

**AAA Committee for Human Rights (CfHR)
Annual Report Year 2007**

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Alan Goodman, AAA President
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AAA Staff Liaison:

Initially Paul Nuti,
followed by Dinah Winnick,
and currently Damon Dozier

Introduction: Committee Background, Mission and Objectives

The AAA's permanent Committee for Human Rights (CfHR), established in 1995, is composed of 10 members, 8 of which are elected by the AAA membership and serve three-year terms, with 2 ex-officio members (AAA President and President-elect). The Committee's internal mission is to stimulate informed involvement in human rights among professional anthropologists through publications, panels, and other outreach. The Committee's external mission is to gather information on selected, anthropologically relevant cases of human rights abuse and to propose appropriate related action. CfHR efforts occur at the annual meetings and throughout the year through Committee Task Groups and case-specific actions. This report briefly describes actions and activities taken by the CfHR between November 2006 and January 2008.

PART ONE: INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

Human Rights Fund

Over the last several years the committee has given priority to addressing its fiscal limitations by finding ways to support and to expand its annual budget as a first step in capacity-building. This effort began with an Endowment proposal initially drafted by Barbara Johnston and Samuel Martinez several years ago. This was revised in 2005 by then chair Laura Graham and supplemented by a new proposal for a Human Rights Award fund by Charles Briggs. The Endowment proposal was the subject of extensive discussion at both the fall business meeting and spring teleconference in 2006, which included consultation with AAA executive secretary and section liaison Kim Baker. Following up on the priority of establishing a CfHR endowment fund, chair Robert Albro and then AAA liaison Paul Nuti met with the AAA's Deputy Executive Director of Financial Operations Elaine Lynch in the summer of 2006 to discuss possible best strategies for CfHR to pursue with its endowment proposal. As a result, Albro and Nuti redrafted the proposal, incorporating the Human Rights Award, now as a proposal for an independent Human Rights Fund. This Fund would be established through external means and with formal collaboration of the AAA's development director in the effort to identify granting agencies and to develop proposals to be used as seed money for the fund.

The Human Rights Fund proposal was submitted to the AAA's Finance Committee on September 21, 2006. Edward Liebow, then AAA Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, contacted the CfHR to let the committee know that the "Finance Committee recommends to the Executive Board its endorsement in principle for creating such a Human Rights Fund," but at that time also requested additional details about its specific administration. These included: 1. the relationship of the proposed Human Rights Fund to current AAA fund raising guidelines, 2. the specific intended uses of the Fund, 3. and administration and management of the Fund. Albro addressed the concerns of the Finance Committee with an additional memorandum, and CfHR received word that the Finance Committee voted to accept the proposal (and memorandum) on July 31, 2007. At present, therefore, CfHR has received a green light from the AAA to pursue the requested fund as a AAA sanctioned project, to work with the AAA, and when appropriate to benefit from its resources. We now need to move on to consider courses of action in this regard.

Committee Priorities and Agenda

In addition to the effort on behalf of a Human Rights Fund, the committee's priorities were also defined in terms of the ongoing work of its established task groups. These were four in number, including the following: Health and Human Rights (chaired by Charles Briggs), CfHR member from 2004-2006), Language and Social Justice (chaired by Laura Graham, CfHR member from 2004-2006), Reparations and Restitution (chaired by Susan

Slyomovics), and Human Rights Policy (co-chaired by Sara L. M. Davis and Rob Albro). Fuller descriptions of the activities of these four task groups are found in Part II of this report.

During 2007 Robert Albro concluded his term as committee Chair (2005-2007), Sara L. M. Davis served as communications czar, a role created in 2005 as a first responder in the prioritization for action of unsolicited requests received, and Susan Slyomovics continued to serve in her capacity as contributing editor of *Anthropology News*, responsible for the organization of the committee's participation in the AN's ongoing Human Rights Forum. Finally, AAA liaison Paul Nuti acted as the web guru for the committee, maintaining the committee's online profile, including regular updates of the information available online to reflect the ongoing work of the committee over the course of the year.

