

**Georgia State University Library
Collection Development Policy
Department of Anthropology**

Purpose of the Collection: To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of Anthropology in the sub-disciplines of social or cultural anthropology, physical or biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistic anthropology. The Department offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. The Master of Arts program emphasizes research and teaching related to urban contexts, processes, and populations. Students receive training in local, regional, and global transformations, quantitative and qualitative research methods, and theories of human nature, society, and culture. In addition, students gain practical skills, including proposal writing, project development, field research, ethnographic needs-assessments, community development, and program evaluation. Graduate students are trained in theories, methods, topics, and skills in archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and its applied domains.

General Collection Guidelines:

- a. **Languages:** English is the preferred language. Literature in other languages is acquired when requested.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** Prehistoric time for all continents, selectively, to the present.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** Focus is on the urban southeastern United States, especially for the applied anthropology graduate program. Major research interests include North America (emphasis on Native Americans, Southeastern U.S.A, Southwestern U.S.A, and Texas); Central America (particularly Mexico and Belize) and the Caribbean; South America (particularly Argentina); Africa south of the Sahara; industrialized Europe (particularly Greece); the Middle East, and Southeast Asia (particularly China). Other regions are selectively collected selectively.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Current publications are of primary importance. Retrospective classic or standard works not already in the collection are selectively collected.
- e. **Types of materials:** Monographs, periodicals, audio-visual, and electronic resources for the nucleus of the collection. Field manuals are important. Biographies are of interest if the subject is an anthropologist or the subject illustrates an anthropological context. Representative site reports should be collected. Collection of popular studies and textbooks selectively acquired.

f. **Treatment of the Subject:** General emphasis is on building a strong, interdisciplinary collection in local, regional, and global transformations, quantitative and qualitative research methods, and theories of human nature, society, and culture. Areas of focus include urban contexts, processes, and populations; cultural anthropology; biological anthropology; and archaeology.

g. **Organizational Sources:** Of particular importance are publications by the American Anthropology Association, Society for Applied Anthropology, American Association of Physical Anthropologists, and Society for American Archaeology. Publications of international organizations, governments, and archaeological commissions or museums will be collected selectively.

Related Collection Development Policies:

- Applied Linguistics and English as a Second Language
- Biology
- Global Studies
- History
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- World Languages and Cultures

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