MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Association
From: William E Davis, Executive Director
Date: March 15, 2005
Subject: 2005 Spring Ballot

Enclosed you will find the 2005 ballot and, for your convenience, all of the necessary candidate material and specific By-laws amendments for both the Association-wide and Section elections.

Remember that all AAA members are eligible to vote in the Association-wide elections, however, in order to vote in any of the Section elections, you must be a current member of that Section.

Completed ballots must be received by 5:00pm, May 15, 2005, to be counted. Enclose your marked ballot in the return envelope provided, sign the envelope, and affix the necessary postage. Any ballots envelopes returned unsigned cannot be counted.

If you are interested in participating in the leadership of the Association, information will be available on the AAA Web site (http://www.aaanet.org). If you are interested in participating in Section leadership, you should contact the Sections directly.

I strongly encourage you to contribute to the continued success of this Association by participating in the election process. We look forward to receiving your completed ballot.
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Candidates for President-Elect


The President of AAA has many responsibilities that easily swamp the agenda, but Presidents can, and I think should, have particular goals that focus efforts in office. I want to work on the Association’s organization: relationships between membership, sections, the executive board and staff, and potential ties to other anthropological associations. In terms of internal relationships, I believe that sections are the grass-roots substrate of the Association, but their laudable diversity can marginalize their role. Effective means need to be designed to involve sections actively in the formation of policy and implementation of action. In terms of external ties to other associations, although the AAA seeks to speak for anthropology as a whole, we are only the biggest of many anthropology groups. I believe that we should increase efforts to reach out to these groups, perhaps forming an American Anthropology Association of anthropological associations, in which the AAA could play a facilitating role. Can these objectives be met? I am not sure, but I feel that my association of anthropological associations, in which the AAA could play a significant role, will find a way to give the sections more power. The sections’ vitality is reflected in our annual meeting program, newsletter, and journals, but we could do more to promote their intellectual and activist contributions through collaborative governance. I also want to expand our intellectual, social and political boundaries and leverage our influence through more integrative relationships with the other social and biological sciences, humanities, and policy, planning and design professions. Specifically, I would encourage non-anthropology colleagues to contribute to our annual meeting and publications, develop reciprocal memberships, and reduce financial barriers to participation, including participation by contingent faculty, international colleagues and graduate students. I want to be a president to whom all members have access, who will advance anthropological research and theory, while maintaining our social and political engagement without compromising ethical and ethnographic objectives.

Candidates for Archaeology Seat


AAA is the leading organization representing the breadth of American anthropology. The perspectives of anthropologists on human social relations, history, evolution, and biology are as critical now as ever. I would bring to the Executive Board my previous experience as Archaeology Division Chair (1999–2001), as Section Assembly Convener (2000–2001), and as a member of the Program Committee for our 2003 annual meeting. I have also served on the Society for Economic Anthropology Executive Board and the Society for American Archaeology’s Nominations Committee and Native American Affairs Task Force. Through my prior involvement with AAA I gained an appreciation of the issues facing us and the complexities of the organization itself. I would look forward to serving on the Executive Board and the opportunity to work with anthropologists across subdisciplines and from the academy, government, and private sectors to strengthen AAA as a scholarly organization, to enhance the public face of anthropology and its contributions to policy issues, and to improve our connections with anthropologists in other parts of the world.

Guidance for the AAA flows from its members to its administrative officials through its Executive Board. The Executive Board is critical in its role of adequately representing the interests of its general membership as well as the interests of the section that elects the Board representative. My experience, including the three years that I served as a board member for a preservation-related non-profit organization and my current position as a member of the Board of Directors of the Society for American Archeology (expiring May 2006) gives an awareness of the governance roles and responsibilities within this type of position. There are three interrelated and overlapping areas of concern that confront the AAA and its membership: administration (such as finance and programmatic development); societal concerns (such as gender equity, cultural diversity, and social responsibility); and professional obligations (such as politicization of anthropology, ethics, and communication). While my primary areas of interest as Chair of the AAA Committee on Ethics (2000–2002) and member of the Darkness in El Dorado Task Force were so- cial responsibility and professional ethics, as an Executive Board member I am committed to representing the concerns of the Anthropology Division and the general membership within all three areas of concern.

