decided to bypass the formal scholarship and simply give an award with a plaque or other form of acknowledgement. As we discussed this further, we favored choosing a clock as a gift for award winners (with a plaque naming ANSS as the honoring group). We will be discussing this award further and passing our recommendation to Executive for approval. If there were other remaining money after the award was given, that money could simply be donated to the ACRL general scholarship funds, as we have done in the past.

Archiving ANSS documents has been under discussion for some time. ALA Connect is the official site for ANSS documents; they are harvested there for retention of the records by ALA/ACRL. We tentatively decided to move documentation off various platforms that have been used, such as Google discussion groups, and to remind committee chairs to move their materials to ALA Connect. We mentioned that it would be helpful to have a procedure (workflow) about how to manage the archiving.

On July 3rd, Anne Larrivee forwarded a question from the Publications Committee “about collaborating with review and planning to design a better workflow for document storage, work flow processes, and perhaps creating an ANSS email.” Further discussion and action will be needed.

Given the current interest in data management and the emerging trend to create jobs dealing with data management, we mentioned reaching out to other Social Sciences sections in ACRL, as well as to interest and discussion groups. Some committee members mentioned specific people or groups that have formed. Some former members have moved on to positions with responsibilities in those areas; Jen Darragh is an example.

Helen later located the URL for the ACRL Digital Scholarship Section in the ACRL Directory of Leadership. The current roster is available on their section page.

**SUBJECT AND BIBLIOGRAPHIC ACCESS COMMITTEE**

**Tom Durkin, Chair**

The committee had a successful year and met in July to discuss plans for *Cataloging Questions and Answers* reports this year, including:

1. BGN – Board on Geographic Names
2. Ethnomusicology
3. Subject headings for personal adornment
4. Subject terms for works that address concepts of time
5. Overview of the ways that metadata is created and made accessible for anthropological or sociological archival collections: Library of
Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), MAchine-Readable Cataloging (MARC), More Product, Less Process (MPLP), Describing Archives a Content Standard (DACS), Encoded Archival Description (EAD)

At the meeting we also discussed the possibility to hold both an in-person and virtual meeting for ALA Annual 2019. The group decided to nominate Tom Durkin to take over as chair of the committee this summer.

6. Subject terms for theoretical works in anthropology and sociology

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**CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS**

**Excellence in Academic Libraries Award**

$3,000 and a plaque

**Academic/Research Librarian of the Year**

$5,000 and a plaque

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**DEADLINE:** December 7, 2018

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**DISCUSSION GROUP REPORTS**

**ANTHROPOLOGY LIBRARIANS DISCUSSION GROUP**

Rachael Muszkiewicz and Tom Durkin, Co-Conveners

The Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group held our meeting on Saturday, June 23rd, where we welcomed 15 attendees to our conversation. We were pleased to invite anthropologist Rachel Sian Breunlin of the University of New Orleans to speak on the Neighborhood Story Project, a nonprofit organization that has turned collaborative ethnography into publishing opportunities since 2004. She detailed the history of the project and how it grew from working with high school students to working with various community groups and individuals who have published 16 books. Rachel also spoke on the huge influence that Hurricane Katrina had on both the Neighborhood Story Project and the city as a whole. Her interactive talk dove deep into examples from the books, where we were able to hear audio clips, see pictures, and
hear about the ethnographic methods used. This was a discussion that included issues with academic publishing and anthropology, such as how the authors/institutions get the acclaim while the people being studied, who give the authors the material, do not. The publishing approach of the Neighborhood Story Project allows the books to live where they come from; this is a more profit-sharing cultural and economic redistribution model where everyone’s contributions are honored. Attendees were able to look at several of the books as well. We would encourage any ANSS members who would like to purchase these books for their collections to do so directly through the Project, as it allows more money to go to the organization.