As a result of discussions had during the end-of-year business meeting of the committee, CfHR has opted to change significantly its organizational structure. Rather than understanding most of the substantive work of the committee as conducted through topical or geographic Task Groups, the committee has instead opted now to organize its efforts in terms of two non-topical groups, dedicated to advocacy and the website respectively. To this end, Sara L. M. Davis and incoming CfHR member Victoria Sanford will lead the new Advocacy Task Group and Rob Albro will take the lead with the new Website and Database Task Group, which also includes the following members: Kimberly Theidon, Peter Redfield (an incoming member), and Susan Slyomovics. In addition, many of the former tasks of the Chair have been separated out and given to specific members. Victoria Sanford is responsible in 2008 for the coordination of CfHR's participation in the annual meeting of the AAA and Peter Van Arsdale is responsible for the production of the 2008 year-end report. In addition, Ellen Lutz is responsible for the coordination of CfHR's monthly contributions to the AN, in particular, the ongoing Human Rights Forum. Current AAA staff liaison Damon Dozier is currently responsible for monitoring, maintenance and upkeep of CfHR's website (as part of the AAA site). Sara L. M. Davis is the new committee Chair through the end of 2008.

Communication, Outreach, and Education

The committee's internal mandate is to provide reliable materials with which professional anthropologists may stimulate involvement in human rights through writing and teaching. In this capacity, the Committee creates, prepares, and compiles publications, syllabi, bibliographies, web reports, electronic bulletins, panels, and other forms of outreach, as necessary. Materials are also supplied by members of the Association, internally distributed through Committee, edited, and, if approved, dated and posted. Materials are reviewed regularly for timeliness.

Website: CfHR continues to work to maintain its website, most recently updated in 2005. Over the course of 2007 Sara L. M. Davis worked closely with AAA staff Dinah Winnick and Sam Himes to reconstitute the CfHR list-serve, which had become nonviable,

apparently as a result of spam attacks upon the AAA website. The list-serve has been fixed, is now up and running, and receiving some significant traffic.

In addition, with the new AAA site, CfHR has undertaken a reevaluation of its website profile, with the goal of making it more interactive and directly useful to the work of the committee, as well as human rights practitioners. Throughout 2008 this is the purpose of the Website and Database Task Group (see above). This Task Group has already had its first meeting and has begun the process of defining its priorities for the upcoming year (see “Priorities for 2008” below).

Anthropology News: With the collaboration and the encouragement of former AN editor Stacy Lathrop, CfHR has continued to contribute regularly to AN in the form of a “Human Rights Forum,” a monthly section now incorporated as part of the AN’s Policy Forum section. As with the previous year (and the coming year), the committee assigned responsibility for generating material for 2007 AN commentaries (approximately 1,000 words) to each committee member or Task Group, a task managed by CfHR member Susan Slyomovics (and to be managed by Ellen Lutz in 2008). During 2007 CfHR members Kamran Asdar Ali and Susan Slyomovics successfully organized a special “In Focus” series on “Anthropologists and the Middle East” in addition to the committee’s regular and monthly contributions to the forum. An itemized list of CfHR contributions to AN is included as an Appendix to this report.

Anthropology and the Military: In the fall of 2006, as CfHR Chair, Rob Albro was asked to participate in the new Ad Hoc Commission on Anthropology’s Engagement with the US Security and Intelligence Communities, by then AAA president Alan Goodman., as one of a total of eight members. The work of the Ad Hoc Commission has been focused in significant degree on defining the appropriate ethical parameters for anthropologists seeking to collaborate (and work for or with) different parts of the military, intelligence, and security communities. Similar to recent efforts in which CfHR has had a significant investment, such as the El Dorado Task Force, the work of the Ad Hoc Commission has addressed a source of major disciplinary controversy in the effort to provide a framework for future disciplinary discussions about what it means for practicing anthropologists to work within the emergent US and global “security paradigm.” Concerned as it is with the relationship of practicing anthropologists to the military application of force, to concerns about the use of ethnographic methods and cultural expertise in conflict zones, as well as culturally informed interrogation, and including the possibilities of torture, the work of the Ad Hoc Commission underscores how the discipline’s identity, and changing settings of research and applied work cannot be disengaged from considerations of ethics as well as human rights. Co-written by its members, the Ad Hoc Commission’s Final Report was submitted to the Executive Board of the AAA on November 4, 2007 and is now under consideration. The Final Report is found at: http://www.aaanet.org/pdf/Final_Report.pdf. A discussion of the human rights implications of the work of the Ad Hoc Commission by Rob Albro is found at: http://shr.aaas.org/hrday/2007/HRday_2007_Robert_Albro.pdf. See also the invited session at the 2007 annual meeting of the AAA organized by Kerry

Fosher and Brian Selmeski for further participation of CfHR in this important ongoing discussion.

