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## Cross-Cultural CD (CCCD)

Cross Cultural CD contains full-text information drawn from the Human Relations Area File (HRAF) Archives, a microfiche collection of excerpts from ethnographic sources in anthropology, sociology, and psychology on over 300 societies around the world. Cross-Cultural CD provides information from more than 500 books, articles, dissertations, and unpublished manuscripts on 60 of those societies in the 19th and 20th centuries. Cross-Cultural CD is available on a separate CD-ROM workstation in the Reference Area. The information is organized into ten topical databases with two databases on each CD disk/volume:

<b>Disk/Volume 1: Human Sexuality</b>	<b>Marriage</b>
<b>Disk/Volume 2: Family</b>	<b>Crime &amp; Social Problems</b>
<b>Disk/Volume 3: Old Age</b>	<b>Death &amp; Dying</b>
<b>Disk/Volume 4: Childhood &amp; Adolescence</b>	<b>Socialization &amp; Education</b>
<b>Disk/Volume 5: Religious Beliefs (in 1995)</b>	<b>Religious Practices (in 1995)</b>

### SELECTING A CROSS-CULTURAL CD DATABASE

- Place appropriate disk/volume in CD-ROM drive.
- At the Database Selection Screen, move the cursor to the database(s) you want to search; press **[SPACE BAR]** to select each database; and then **[ENTER]** to load the database(s). You can search any two databases on one disk separately or together. Databases on different disks cannot be searched together.

### SUBJECT SEARCHING WITH FREE TEXT

Subject searching with free text allows you to type in any combination of terms or phrases as a search statement. It may be a good idea to **truncate** a term to retrieve all variants of the stem of the term being searched. To truncate a term, use an asterisk. For example, **wido\*** retrieves widow, widows, widowhood. Terms can be combined with other terms using one of five operators: **AND** to narrow your search: **childhood and adolescence**; **OR** to broaden a search: **parents or stepparents**; **NOT** to narrow a search: **family not daughters**; **WITH** to narrow a search within one field: **widow with remarriage**; and **NEAR** to narrow a search within one sentence: **matrilocal with household**.

- At the FIND prompt, enter your search term(s) and press [ENTER]. If the FIND prompt does not display, press [F2].

FIND: celibacy and widow\*

- You may combine the resulting set of records with another term in one of two ways:

FIND: #1 and pawnee

FIND: and pawnee (beginning with and automatically combines results)

- To display the first record of your search results, press [F4]. Use the arrow or PgUp/PgDn keys to scroll through the records.
- To display results of an earlier search, type the desired set number with the # sign. Press **[ENTER]**; then **[F4]**.

## SEARCHING DIRECTLY FROM THE INDEX

It is possible to use the online Index [F5] to search for records related to your subject.

- Press [P5] to display the Index prompt.
- Enter **widow** and press [ENTER]. Press [S] to highlight and select the term. Scroll to any other term desired (e.g. widower) and select that term.
- Press [F] to find the records containing any of selected terms. The resulting set can be combined with other terms at the FIND prompt, e.g. **#1 and celibacy**.

## SEARCHING BY DESCRIPTOR (DE)

The descriptors or subject headings assigned to each excerpt are taken from the Outline of Cultural Materials (OCM) subject codes list. To find a list of descriptors as well as cross-references to those descriptors, press [F3] **GUIDE** and select **TERMINOLOGY** from the menu. A list is also available in Cross-Cultural CD user's manual. The publication, Outline of Cultural Materials, 5th rev. ed., provides the full HRAF subject classification system including lists of descriptors, scope notes, cross-references, and the numeric **OCM** codes corresponding to each subject. Descriptors are entered as hyphenated phrases or are selected from the Index (**F5**):

**FIND: ideas-about-sexuality in de**  
**FIND: mourning in de**  
**FIND: wedding-ceremonies in de**

## LATERAL SEARCHING

It is possible to select individual terms or phrases and search them from any displayed record. Terms selected from a free text field will be searched in all free text fields. Once you have a displayed record, move the cursor to the term you want to search. Press [S] **Select Search Term** to select the term. Press [F] **Find** to search for the term.

## MARKING RECORDS FOR PRINTING OR DOWNLOADING

Once a set of records is displayed by pressing [F4], it is possible to mark records for printing.

- Press M while the cursor is anywhere on the record. Up to 30 records can be marked for printing at one session. (To unmark a record, position the cursor anywhere on the record, and press U.)
- Once all records have been reviewed, press [F6] or [P] to print or press [F11] or [D] to download the marked records; then press [ENTER].
- If your search produces fewer than 30 records and you wish to print all of the records without marking them, simply press [F6] or [P] to print or [Fit] or [D] to download all of the records; then press [ENTER].

