

# Anthropology and Sociology Section

## Strategic Area: Higher Education and Research

### Goal Area: Learning

#### *1. ACRL expands regional, national and international adoption, use and development of information literacy standards.*

ANSS Information Literacy Standards for Anthropology and Sociology Students (approved in 2008) are posted on the ANSS website and the American Sociological Association's website ([http://www.asanet.org/teaching/white\\_papers\\_and\\_web\\_links.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/teaching/white_papers_and_web_links.cfm)). The Instruction and Information Literacy Committee will be working on getting the standards added to the American Anthropological Association website.

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#### *3. ACRL increases member abilities to create and manage physical and virtual spaces and services as environments for discovery.*

The ANSS Instruction and Information Literacy Committee is working on a "Repository of Teaching and Assessment Materials." This repository will facilitate faculty and librarian use of the ANSS Information Literacy Standards for Anthropology and Sociology students in departments and courses. It will contain assignments, curricula, IL projects, syllabi and active learning techniques among other materials.

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### Goal Area: Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity

#### *1. Strengthen ACRL's role in serving as a catalyst for and supporting transformative change in scholarly communication systems.*

ACRL liaison to the American Anthropological Association (AAA) focused on scholarly communication and publishing. Liaison attended AAA Annual Conference and met with publishers and Association members on topics such as scholarly publishing, trans-national publishing, open access, information literacy, and other topics

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### Goal Area: Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity

#### *2. Enhance ACRL members' ability to provide education, advocacy, and coalition building to support transformative change in scholarly communication systems*

AAA liaison began a column in the ANSS newsletter, "Currents", to report on scholarly communication issues in anthropology.

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### Goal Area: Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity

#### *3. Enhance ACRL members' understanding of how scholars work and the systems, tools, and technology to support the evolving work of the creation, personal organization, aggregation, discovery, preservation, access and exchange of information in all formats.*

Discussion group topics included presentation by representative from Ithaka R+P, who outlined findings from recent surveys on faculty research methods and their attitudes toward electronic vs. print materials.

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### Goal Area: Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity

#### *4. Strengthen ACRL's relationships with learned societies to expand membership knowledge of disciplinary practices in scholarship.*

Members have presented workshops, created flyers, and networked with members of both main learned societies for Sociology and Anthropology. The Chair of the ANSS Ad-Hoc Committee on Assessment of Library Collections and Services in Sociology presented a workshop entitled, “Are the Sociological Titles You and Your Students Need in Your Institution’s Library? Building Collection Standards for Sociology Departments”, at the American Sociological Association’s 2009 Annual Meeting.

## **Strategic Area: Higher Education and Research**

### **Goal Area: Advocacy**

#### ***6. Increase ACRL members' ability to respond to and maintain critical levels of excellence in accreditation requirements and professional standard***

Assessment Tool for Sociology Collections and Services in Academic Libraries developed in response to needs expressed by American Sociological Association—needs which included measuring library collections required to support accreditation standards. Tool is posted on the ANSS and American Sociological Association’s websites ([http://www.asanet.org/teaching/white\\_papers\\_and\\_web\\_links.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/teaching/white_papers_and_web_links.cfm) ).

## **Strategic Area: The Profession**

### **Goal Area: Continuous Learning**

#### ***3. Increase ACRL’s agility in providing cutting-edge content for learning programs and publications.***

Delivered a well-attended Annual Program focused on the distinct character of Chicago’s ethnic neighborhoods, enriching the Conference experience for many attendees by covering themes directly related to the Conference locale.

## **Strategic Area: The Profession**

### **Goal Area: Information Technology**

#### ***3. Support members in their exploration, research on, and implementation of new and emerging information technologies and their application for library services in educational environments.***

Published article in Section newsletter exploring advantages and disadvantages of using a major, subscription-based disciplinary database to using resources offered freely through Google Scholar.

## **Strategic Area: The Association**

### **Goal Area: Membership**

#### ***1. Expand the appeal of ACRL membership among current members with a special focus on those new to the profession and early in their careers.***

- Re-vamped the ANSS buddy program to become the ANSS Ambassador program. Through the Ambassador program, members of the Membership Committee will offer to meet up with interested people to accompany them from their hotel to the Social, to meet at the Social, or to meet at another point during the conference. We hope that this program will make people feel more comfortable with traveling around a new city, and also provide one-on-one opportunities to meet fellow colleagues.
- Membership Committee has proposed to do a survey of members to assess how members prefer to receive their information, as well as to get a sense of how well ANSS is serving its members. Initial ideas for questions for the survey include asking members about the perceived value of belonging to ANSS, what members like the most and least, their preferred means of communication, whether they prefer in-person or virtual committee participation, and the direction they would like to see ANSS take in the future.

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### **Goal Area: Membership**

#### ***5. Increase efforts to support recruitment of new and diverse talent to ACRL.***

Continued discussion of ways to recruit membership through contact with students currently enrolled in library school, and have a number of student ANSS members appointed to committees.

## **Strategic Area: The Association**

### **Goal Area: Organizational Vitality and Effectiveness**

#### ***3. Increase and improve ACRL’s organizational use of information technology.***

- This spring ANSS Publications developed guidelines for ANSS Committees to submit their agendas and minutes to ALA Connect. Submitting to Connect will become a new requirement for ANSS Committees.
- Exploring 2.0 technologies such as Facebook, Twitter, and wikis for delivering Section content to interested consumers and potential new members, responding to new technological developments and potentially broadening ANSS’ audience. ANSS Publications Committee set up ANSS Twitter and ANSS Facebook accounts to share information more broadly and to appeal to younger members who are used to using social networking to connect with others and gather information. Publications Committee will work with Membership Committee on this initiative.

### **Strategic Area: The Association**

#### **Goal Area: Sustainability**

*1. Expand commitment to adopting green and sustainable business practices for ACRL offices, conferences, continuing education and operations with business partners.*

- ANSS Newsletter Currents went e-only in Fall 2009. This was a semester ahead of the ACRL schedule for Sections to make this change.
- ANSS Membership Committee went e-only in sending welcome letters to new members and drop notices to dropped members.
- Continued discussion and consideration about virtual participation in committee business, conducting substantive committee work electronically, and exploration of networked tools for collaboration. Examples include meeting via Skype and increased committee work through email and document sharing.

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*2. Create a discourse about the significance of sustainability and ways to promote it within ACRL.*

Sociology Librarians Discussion group tackled issues of consortial resource sharing, ways to better utilize staff, and the reality of shrinking budgets.