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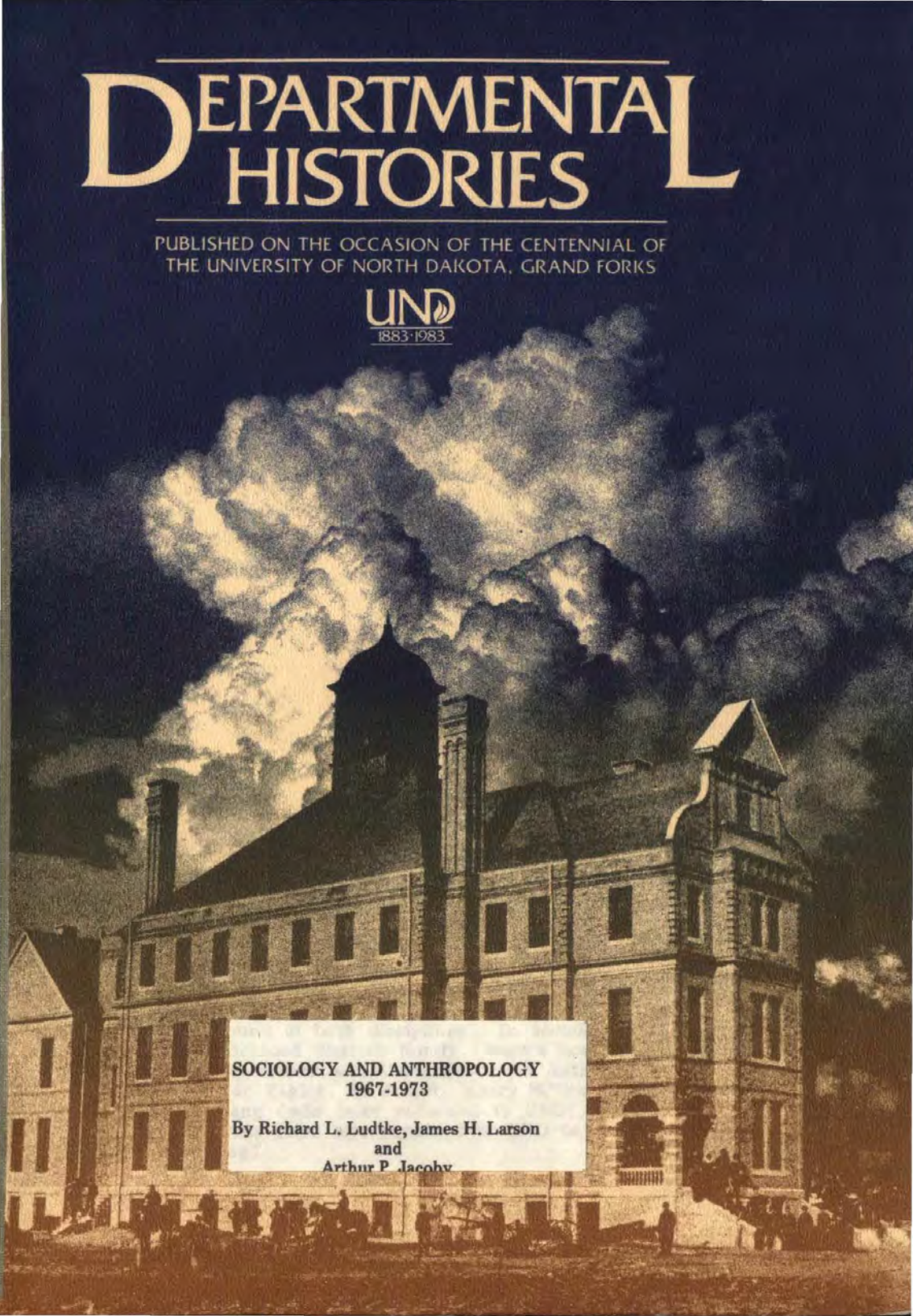
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The combined disciplines of Sociology and Anthropology continued to be administered by A. P. Jacoby throughout this period. In 1967 the department was moved to Budge Hall for temporary occupancy while efforts were made to provide permanent and more suitable space. While the move was disruptive, it did have attractive features such as adequate housing for graduate teaching assistants with close proximity to the entire faculty. This promoted a stronger graduate subculture. Offices adjacent to the Social Work Department also enhanced relations with their faculty. This was the second "temporary" move in a short time and proved to be of long duration.