2007 ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS

Human Rights events at the 106th AAA Annual Meeting, November 28 to December 2, 2007, Washington, D. C.

In addition to CfHR's Annual Business Meeting, as well as a planning meeting with CfHR alumni, the committee sponsored a total of four events at the AAA's annual meeting, the details of which are provided below. These included one invited paper session, two round tables, and a special UN training session.

Title: Gaining Traction: Anthropology's Engagement with Human Rights Policy

Invited Panel organized by Robert Albro, Sara L. M. Davis, and Paula Goldman

Presenters: Sara L. M. Davis, Rob Albro, Paula Goldman, Ellen Lutz

Discussants: Karen Engle and Joseph Saunders

PANEL ABSTRACT: Composed of anthropologists working on human rights questions, this invited session considers how anthropology, the discipline, might best contribute to the work of human rights practitioners, through more effective application of anthropological expertise in the human rights arena. A result of ongoing work in the AAA's Committee for Human Rights on the perceived relevance and possible contributions of anthropology to the human rights field, this panel represents an initial summary of research results focusing on two concerns: 1. the promotion of a disciplinary dialogue on the relationship of anthropology to human rights advocacy, 2. a more systematic engagement with the community of human rights practitioners to determine a constructive basis for anthropological collaborations with them. Rather than offering an anthropological critique of human rights discourse and practice, this panel works the other way around, focusing instead upon how anthropology and its potential contributions are perceived among human rights professionals.

Colleagues report that the AAA's 1947 statement on cultural relativism continues to be used by human rights advocates in parts of the world as a current statement of anthropological affairs. This suggests that prevailing perceptions within the human rights community of anthropological expertise and concerns are increasingly out of touch with its current goals and practice. For this reason, it is a timely moment to consider current understandings among human rights practitioners of anthropology's possible contributions to their work, particularly with regard to regular human rights priorities like gender, culture, democratization and security. It is timely to consider what anthropology

has to offer, if anything, to human rights policy, and where anthropology might speak with authority, about such perceived dilemmas as cultural relativism vs. positivism, ongoing weak articulations of economic and social rights vs. a US tradition of civil and political rights, as well as potential contradictions within the rights regime between women's rights and cultural rights, among other recurrent concerns.

What, then, do colleagues in the policy, government, as well as advocacy communities think anthropology has to offer ongoing human rights struggles? This panel addresses what, if any, of the documents produced by the discipline in the past have been useful in their work, and further, what sort of role, if any, they would most welcome from anthropology. It also addresses what sorts of anthropological interventions are not viewed as particularly helpful. In this session, we summarize feedback from such colleagues, representing the perspectives of human rights professionals working in humanitarian NGOs, within UN agencies, working with multilateral development banks, and within different national government contexts in the United States and the European Union, about what opportunities exist for our discipline to constructively contribute to human rights work in the policy and legal worlds. Our panel discussion seeks to pin down current understanding of anthropology in the human rights policy world, to suggest how anthropology might best communicate with the world of policymakers in the future, to highlight human rights issues on which anthropologists have specific expertise, and to help the discipline to establish some possible future niches for anthropology in the human rights movement.

Title: The Empire Speaks Back: U.S. Military and Intelligence Organizations' Perspectives on Engagement with Anthropology

Invited Roundtable organized by Kerry Fosher and Brian Selmeski

Panelists: Kerry Fosher, Brian Selmeski, Daniel Henk, Robert Rubenstein, Richard Rhys, and James Peacock

ROUNDTABLE DESCRIPTION: Why are national security organizations reaching out to anthropology? What kinds of information and relationships do they seek? How accommodating are they of anthropologists' ethical and methodological concerns? Over the last two years, AAA members have once again debated the appropriateness of the discipline and individual anthropologists' engagement with organizations in the national security sector. Panels, papers, and articles have started to address ethical concerns and there has been some discussion of the varied types of engagement that are possible. However, outside of a few sensationalized cases, there has been little discussion of what these organizations actually want. In fact, important perspectives have been missing from our discussions, namely those of the people in national security organizations who want to engage with the discipline or make use of the knowledge we produce and anthropologists who have negotiated this relationship.

