

COLLECTION AREA

Anthropology Collection Development Policy

I. GENERAL PURPOSE

The Anthropology Collection of the Parks Library is designed to support study, instruction, and research in the field of Anthropology. Anthropology materials are defined as those dealing with the study of people from all viewpoints regardless of time or geography. Anthropological research and study can cross over into other related fields of study such as medical and forensic anthropology, primatology, archaeology, sociology, education, and linguistics. Collection emphasis is based on providing the broadest coverage of materials for all perspectives. Scholarly and informational works, appropriate for use at the undergraduate, graduate, and research levels, are selected. The primary clientele for this collection are the students and faculty of the Anthropology Department as well as those departments that encompass American Indian Studies, Linguistics, Latin American Studies, Women's Studies, Sustainable Agriculture, Religious Studies, International Studies, Evolutionary Biology, and Ecology.

II. HISTORY

The Anthropology Department was created in December 1990 when it separated from the Sociology Department where it had functioned as a semi-autonomous unit from 1971-1990. The Department offers both an undergraduate degree and a Master of Arts in Anthropology.

III. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

The Anthropology program trains and educates its students in these four anthropological fields: cultural, linguistic, archaeology, and biological. The program provides an holistic view of anthropology by teaching about both present and past manifestations of culture.

Research conducted by the faculty spans the globe from the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, the Mediterranean, Greece, the European Union, and the United States and Iowa. Areas of research include ethnoarchaeology, indigenous languages, social movements, primatology, hunter-gatherers, technology and globalization, and gender and consumption.

The Iowa State University Archaeological Laboratory (ISUAL) has a 25-year association with the University and the Anthropology Department to conduct research in Iowa archaeology. Primatologists in the Department also conduct research at the Great Ape Trust in Des Moines.

IV. SUBJECT BOUNDARIES

The collection will consist of materials to support teaching in the Anthropology Department in the four major areas of study: cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology as well as in other pertinent subjects. In addition, the collection will also support the research needs of the faculty and graduate students.

This collection, at the discretion of the Anthropology Bibliographer, will consider the selection of items referred by the Racial and Ethnic Studies Bibliographer. Occasionally, items from the Sociology Bibliographer will also be considered.

V. GENERAL COLLECTION GUIDELINES

a. Language - The collection is primarily in English although other languages will be considered and purchased when it is appropriate.

b. Geographical Areas - All geographical areas will be considered with greater emphasis placed on those geographical areas of study and research, such as the Mediterranean, Greece, and the European Union, Senegal, and the Middle East.

c. Types of Materials - All types of materials are selected, based on their content and relevancy to the courses taught and research being conducted.

d. Format of Materials - All formats are selected, based on their content and relevancy to the courses taught and research being conducted.

VI. SPECIFIC COLLECTION GUIDELINES

The collection does not generally acquire dissertations and revised dissertations from other institutions, although exceptions may be made. Also, most textbooks are not selected.

VII. DETAILED SUBJECT AREAS

See **IV** above

VIII. OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE

N/A

IX. CROSS-REFERENCES TO OTHER COLLECTION POLICIES

American Indian Studies
Linguistics
Philosophy & Religious Studies
Sociology
Women's Studies
Primate Studies
Information Technology

X. CREATION DATE

September 2000 - Kathy A. Parsons

XI. REVISION HISTORY

September 2007 - Rita A. Marinko

XII. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION

GF 1 - GT 476
GT 495 - GT 498
GT 2400 - GT 2847
GT 2995 - GT 7070

XIII. BIBLIOGRAPHERS

Kathy A. Parsons: 2000 - 2003

Rita A. Marinko: 2003 -