What drew me to Anthropology and sustains my intellectual engagement is the promise of a truly holistic approach to understanding and enhancing the human condition. I am a passionate advocate for a four-field anthropology, and intra-disciplinary border crossings that blur the boundaries of traditional sub-fields. My theoretical and research interests reflect a biocultural perspective that centers on the relationships between social inequalities and human health, often taking the form of studies of food and nutrition, and health and household economies in global contexts of social, political and economic change. It is important as a discipline that we promote the relevance of anthropological insights and analyses for addressing current realities and for creating positive impacts on the well being of populations across the globe. I believe that the best way to accomplish this is through a integrative, critically aware, and socially relevant anthropology. As an executive board member of the AAA, I would be a committed advocate for strengthening the ties and promoting collaborations between the sub-disciplines. My experience as department chair, and in elected positions in societies for medical, nutritional, biological and applied anthropology have provided a rich education in and opportunity for building such collaborations.

Clearly we are entering a time of great change in AAA as a result of the upheaval associated with the move of the meetings from San Francisco to Atlanta. That plus a number of other tensions within the AAA mean that the organization will be undergoing several changes in the next few years. Having served as Chair of the Biological Anthropology Section (BAS) from 2003 to 2004 and Chair Elect from 2001–2002, I know that biological anthropologists are increasingly concerned about their roles and involvement in the larger organization. My goal as a member of the Executive Board will be to ensure that biological anthropologists are part of any new leadership structure that may emerge and that their voices are heard at all levels, irrespective of our numbers. In addition, I will work to make the AAA relevant and meaningful to biological anthropologists and forge positive relationships.

**Candidates for Linguistic Seat**


Throughout my career as a researcher and as an administrator I have worked to integrate linguistic, applied, and cultural anthropology. My own research ranges from basic linguistic and socio-cultural research, to applied research with communities on their language revitalization, land claims, and Federal recognition agendas. This research background, as well as my tenure as chair of a four fields plus applied, program, enables me to communicate across sub-disciplines. I am deeply committed to the AAA and have recently completed a term on the AAA Nominating Committee (linguistic seat) and am currently on the AAA Working Group on Program Evaluation. In addition to my AAA service, I am on the board of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of America. I would bring to the Executive Board’s Linguistic seat a broad knowledge of the AAA’s workings, extensive experience in interfacing between government and academia, an inclusive, integrative approach, and a commitment to social justice. I would like to promote the further development of language rights and other indigenous rights issues. Above all, I would do my best to understand the views of the Association’s members and the communities we serve and to fulfill my duties with integrity.

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #3

REGNA DARNELL (PhD, University of Pennsylvania, 1969) Positions Held: Director of First Nations Studies (2003-Pres), University of Western Ontario (2003-Pres); Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies and Anthropology (2001), Yale University; Adjunct Professor (1994-Pres) McMaster University; Professor of Anthropology (1990-Pres), University of Western Ontario; Professor of Anthropology (1979–1990), Associate Professor (1973–1979), Assistant Professor (1969–1973), University of Alberta; Interests and/or Activities: Native American languages and cultures, history of anthropology, ethnographic writing; Significant Publications: Invisible Genealogies: A History of Americanist Anthropology, University of Nebraska Press, 2001; And Along Came Boas, John Benjamins, 1998; Edward Sapir: Linguist, Anthropologist, Humanist, University of California Press, 1990.

As a historian of anthropology and member of seven sections, I am committed to maintaining a dynamic balance between the professional networks sustained by our diverse specialized sections and the five-field breadth that underlies our sense of shared identity as American anthropologists. The annual meetings encourage each of us to tailor this broad heritage to our unique combinations of research, teaching and public service. I seek a balance between science and humanism. Between meetings and behind the scenes, the AAA must continue to provide contacts and services beyond the local and to members, especially students and young colleagues. AnthroSource brings us to the forefront of academic communications. The AAA must continue to amplify the voices of anthropologists by bringing cross-cultural perspective to public issues. I believe that anthropological ethics and epistemology offer critical perspectives for a rapidly changing world. I will work toward an Association that helps us meet these challenges, as ethnographers, writers, and citizens. Our ethical stance in cancelling the San Francisco meeting was divisive on the surface, but underscores the overarching commitment of our members to support voices from the margins. I want to see us move beyond divisiveness to what we hold in common.


Despite considerable hand wringing, the current intellectual condition of anthropology is vibrant and expanding. Anthropology is reasserting its historic role as public intellectual and social critic. Path breaking work is taking place at the intersections between anthropology and other disciplines and among the subfields of anthropology. It is important to encourage this growth by focusing on interdisciplinary and public sphere themes in meetings and publications and by supporting the sections. It is also imperative to provide the central office sufficient resources to keep member services strong. I have considerable experience working with sections and with the AAA, having served as president of APLA, treasurer of SUA (now SUNTA), and secretary and treasurer of SANA. I was Program Chair of the 2003 annual meeting and have served on the Long-Range Planning Committee. During my term as president of APLA, I participated in the Section Assembly and served on the Executive Board. I have comparative experience with another academic association as well. I served as president of the Law and Society Association and as treasurer and member of its Board of Trustees. These experiences have given me a broad vision of the AAA and the strength of the sections. I think I could make a contribution as a member of the Executive Board.