**Sociology Librarians Discussion Group**

Susan Silver and Jill Conte, Co-Conveners

The Sociology Librarians Discussion Group met at ALA Annual in New Orleans on Sunday, June 24th to discuss the topic “Sociology Subject Specialists: New Roles for Changing Times.” The impact of changing technologies, an abundance of digital information, new instructional models, evolving research methods, and new ways in which scholars communicate and disseminate their research has caused a shift in the scope and nature of academic and research libraries. As a result, the role of the subject specialist is changing. Librarians, who act as liaisons between the library, faculty, and students, are finding that their roles as sociology subject specialist have become more complex in recent years. Librarians are being asked to build expertise and provide support in new areas, including data management; copyright and intellectual property; analytics, metrics, and impact; digital scholarship technologies; and publishing and curation. The group discussed in greater detail several specific issues, including specialized services offered by functional specialists, how subject specialists are handling specialized services on their own, the reorganization of staff and subject disciplines at some libraries, and the various ways in which libraries are reconfiguring their reference services in light of changing needs. The meeting ended with a presentation by J.J. Card from Sociometrics, who discussed their new product, the Social, Behavioral, and Health Sciences Library.

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**RBMS Conference, June 19-22, 2019, Baltimore, Maryland, Response and Responsibility: Special Collections and Climate Change**

The archives and special collections library communities – as part of the global community – face prospective major shifts in our energy systems, economic models, and literal landscapes. Current and predicted impacts associated with climate change offer highly varied and unpredictable effects on our collections, collecting, facilities, services, funding, users, communities, and professional lives. This conference invites attendees and the broader archives and special collections communities to a candid and forward-looking conversation about our work in the era of climate change. Sessions will connect these issues across our proven professional capacities for committed cultivation of inclusivity, technical excellence, strong collaboration, cultural and historical scholarship, educational expertise, and resource stewardship. Registration opens in February! [http://conference.rbms.info/2019/](http://conference.rbms.info/2019/)
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ANSS PROGRAM REPORT
Report by Ilka Datig, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY

The Southern Food Culture & Politics program, which was co-sponsored with ACRL-PPIRS (Politics, Policy, and International Relations Section), was successfully held at ALA 2018. The program took the form of a question-and-answer session; each speaker came prepared with a list of questions to ask the other speaker. Our first speaker was Liz Williams, the founder of the Southern Food and Beverage Museum, President of the National Food and Beverage Foundation, and a researcher of legal and policy issues related to food and foodways. Our other speaker was Susan Tucker, recently retired as the Curator of Books and Records for the Newcomb Archives and Vorhoff Library at Tulane University, which has approximately 300 unique collections, many of which document the history of women and gender in the Gulf South (including culinary history). In addition to managing the Newcomb Archives, Tucker served as an editor of books including Newcomb College, 1886–2006 (LSU Press, 2012) and Women Pioneers of the Louisiana Environmental Movement (University Press of Mississippi, 2013). She also authored Telling Memories Among Southern Women (LSU Press, 1988), which served as an inspiration for the blockbuster novel and 2011 film The Help.

The aim of the program was to delve into political and cultural issues as they relate to the celebration of food, drink, and the related culture of the South. Some of the topics the speakers discussed included food as a symbol of the South (and New Orleans in particular), the difference between culinary culture in the South from other parts of the United States, the influence of the media on food and culture (including politics), and future movements in food culture in the United States in a time of globalization. The discussion was followed by questions from the audience. We had great attendance, and we hope that everyone who attended learned something about Southern food culture.

Liz Williams, Eric Wedig (moderator, PPIRS), and Susan Tucker.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM ANSS AT ALA ANNUAL 2018

The ANSS and PPIRS 2018 Joint Social was held at Evangeline Restaurant on June 22, 2018.

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MEMBER NEWS

Hailey Mooney, along with colleagues Angie Oehrli and Shevon Desai, have written a chapter titled "Cultivating students as educated citizens: The role of academic libraries" in the newly published book *Information literacy and libraries in the age of fake news*. The chapter discusses the fake news mini-course taught at the University of Michigan, including elements that can be applied to one-shot instruction sessions.