The minimization and marginalization of the perspectives of people working in national security and of engaged anthropologists has encouraged a mistaken view of U.S. national security as a monolithic, impenetrable institution rather than as diverse sites of contested meaning and practice. This panel seeks to demystify this problematic area of engagement, giving voice to unrepresented participants and aspects of this dialogue. Adding these perspectives will allow for a more grounded and rigorous disciplinary discourse. Panelists are anthropologists with different kinds and degrees of engagement with the security sector. Each panelist will speak to two topics based on his/her experiences: (1) What do national security organizations want from anthropology and anthropologists and how do they plan to use the knowledge or expertise they gain?, (2) What kinds of engagements have you negotiated and what successes and failures have you had in bridging gaps in understanding or expectation? Two discussants, one an anthropologist, the other a practitioner in the field will comment prior to the question and answer period.

Title: Health and Human Rights: A Public Debate between Anthropologists and Key Policy Makers

Invited Roundtable organized by Charles Briggs

ROUNDTABLE DESCRIPTION: How can anthropologists form coalitions with national and international leaders to debate issues of health and human rights? How can they participate in efforts to demand recognition of health rights and litigate violations of them? This roundtable, chaired by James Pfeiffer (U of Washington) on behalf of the Health and Human Rights Task Group of the AAA Committee for Human Rights, will place in conversation: Sherrod Brown, US Senator. Paul Hunt, UN Special Rapporteur for Health and Human Rights, Jim Yong Kim, Director of the François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University, Asa Cristina Laurell, ex-Secretary of Health for Mexico City, Mirta Roses Periago, Director of the Pan American Health Organization

In their presentations, the speakers will address: 1. crucial agenda items for work on health and human rights, 2. how states, international organizations, and universities can promote recognition of and respect for health and human rights, 3. experiences of national and regional governments that have made health and human rights central political issues and policy objectives, 4. effective mechanisms for identifying, exposing, and ending violations, 5. building new coalitions across disciplines, institutions, and nations.

More than simply pointing at what possibly could be done, the goal of the roundtable is to advance health and human rights agendas, expand transnational networks, and create new spaces of participation for anthropologists and other participants.

Title: Special Event - Workshop: UN Human Rights Training

Workshop organized by Sara L. M. Davis

This workshop is designed to build the capacity of anthropologists to effectively work with UN human rights mechanisms. The UN human rights system offers a number of possible openings for anthropologists, both collectively (through the Committee for Human Rights) and individually. This training will introduce the U.N. human rights framework, and provide an overview of the roles and tasks of special rapporteurs, working groups and other special mechanisms. The workshop will explore ways in which anthropologists can strategically engage with these individuals and agencies in order to effectively press for human rights in our field sites. Registration is limited to 20 participants.

CfHR Fellows Program

In 2002, the CfHR initiated a Fellows Program in the Anthropology of Human Rights. Positions carry no stipends. The program was conceptualized to provide Fellows with strong experience in human rights work, possibilities for publication, as well as the opportunity to work closely with the Committee, government agencies, and human rights non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Since at least 2005 the Fellows Program has been a topic of discussion by the committee for several reasons. Perhaps the first is that the experience of fellows has been uneven and their roles on the committee ill defined. The most recent fellow was Paula Goldman (2006-2007), whose work has been focused upon the intersection of human rights and gender. For a summary of Paula Goldman's work while a committee fellow see her contribution to the AN's Human Rights Forum (March 2007, Vol. 48, No. 3: 30-31). In the effort to better define the experience of the fellows, then AAA staff liaison Paul Nuti assumed to the role of mentor for fellows (for which he developed a "Scope of Work"). As part of this Scope of Work, Paula Goldman worked as a member of the Human Rights Policy Task Group throughout 2006-2007. Nevertheless, the Fellows Program has remained poorly integrated into the committee's work as a whole, and for the moment has been shelved until such time as a better process is worked out both to the benefit of prospective incoming fellows and which enhances the ongoing work of the committee.