Candidates for Biological Seat


Dear Colleagues: I am pleased to be nominated to serve as on the Nominations Committee. I am a research scientist at the Institute for Rural and Environmental Health in the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa and hold an adjunct appointment in Anthropology as well as adjunct appointments in other departments at the University of Iowa. I received a BA in Anthropology from the University of Iowa and an AM and PhD in anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I have 25+ years of experience working in multidisciplinary settings and have served on committees of a number of other (non-anthropology) national and local organizations. As a 20+ year member of AAA, I welcome this opportunity to contribute further to my profession. I work well with others and will bring a collaborative attitude to the committee. The Association is at another crossroads of change and opportunity. I personally want to be a part of that process. I recognize the strength of any organization is dependent on the active involvement of its membership. I support a diverse, engaged membership and a proactive, responsive leadership and promise to provide quality input in developing leadership in our organization.
I have been an active member of AAA since 1975 and am committed both by education and research to the four-field approach in anthropology. The importance of the biocultural approach to understanding many issues of interest within AAA and to a variety of researchers both inside and outside of anthropology means that the representation of biological anthropologists within the AAA must be fostered. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Biological Anthropology section, most recently as Secretary/Treasurer, I have enjoyed serving the AAA the past few years and would welcome the opportunity to continue serving the discipline and my section. More importantly, this experience has given me insight into the workings of the AAA and the importance of committees such as the Nominations Committee. If elected to the Biological Seat on this committee, I would be committed to increasing our impact within the AAA and to assure that Biological Anthropology remains a high visibility subdiscipline within the organization.

Candidates for Linguistic Seat


If elected to the Nominations Committee, I will do my best to identify a diverse array of candidates to represent linguistic anthropology. I would be honored to serve in this capacity.


My research on language and policing and on citation practices in the academy has focused, in part, on language and workplace equity. As a member of the AAA nominations committee, I would be proactive in recruiting candidates who represent the full range of views in linguistic anthropology. I would be particularly attentive to issues of gender and ethnic diversity, as well as to different intellectual approaches to linguistic anthropology, different working conditions for linguistic anthropologists (linguistics, language/literature, anthropology departments at small and large universities, applied work) and striking an appropriate balance among junior and senior scholars. A task for all of us (in light of the protracted and complex ethical and political discussions engendered by debates about the AAA 2004 meeting site and format) will be reviewing AAA institutional practices in all committees and activities, and ensuring that they also conform to our own ethical and political guidelines in teaching, research and consulting work. Finally, as an anthropologist who is both American and a (brand-new) Canadian, I am keenly aware of the ways that the AAA is a national organization with international impact, and am interested in considering ways of ensuring the active participation of other national anthropology associations and members in discussions about the future of anthropology.

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #2


The AAA Nominations Committee serves a pivotal function for the AAA because it helps select the leadership of the Association. Now more than ever the AAA needs to be inclusive in the selection of its leadership calling upon the contributions of all kinds of anthropologists. Within the Association, academic, governmental, NGO, and privately practicing anthropologists have a common forum. As a member of the AAA Nominations Committee I would seek to identify outstanding anthropologists from all fields and kinds of practice to serve in the important leadership, policy-making positions within the Association. Additionally because I am committed to the AAA mission to promote diversity in its leadership, I would work to include under-represented groups. Because of my experience as an officer in several AAA sections, I am concerned about the cohesiveness of the AAA and the growing, vital section membership. As a former Chair of the AAA Committee on Ethics I am familiar with the complex and rapidly shifting professional milieu in which anthropologists work. Consequently identifying suitable candidates to serve in the AAA leadership has become an even more critical function of the AAA Nominations Committee and I wish to aid the Committee in making its important decisions.