ACRL ROADSHOW WORKSHOPS

Looking to build your library’s professional skills? ACRL offers a variety of traveling workshops that can be brought upon request to your campus, chapter, or consortia. Led by expert presenters, these one-day immersive workshops help academic librarians learn new skills and strengthen existing competencies to tackle the greatest issues facing the profession today. Current workshop topics include:

- Assessment in Action
- Engaging with the ACRL Framework
- Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy
- Standards for Libraries in Higher Education
- Research Data Management
- Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement

Please contact ACRL Program Officer Chase Ollis at collis@ala.org to discuss dates and locations, pricing, and for complete workshop details.
ANSS would like to convey our sadness for the passing of fellow ANSS member Richard Freeman, Anthropology Librarian at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. He passed away on October 24, 2017. Richard was an active member of ANSS, where he served as ANSS Liaison Co-Chair, and was a dedicated librarian.

Richard was both a photographer and an accomplished anthropologist. He had many opportunities to use his media skills in the field, including research in Oaxaca, Haiti, and Miami. Richard was also a research board member for the Society for Visual Anthropology (SVA), part of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), and actively involved in his field of visual anthropology. At SVA he played an active and supportive role for research in still photography. Richard was involved with the SVA for 20 years, was a commendable visual researcher, and an accomplished author, publishing “Photography and ethnography,” a chapter in Viewpoints: Visual anthropologists at work.

Beginning in 2012 he embarked on a new career in librarianship at the University of Florida, a job he dearly loved. As a librarian he made significant contributions in the field of social science data, and he presented and paneled workshops on the topic. He actively archived his own social science data in digital libraries, including his work on Vodou in Haiti. Richard was a passionate and enthusiastic member of ANSS and ANSS committees, including the Liaison Committee. He made many valuable contributions at ANSS meetings and through the ANSS listserv, and he was a speaker on visual anthropology for the ANSS Anthropology Discussion Group at the 2016 ALA Conference. Richard had an immense knowledge of visual anthropology and of anthropology in general. He was a friendly and curious person, as well as a great conversationalist. I fondly remember a conversation he and I had on photography, baseball, and the game’s long history in American culture. Richard’s contributions, insight, and delightful conversations will be sorely missed.

-- Mimmo Bonanni

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RESOURCE REVIEWS

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INDIGENOUS CINEMA – NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA
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Publisher: National Film Board of Canada
URL: https://www.nfb.ca/indigenous-cinema
Cost: Free web access

The National Film Board of Canada’s (NFB) website describes the NFB as “Canada’s public producer and distributor of documentary, animation and interactive/immersive experiences that reflect Canada and Canadian perspectives to Canadian and global audiences.” Indigenous Cinema, an important film archive, is part of the NFB’s response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action. The NFB developed a three-year plan, outlined in the document Redefining the NFB’S Relationship with Indigenous Peoples. One of the key goals expressed in the NFB’s three-year plan was to contextualize and curate Indigenous Cinema, making it easily accessible and searchable. The NFB also set out to decolonize classification terms used to catalogue the films, add director biographies, and identify filmmakers by nation and community.

Indigenous Cinema offers free streaming of more than 200 titles by Indigenous directors. The most heavily represented genre in the archive is documentary film, but there are many animated short and feature-length films as well, showcasing exceptional talent, creativity, and emotional depth. This incredible resource is suitable for students, instructors, and researchers across disciplines in the humanities and social sciences.

Figure 1: Indigenous Cinema homepage.
With over 200 short and feature-length films, produced from 1968 to 2017, visitors to the website have several options for browsing the collection. Searching within the Indigenous Cinema collection is not available, but the three browsing options more than make up for this. Please note that searching is available across the complete NFB archive.

