

# HRAF

Human Relations Area Files

# HRAF - description

- Human Relations Area Files (HRAF): Founded in 1949 at Yale University.
- Composed of two indexing systems:
  - the Outline of World Cultures (OWC)
  - the Outline of Cultural Materials (OCM)
- Now partially available online as the eHRAF files.

# Outline of World Cultures

- Most cultures of the world are listed, and each is given a code.
  - Cultures may have many names and spelling variations, but can be accessed by a common code.
  - More than one culture may have the same name, but can be differentiated by code.

# Outline of Cultural Materials

- Every cultural component is given a code.
- Every paragraph of every book, article or dissertation in the eHRAF files is organized by code.
  - Keyword search may not include all the information on a given topic, but code searches will find everything.
  - Eliminates problems with misspelled words.

# eHRAF

- eHRAF files can be accessed at:

<http://ets.umdl.umich.edu/e/ehrafe>

login: ***hraf@yale.edu***

password: ***B!semar5***

# Using eHRAF

- Look up an article on:
  - Magic among the Banyoro
  - Religious offenses among the Nuer
  - Dying among the Ifugao