PART II: EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Task Groups

In previous years CfHR action on specific human rights issues began with background research and fact-checking via multiple independent information resources, adhering to practices and standards of evidence established by leading human rights investigators. When sustained investigation seemed appropriate, "task groups" were formed, which recruited anthropologists and others with relevant expertise to carry out research and

write reports. Each task group had at least one Committee member to report to the CfHR on the group's research methods and findings. Task groups typically generated detailed background reports and other publications, to be disseminated on the AAA Web site or through print media. Whether through task groups or more prompt investigations, the CfHR also drafted letters of concern and forwarded these to the AAA President, to be sent on behalf of the membership to international leaders, policy makers and advocates, and drafts policy statements, for official adoption by the AAA Executive Board (EB). Below is briefly summarized the work of the Task Groups that functioned throughout 2007. The task group structure of the committee has, however, been overhauled for the year 2008. In place of these topically focused efforts two new task groups have been created to address Advocacy and the Website and Database respectively.

Activities Undertaken by Task Groups in 2007

Human Rights Policy (Sara L. M. Davis, Robert Albro, Paula Goldman): In 2007 the Human Rights Policy Task Group carried through on a modest study of perceptions of possible anthropological contributions among the human rights practitioner community. Each of the Task Group members completed interviews with representatives of this community to the end of establishing how the discipline is perceived and what sorts of contributions it might potentially make to human rights activity. Provisional conclusions of this exercise were organized and presented in the invited session, "Gaining Traction" (see appendix) at the annual meeting of the AAA this past fall. Hopefully some of the conclusions of this Task Group will be incorporated into the work of the new Advocacy Task Group.

Language and Social Justice (Laura Graham-chair, Charles Briggs, Bonnie Urcuioli, Rob Albro, Ana Celia Zentella): This group has been primarily focused on following through on the work it began in 2006 on the US Census process. For details about the activities of the Task Group see co-authored September 2007 article in AN, "Language Assessment in the US Census." The Task Group has moved forward with the development of a proposed Resolution on the US Census, which was presented at the annual Business Meeting of the Association and approved by the quorum. The Resolution, with suitable modifications, is now in the hands of the Executive Board of the AAA.

Health and Human Rights (Charles Briggs-chair, Vilma Santiago-Irizarry): The primary work of this Task Group during 2007 was the successful orchestration of a high profile Roundtable at the annual meeting of the AAA, which included prominent policy makers from the WHO and elsewhere to the end of establishing more public policy awareness of the human rights implications of health policy making. As an event that brought policy makers together with anthropological experts, this is the type of event that the AAA has itself prioritized in its own long-range planning, as it seeks to be more publicly active in the policy arenas to which anthropology can make a positive contribution.

Reparations and Restitution (Susan Slyomovics – chair, Barbara Johnston): This Task Group has successfully followed through on a 2006 invited session at the annual AAA meeting with an edited book project, titled *Waging War and Making Peace: Reparations*

and Human Rights. The volume includes eleven original chapters, is edited by Barbara Johnston and Susan Slyomovics, published by Left Coast Press and slated to appear in May 2008. This promises to be a major contribution to exploration of the intersection of human rights with reparations claims.

Actions Taken Independently of Task Groups in 2007

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: In June 2007, CfHR wrote to Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa, President of the U.N. General Assembly, to express concerns about efforts to redraft the proposed text of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. <http://www.aaanet.org/press/pdf/20070611120331.pdf>

China AIDS letter: In September 2007, CfHR signed onto an open letter organized by Human Rights Watch, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and Asia Catalyst to Dr. Peter Piot, the director of UNAIDS. The letter called on UNAIDS speak out more often on the detention and harassment of Chinese AIDS activists, “which undermine[s] whatever positive steps there have been in China’s response to the epidemic”. The letter is available online at <http://hrw.org/english/docs/2007/09/27/china16962.htm>.