1. Films
There are multiple ways to sort and filter the complete film archive. One can filter the collection by language (English, French, All languages). There are 60 films available in French. There are also options to set a production date limit or range, and to sort the collection alphabetically. Each film’s web page has a synopsis and a list of subject headings describing the film, which can be used to discover more films on similar topics.

2. Directors
The directors index is organized alphabetically with the default filter set to “All nations/peoples.” There are subsequently 32 nations/peoples to select from a drop-down menu. The nation/peoples refer to the filmmaker’s cultural background and not the subject matter of the films they have made. For example, there are 17 Métis filmmakers represented in this archive, each with one or more films to their credit. Each director has an informative biography which includes some personal background information, film credits, and creative inspirations and motivations.

3. Subjects
The subject index consists of eighteen “Indigenous Subjects”: Indigenous Peoples: Canada; Indigenous Peoples of North America (General); Indigenous Peoples International: beyond North America; Education; Indigenous Economies; Indigenous Governance General (Modern, Contemporary); Colonizing Government Policy, Impacts & Outcomes; Justice System & Indigenous People; Law, Legislation & Government Policy; Rights & Title; Nature & Ecological Knowledge; Community; Roles & Relationships; Health & Wellbeing; Indigenous Language; Worldview, Belief, Spirituality Philosophy & Ideology; Tangible & Material Culture; Intangible Culture & Literature. Most of these subjects have two or narrower subject headings. The subject, Indigenous Peoples: Canada, has 32 subheadings. These subheadings are the same as the nations/peoples list in the director’s index.

Figure 2: Example of a descriptive record for the film “Trick or Treaty?” directed by Alanis Obomsawin.
All of the films in the Indigenous Cinema collection can be streamed for free and some can be downloaded for screening offline. In some cases, a DVD of the film is available for purchase from the NFB DVD Boutique. A paid subscription to the complete NFB archive is also available for individuals and institutions. The subscription includes access to all NFB films and accompanying educational resources when available.

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**ACRL 2019 – Recasting the Narrative** is coming April 10-13, 2019, in Cleveland.

The [ACRL Conference](#) is your once-every-two-years opportunity to access the best information, discover new ideas, and stay at the forefront of the profession. You’ll get irreplaceable opportunities to connect with your peers from all over the country and all over the globe, along with access to content all year long.

**Conference Program**

ACRL 2019 features more than 500 thought-provoking sessions hand-selected by your peers. The conference offers a variety session formats, including contributed papers, panel sessions, poster sessions, roundtable discussions, TechConnect presentations, preconferences, and workshops. With this wide range of formats, there’s something to appeal to all learning styles. The initial ACRL 2019 program schedule will be available later this fall on the conference website. And while you can’t be in two places at once, your conference registration allows you access to nearly 400 of these sessions in the Virtual Conference for one full year after the event.

**Keynote Speakers**

Journalist [Michele Norris](#) will deliver the opening keynote on April 10. Norris is a Peabody Award-winning journalist, founder of The Race Card Project and Executive Director of The Bridge, The Aspen Institute’s program on race, identity, connectivity, and inclusion.

ACRL 2019’s middle keynote on April 11 features author [Viet Thanh Nguyen](#). Nguyen’s writing is bold, elegant, and fiercely honest. His remarkable debut novel, The Sympathizer, won the Pulitzer Prize, was a Dayton Literary Peace Prize winner, and made the finalist list for the PEN/Faulkner award.

You’ll leave ACRL 2019 inspired by our final keynoter, cartoonist [Alison Bechdel](#). Bechdel is an internationally beloved cartoonist whose darkly humorous graphic memoirs, astute writing and evocative drawing have forged an unlikely intimacy with a wide and disparate range of readers.

