Subjects, Cultures, & Traditions in eHRAF Collections
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An overview of topics, cultures, and traditions in our collections.

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The Outline of Cultural Materials (OCM) is an ethnographic subject classification system designed to cover all aspects of cultural and social life. It was first developed in the 1930s by George Peter Murdock and colleagues at Yale’s Institute of Human Relations and has been revised ever since.

The OCM has been used widely by ethnographers and museums for classifying cultural materials. In the eHRAF databases, these subjects have been used to index each and every paragraph in the over 700,000+ pages of ethnographic and archaeological documents, including books, journal articles and dissertations. This facilitates searching across all documents to find the exact paragraph-level content you need, regardless of the language, verbiage, or spelling conventions the author uses.

Uses
- Finding and comparing cultural topics across languages and times
- Conducting cross-cultural research and hypothesis testing
- Cataloging field notes
- Cataloging museum collections
- Cataloging multimedia research collections in a comparative cross-cultural way

Further Info
- Find our video user guide, our textual guide, and other support resources here.
- Detailed descriptions of each OCM here.
Did you know?

In eHRAF there are two main ways to view the whole OCM:

1) The Numerical View, which is printed below, lists the OCM identifiers according to their 3-digit codes in numerical order. Within this numerical list, codes ending in zeros (e.g., OCM 400 or 570) indicate parent subjects, which the next several codes fall under.

2) The Major Subjects View starts you off with very broad categories, such as “Religion.” These Major Subjects can be chosen themselves (e.g., all paragraphs tagged with OCM identifiers related to religion will be selected), or can be narrowed to your preferred level of specificity, (e.g., “Congregations” OCM 794). To see the OCM in the Major Subjects View, go to eHRAF Advanced Search, click “Add Subjects” and then click “Major Subjects.”

Another way of helping you find OCM subjects is the A-Z Index in Browse Subjects or in Advanced Search. Here, you can search subjects with user-defined keywords, and our thesaurus will suggest OCM identifiers to use in your search. For example, if you were to type in the broad term "aggression" as a search topic in the A-Z Index, our platform will point you to a number of specific OCM terms dealing with aggression, from aggression (international threats) - for which we suggest External Relations (OCM 648) - to interpersonal aggression, for which we suggest Ingroup Antagonisms (578).

Of course, no matter how you choose your OCM(s), you can broaden or narrow your search with keywords and cultures that you are interested in. The critical thing to note is that, unlike other databases, our searches are always executed at the paragraph-level to maximize your ability to retrieve appropriate information. In what follows, we present a shortened view of the OCM in Numerical View to give you an overview of the subjects covered.
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in eHRAF World Cultures

CULTURAL COLLECTIONS

In the eHRAF World Cultures database the cultures and ethnic groups included are organized by regions (e.g. North America), subregions (e.g. Southwest) and subsistence types (e.g. hunter-gatherers). Every year 20-30 cultures with approximately 40,000 pages are added to eHRAF World Cultures. About 25% is new ethnographic material and the remaining material is converted from HRAF’s previous microfiche collection for the cultures added to eHRAF.

DIG DEEPER

In addition to the wealth of ethnographies, primary source documents, and photographs that we have indexed for each culture, we also include an open-access cultural summary for each of the 311+ cultural collections at eHRAF World Cultures. They can be accessed here, within the “Browse Cultures” tab. Summaries help contextualize the diverse and plentiful ethnographic sources in our collections within broader social and economic spheres.

Written by professional anthropologists and cultural scholars, these summaries offer a broad survey of trends in demography, linguistic affiliations, histories, cultural relations, settlements, economies, kinship patterns, family structures, sociopolitical organizations, and religions and expressive cultures within the communities. Learn more about cultural summaries and searching within and across cultural collections here.

GET HELP

We are a team of professional anthropologists and developers that are freely available to assist you with your research questions right now. Call us, email us, or drop in at any time.

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Jivaro
Mundurucu
Nambucuara
Ndunya
Pumé
Saramaka
Shipibo
Sirionó
Ticuna
Trumai
Tukano
Warao
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CENTRAL ANDES
Aymara
Inka
Mapuche
Otavalo Quichua
Quito Quichua
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Uru-Chipaya

EASTERN SOUTH AMERICA
Bahia Brazilians
Bororo
Canela
Guarani
Karajá
Tapirapé
Tupinamba
Xokleng

NORTHWESTERN SOUTH AMERICA
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Goajiro
Kogi

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EAST ASIA
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