Maori letter: In November 2007, CfHR wrote to New Zealand’s Prime Minister Helen Clark to raise concerns about the use of the Terrorism Suppression Act to arrest 18 supporters of Maori rights. http://www.aaanet.org/committees/cfhr/CfHR_111407.pdf

Genocide: In addition to these activities, in 2007 CfHR member Peter Van Arsdale, in close collaboration with co-authors Mellisa Jessen, Kellie Ramirez, Nicole Hawthorne, and Cathy Smith (all students at the University of Denver), produced an impressive draft document summarizing recent work on Genocide and related topics, titled *Genocide, Ethnocide, and Ethnic Cleansing: An Exploratory Review*. This document represents a continuation of work begun at an earlier moment under the auspices of CfHR, which produced the AAA’s *Draft Statement on Ethnic Cleansing* (2001). The goal of the present draft document is to move this earlier work forward, and not simply to summarize but also to draw attention to key aspects of these situations of interest to anthropologists dealing with these and related fields, often in a human rights context. While this is not meant to stand as CfHR’s own statement of principles on these difficult issues, nor is it meant to be comprehensive, the present work represents the latest multidisciplinary thinking in the field, and promises to be a valuable resource. It can also be understood as a first step toward an eventual Genocide Statement for the AAA.

AAAS Coalition-Building: An important goal set by previous CfHR chairs has been to build up the committee’s resources and capacity with strategic and effective networking with appropriate partners, working in the overlapping arenas of the social sciences and human rights. To this end, as Chair, throughout 2007 Rob Albro has worked closely with the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s Science and Human Rights Program. Albro is among a dozen members of the planning committee for a new effort to

create a “Science and Human Rights Coalition.” The purpose of this Coalition will be as a resource for the human rights-related work of scientific associations like the AAA., and as an effort to better define and resource the mutual relevance of science and human rights practice. For details on this effort go to: <http://shr.aaas.org/scisocs/>. The planning group has so far met three times on June 12, September 11, and December 10 of 2007. The next planning meeting is scheduled for March 3. The example of CfHR has been an important point of reference in the planning process for how human rights work can be part of both academic and applied social science practice, and a sustained relationship with the AAAS Science and Human Rights Program promises to provide CfHR with a variety of outreach opportunities within and across the broader scientific community in the US and beyond.

Priorities for 2008

The Advocacy Task Group is focused on the promotion of advocacy at the annual AAA meeting. It seeks to promote mass participation and communication between CfHR and the AAA membership, where CfHR effectively acts the role of conduit or facilitator in the work of connecting with each other, recruiting, and publicizing for campaigns. CfHR work on campaigns will be informed by the following basic priorities: that it have value-added for AAA, that it have a viable action plan (recognizing limited resources), that campaigners work with NGOs/experts in developing their plan, and with a preference for external venues (e. g. op-eds, letters to the editor, etc, rather than simply posting on the CfHR website). This might include a blog (see the priorities of the Website and Database Task Group below). The Advocacy Task Group plans to take on two campaigns in which it hopes to play an active, hands-on, role, as well as be responsive to urgent actions from the membership. One campaign will likely be focused upon the interrelated questions of soy/dams/rain forest in the Amazon (in collaboration with CfHR alumni). Several other issues to follow up include: advocacy on behalf of sex workers in more effective lobbying of UN AIDS on its current policies, and a proposal to compile a list of universities willing to host rights defenders at risk.

As a result of its initial meeting the Website and Database Task Group is considering the following activities: 1. conducting an evaluation of the current website to the end of more efficiently presenting the available information, 2. more specifically determining the role of the list-serve by developing and posting online its specific “terms of use.” 3. working to develop a new Anthropology and Human Rights blog that can be devoted to topical discussions of interest (and see above), 4. adding an archive compiling brief professional biographies (with topical expertise and contact information) of anthropologists currently active in the human rights field or working on human rights problems, 5. updating the CfHR archive of syllabi taught by anthropologists and focused upon human rights, 6. and finally develop a list of student fellowships/internships in the human rights field. If this list reflects shorter-term goals, a longer-term goal includes the development of a prototype for a more comprehensive anthropology and human rights database tool designed to make anthropology’s signature knowledge production more available and

relevant to human rights and other practitioner communities. The Human Rights Fund proposal, now approved, can be used to pursue such a project.

APPENDIX

Contributions of the Committee to the Anthropology News in 2007

CfHR Contributions to Monthly “Human Rights Forum”:

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Asdar Ali, Kamran. Rounding Off Our Space on Anthropologists and the Middle East. *Anthropology News* May 2007, Vol. 48, No. 5: 13-14.

Salih, Ruba. Muslim Women and the Public Sphere in Europe. *Anthropology News* May 2007, Vol. 48, No. 5: 14-15.

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