**Register Today!**

[Registration](#) and [housing](#) for ACRL 2019 are now available! While the conference is coming up April 10-13, 2019, you can get a jump on registration to get the best rates, meet current fiscal year deadlines, or because you’re just too excited to wait. Register for ACRL 2019 by February 8, 2019, and take advantage of discounted early-bird registration rates. You can save $70 or more! Group discounts are also available for institutions that register ten or more employees.
**Homeland Security Digital Library**

*Reviewed:* March 2018  
*URL:* [https://www.hsdl.org/c/](https://www.hsdl.org/c/)  
*Cost:* Access to over half the collection is free and open to the general public. The full collection is also free, but access requires an individual or organization-wide account.

**Introduction**

The Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL) is a full-text resource sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that contains policy, strategy, legislation, and government reports and research focused on homeland security issues. Individual or organization accounts can be requested. The University of South Florida Libraries has an organization account that provides users with access to the full collection of 174,400 documents. According to the *mission statement* of HSDL, its purpose is to “support federal, state, local, and tribal analysis, debate, and decision making needs to assist academics of all disciplines in homeland defense and security related research.”

**Coverage**

HSDL contains public laws regarding homeland security dating from 1940 to the present. In addition to public laws, the collection includes U.S. policy and strategy documents, Congressional hearings, Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports and issue briefs, Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports and testimony, and theses and research reports from the Naval Postgraduate School. Federal, state, and local governments contribute to the collection. For example, if you are looking for information on the Oklahoma City bombing of the Murrah Federal Building, you will find reports from state agencies in addition to reports from the federal government. Under the research tab of the website, you will find links to glossaries, dictionaries, statistics, books and journals, grants, and thesis and dissertation repositories.

*Figure 1: Search the HSDL.*
Over 50% of the collection is freely searchable and open to the public without an account. Materials in the collection available to the public are primarily policy documents, government reports, and legislation. The balance of the collection is available to local, state, tribal, territorial, and federal officials in addition to U.S. military. It is also available to homeland security research or educational institutions, as well as their faculty and students. The full collection includes analyses from think tanks, international and national reports, videos, webcasts, and studies from educational institutions. Content is updated weekly.

**Format and Organization**

Searching HSDL is similar to searching Google Scholar. HSDL’s basic search allows users to search for full text using a simple phrase such as “Oklahoma City bombing.” Search results can be limited to a specific collection. The advanced search provides additional options based on Boolean operators and limiting results to a specific date range and collection.

The dropdown options above the search screen can be used to find specific documents or legislation. Results are grouped into subject categories, helping you to reduce the number of search results.

The Featured Topics option allows users to limit their search to specific homeland security topics, such as energy security, gangs, or global terrorism. The navigation and search options are simple and easy to use. There is the option to “Ask a Librarian”; however, they do state that before contacting them you should work with the librarian at your
respective institution. Each document listed in the search results contains a summary, an abstract, and a PDF of the document.

**Analysis**
Currently there are only a small number of databases focused on terrorism. One of them is CQ.com (formerly CQ Homeland Security). CQ users can search for information on the topics listed in HSDL, but the search results are not as focused as the results from HSDL. *PAIS Index* from ProQuest and *Social Sciences Full-Text* from EBSCO provide sources of information not found in HSDL, such as journals, conference papers, and international publications. These additional sources of information would complement the materials in HSDL. Researchers can use HSDL as a stand-alone resource, but using additional academic resources would allow them to develop a broader understanding of homeland security issues and global terrorism.

**Conclusion**
Overall, HSDL is a great resource for anyone researching homeland security and related issues like emergency management and terrorism (foreign and domestic). HSDL is excellent for conducting research in political science and criminal justice. Researchers will be able to find relevant laws, Congressional hearings, reports, and statistics. Using HSDL with other academic resources will provide researchers with the ability to develop a thorough analysis of issues related to homeland security. HSDL has a searchable blog and timeline that are regularly updated. This resource from the Department of Homeland Security is an excellent starting point for anyone doing research in the areas of homeland security, emergency management, and terrorism.