The administrative tasks for research were not highly visible at the beginning of this period. The Social Science Research Institute was headed by Ronald Johnson until his departure in 1971 at which time Richard Ludtke was named Director. There was no financial support for SSRI during this period and the directors often served as a broker for applied projects in need of an investigator or as a representative of their own interests. Two alternative and short lived organizations emerged for research during this period. First was the Center for the Study of Cultural and Social Change established by Ed Knop. The initial purpose of this organization was to enable Knop to publish an annotated bibliography of social change literature. The Center subsequently published a second bibliography of social change literature. The Center subsequently published a second bibliography by Brian Goodey, a geographer, and two monographs by Johnson. These publications were nationally circulated and highly regarded. The second organization was the Center for the Study of Peace which was organized in 1972 in response to the Viet Nam War providing a forum for student/faculty reaction to the war. This organization was loosely organized administratively, but did sponsor a class in "Peace Studies" and produced several local monographs. It ceased activity after the war with no precise record as to its closing.

The Faculty

The faculty grew during this period in response to increasing enrollments. With higher education in an era of rapid growth nationally, the competition for faculty was keen and the department experienced a high rate of turnover. Jacoby was the only faculty present in 1967 to remain at UND at the end of this period. During this six year period there were twenty-one faculty appointments recorded, eleven of which were in Anthropology. This occurred from a starting size of four sociologists and one anthropologist. Numerous one year appointments were found in both disciplines. In sociology these short-term (1 or 2 year) faculty included Snatosh Nandy, Josette Borge, Nadim Bitar, Nancy Malone-Gritta, Charles Kaiser and Elaine Hess. In Anthropology the short-term people included Fraser Taylor, Ed Fraser, Kerry McGrath, Bruce Lutz, Stanley Bussey, Gretchen Lang (who later returned to UND), William James, Patricia Albers and Janet Kraus (who also returned to UND to teach in the Center for Teaching and Learning).

Several persons joined the faculty during this period who remained at UND for longer periods and produced more lasting impressions. In 1968 Aqueil Ahmad was appointed to the Sociology faculty. He served to stimulate a great deal of interest in peace studies and in the science of science. Ahmad was very active in advising graduate students and was eclectic in his approach to sociology. In 1969 Richard Ludtke was hired. Ludtke was a native-son having received his B.A. and M.A. at UND before going to Kentucky for Ph.D. work. The strategy of bringing back North Dakotans in the hope that they would stay at UND worked; as of this writing Ludtke remains a member of the department. Ludtke's expertise in social demography provided the department with capabilities for graduate education and applied projects for the State and midwest region. With a similar educational background, James H. Larson was appointed in 1970 and brought an interest in criminology and deviance into the department. His interests were influential in developing the curriculum, providing training for undergraduate and graduate students in areas of criminology, delinquency and corrections and carrying out numerous project evaluations of North Dakota Criminal and Juvenile Justice programs. Larson and Bruce Benner (political science) spearheaded the development of a criminal justice major, which utilizes the talents of sociology, political science and social work faculty. Two years after the establishment of the major it enrolled over two hundred undergraduate majors.

Two other sociologists of import were present during this period. Alfred Mirande was hired as an Associate Professor in 1971 and had a highly productive career at UND. He completed a book entitled The Age of Crisis Deviance and Societal Problems while at UND only to publish it without recognition of his host institution or the support of his peers. The other longer term faculty member was Arthur Wilke who spent most of his tenure at UND completing his dissertation. He was an active supporter of the Peace Studies course.