## **VIEWING A PARTICULAR RECORD WITHIN A DISPLAYED RECORD SET**

Once a set of records is displayed by pressing [F4] it is possible to go directly to a particular record # in that set. For example, to view record number 50 out of 100 displayed records:

- Press [0] for options. At the Show Options Screen, move the cursor to the second line, Records to Display. Type 50; press [ENTER].

## **QUITTING CROSS-CULTURAL CD**

- To quit, press [ESC] or [F10]; at the command menu at the bottom of the screen, press Q.

## **IMPORTANT SEARCHABLE FIELDS IN CROSS-CULTURAL CD**

### **AU Author(s)**

The simplest way to search by author is to type the author's name at the FIND prompt. To retrieve all versions of an author's name, truncate the name with an asterisk (\*) or use the Index IF5].

**hulbert-home in au**  
**hulbert\* in au**

To use Index: Press [F5]. Enter hulbert. Highlight and press [S] for each version of the author's name. Press [F] to search for all records containing the selected names.

### **CNTL Record Control Number**

Every record has a control number that can be used for retrieving specific records.

**145 in cntl**  
**cntl=145**

### **DATE Publication Date**

This field gives the publication date of the original source documents.

**1906 in date**  
**189\* in date**

### **DE Descriptor**

The descriptors or subject headings are taken from the Outline of Cultural Materials (OCM) subject codes list. See page 2 of this handout for additional information on searching by descriptors.

**economics-of-marriage in de**

## **FOC Geographic Focus**

This field indicates if the information in the record pertains to a sub-unit of the society such as a specific village or region. If the record does not pertain to a sub-unit, the word "general" is used.

**bang-chan in foc**  
**foc=bang-chan**

## **OCM Outline of Cultural Materials Subject Code**

This field contains the numeric code of the subjects found in the DE (Descriptor) field. These codes are found in the [Outline of Cultural Materials](#), in the [Cross-Cultural CD](#) user's guide, and in the **Terminology** section of the online **Guide** [F3]

**ocm = 548**  
**548 in ocm**

**PUB1 Publisher Information** This field contains publisher information for the source document not covered in another field.

**smithsonian in pub1**

**PUB2 Cultural Summary Citations** This field provides a full citation for the sources cited in the HRAF cultural summary, field SUMM.

**hanks in pub2**

## **SOC Society**

This field identifies the society to which the text pertains. The 60 societies covered by this database are listed in the [Cross-Cultural CD](#) Quick Reference Guide as well as on page 19 of the **Terminology** section of the online **Guide** (F3). There are 15 societies from Africa, 6 from Oceania, 13 from Asia, 3 from Europe, 2 from the Middle East, 10 from North America, and 11 from South America.

**korea in soc**  
**soc=trobriands**

## **SUMM Cultural Summaries Note**

This field provides a cultural summary or overview of each of the 60 societies in the database. There are two ways to search for a cultural summary for a particular society:

**soc=lapps and cultural in summ**  
**soc=lapps and cultural-summary**

## **TEXT Full Text of Excerpt**

This field includes all of the original text pertaining to the subject of the search. Each record contains a full excerpt taken from a book, dissertation, article, or unpublished manuscript. The text can be searched by keyword:

**mourning period in text**

## **TI Title**

This field gives the title of the source document from which the text is excerpted. Because there will usually be more than one excerpt from a document in the database, this title can appear in multiple records. The title can be searched by keyword:

**skidi pawnee in ti**

## **TIME Period of Time Researched**

This field gives the time period pertaining to the information in the text. Usually this period covers the time of study of the cultural group. If there is no clear time of study for a particular text, "no-date" appears in the field.

**1947 in time**

**91\* in time**

## **SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT CROSS-CULTURAL CD**

The information contained in the original HRAF files, from which CCCD is derived, comes from a wide range of sources and has varying degrees of reliability depending on the source. In the original files, HRAF rates each source (1 = poor through 5 = excellent) and indicates the training of the author: M=missionary, Y=educator, L=linguist, etc.) These rating elements are unfortunately not included in CCCD which puts the burden of determining reliability up to the user. There is a 1977 publication called [Sixty Cultures: A Guide to the HRAF Probability Sample Files \(Part A\)](#) which lists and evaluates all of the sources on which CCCD is based up through 1977. This publication can be used to rate the sources in CCCD dated before 1977.

[Cross-Cultural CD](#) should not be considered to be a substitute in any way for the HRAF archives. However, as a subset of the HRAF files, it will provide valuable full-text information on cultures for those teaching and researching particular subjects and societies. The database also provides citations to numerous sources of cultural information.

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