Anthropology recruits of note for this period were Larry Loendorf and Fred Schneider. Both archeologists and products of the University of Missouri; these two formed the base for founding a new department with a major thrust for research in Archeology. Loendorf was named to chair the new department at the time of its separation from Sociology in 1973. In 1978, Kenneth Dawes was the first joint appointment between Social Work and Sociology. Dawes had a specific task to teach the undergraduate criminology class, which he has done to this date.

The Curriculum

During the high turnover years there were frequent revisions in the formal curriculum, the most notable of which was the establishment of selected topics at sophomore, junior and senior levels. These were intended to allow flexibility and course experimentation and were used extensively by both sociology and anthropology. This flexible curriculum represented an attempt to adjust to the high turnover in faculty and temporary use of highly varied and unique expertise. During this period both disciplines developed core area courses which were essential to the major and beyond these allowed the faculty interests to dictate the course offerings. As the turnover diminished and recruitment became easier, the curriculum began to reflect a desire to contain clear concentrations with less variability from year to year.

Faculty 1967-1973

- Ahmad, Aqueil, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (1968); B.S. Aligarh University U.P., India; M.S. Aligarh University U.P., India; Ph.D. Aligarh University U.P., India (1968-1974).
- Albers, Patricia, Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1971); B.A. Michigan State University; M.A. Michigan State University; Ph.D. University of Wisconsin; (1971-72).
- Bussey, Stanley, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (1969); B.A. University of New Mexico; M.A. University of New Mexico; Ph.D. Candidate University of Oregon (1969-1970).
- Good, Kent, Instructor of Anthropology (1972); B.A. University of Montana; M.A. University of Montana; (1972-).
- Hess, Elaine K., Assistant Professor of Sociology (1968); B.S. Illinois State University; M.A. University of Nebraska; (1968-69).
- James, William, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (1970); Masters Degree waived at University of Wisconsin; Ph.D. Candidate University of Wisconsin (1970-71).
- Kaiser, Charles H., Assistant Professor of Sociology (1968); B.A. Oklahoma State University; M.S. Oklahoma State University; Ph.D. Oklahoma State University (1968-70).
- Ahler, Janet Krause, Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1972); B.A. University of Nebraska; M.Ed. University of Missouri-Columbia; Ph.D. University of Missouri-Columbia (1972-1973; 19 -Present).
- Lang, Gretchen, Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1970); B.A. Wellesley College; M.A. University of Minnesota; Ph.D. University of Missouri; (1970-71; 1980-Present).
- Larson, James H., Assistant Professor of Sociology (1970); Ph.B. University of North Dakota; M.A. University of North Dakota; Ph.D. University of Kentucky (1970-Present).
- Loendorf, Lawrence, Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1971); B.A. University of Montana; M.A. University of Montana; Ph.D. University of Missouri (1971-Present).
- Ludtke, Richard, Assistant Professor (1969); B.A. University of North Dakota; M.A. University of North Dakota; Ph.D. University of Kentucky (1969-Present).
- Lutz, Bruce, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (1969); B.A. Rutgers University; M.A. University of Pennsylvania; (1969-70).
- McGrath, Kerry, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (1969); B.A. University of Wisconsin, Madison; M.A. University of Pennsylvania; (1969-1971).

Mirande, Albert, Associate Professor of Sociology (1971); B.A. Illinois State University; M.A. Illinois State University; Ph.D. University of Nebraska (1971-1974).

Nandy, Santosh K., Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (1963); B.A. University of Calcutta/India; M.A. University of Calcutta/India; (1967-1968).

Schneider, Fred, Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1972); B.A. Beloit College; M.A. University of Oklahoma; Ph.D. University of Missouri (1972-Present).

Taylor, Fraser, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (1968); B.A. University of Alberta; M.A. University of Alberta (1968-1969).

Wilke, Arthur, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (1970); B.S. Wisconsin State University; M.A. University of Minnesota (1970-1975).