SYLVIA YANAGISAKO (PhD, University of Washington, 1975) Positions Held: Professor of Cultural and Social Anthropology (1992-Pres) Stanford University; Chair of the Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology (1998–2001) Stanford University; Chair of the Program in Feminist Studies (1988–1991) Stanford University; Associate Professor of Anthropology (1982–1992) Stanford University; Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1975–1982) Stanford University; Interests and/or Activities: gender, kinship, capitalism; Significant Publications: Producing Cultural and Capital:
My membership in the AAA Executive Board (1997–99) and my experience in the leadership of the Society for Cultural Anthropology (President, 1997–99; elected member of the Executive Board, 1993–98) have provided me with a working knowledge of the AAA and its relations with its Sections. Having participated in formulating the revised version of the AAA Reorganization Plan, which was passed by the association’s membership in 1998, I am familiar with the current governance structure and its rationale. I am also aware of the pivotal role played by the Nominations Committee in soliciting, evaluating, and recommending candidates for elected positions in the association. In light of the governance issues raised by the decision to move the annual meetings to Atlanta last year and the establishment of an ad hoc Governance and Communications Committee to propose changes in the relationship between the AAA Executive Board and the Sections, I think it is important that nominees for AAA offices and committees have a substantial record of leadership in one or more of the Sections and reflect the diverse membership of the AAA. I view the primary goal of the AAA as the promotion of open and vigorous scholarly dialogue among its members.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Candidates for Linguistic Seat


Setting priorities for long-term development of anthropological research and teaching requires consideration of the place of contemporary language and culture studies. Linguistic study is theoretically central to the analysis of cultural and social process, and ethnographically salient given the many non-standard language varieties existing in nations characterized by reactive and exclusionary attitudes toward non-standard speakers. So both theoretically and empirically, linguistic considerations play an important role in anthropological planning and the formulation of goals. I will endeavor to bring to bear in this process my own work on language as an index of racial and class inequalities, and my more recent work on the movement of corporate discourses into non-corporate fields, particularly academic.


My desire to serve on the LRPC reflects 15 years of participation in collegial discussions about the future of anthropology and the place of linguistic anthropology therein. Linguistic anthropology has made and will make many contributions to the larger discipline. Making all subdisciplines’ mutual relevance clear requires a much more effective dialogue, which I would actively foster. I advocate a language-sensitive approach to the goals the AAA has set for itself. I come with a background in discourse analysis applied to politically charged situations like that which the AAA faces vis-à-vis its publics. My collegial network will help me shape and realize the LRPC’s objective to recruit more practicing anthropologists. My connections with anthropologists who have developed K-12 anthropology curricula and special coursework in ethics prepare me for advocacy with respect to relevant AAA objectives. I have leadership experience on campus and in AAA sections, having participated in the SLA Board, and on the SPA’s Stirling Prize Committee. I believe deeply in anthropology’s potential, and our ability to use our training to enhance our impact in the world. My leadership experience and vision equip me to be an effective member of this crucial committee.

Candidates for Minority Seat

MIGUEL DIAZ-BARRIGA (PhD, Stanford University, 1991) Positions Held: Professor (1989-Press) Swarthmore College; Interests and/or Activities: Chicano/a Studies, Social Movements, Gender; Significant Publications: Race, Gender, and Mentoring in Anthropology Departments (with Virginia Adams O’Connell, PhD and Margarita Fermin, BA), http://www.aaanet.org/.

The long-range planning process has provided an opportunity for sections and committees to identify the values and goals that can better unite the AAA and strengthen its role in public outreach and education. As a member and chair of the Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology we worked closely with the long-range planning committee in developing goals for increasing the presence of minoritized anthropologists as well as diversifying the discipline. As a member of the long-range committee, I would look forward to emphasizing the AAA’s commitment to these dual goals as well as developing ways to increase our public outreach and education programs.


Anthropology should continue to be relevant in a troubled world. Anthropology should continue to understand, explain, and advise on those troubles in order that the problems of human life (e.g. extinction) and their societies do not overwhelm but find their solutions. Anthropology should continue to give its students (graduate, undergraduate, high school, and elementary school) and its members a strong sense that the discipline is an approach to global answers and solutions. I would like an opportunity to discuss and plan these and other prospects for the discipline with my colleagues. In response to the repeated
complaints that Americans lack sufficient knowledge about other cultures, societies, peoples, and their languages anthropology should continue to seek adequate funding to answer those complaints and the terrorism that may result from those inadequacies. The context for many of the global problems lies within human deprivation. Healthcare, nutrition, shelter, pandemic diseases, poverty, economic opportunity, pollution, natural disasters, weapons, violence against women and children (e.g. land mines), and the ever present war are the global and transnational phenomena that anthropology can understand, explain, and advise on. The discipline should continue to seek the necessary funding that these issues, problems and solutions demand. Given the history and contributions of anthropology and given the state of world, the public and the powers should know the potential contributions of our discipline, whatever to the communication devices required. This is a continuing challenge that I would like engage for the discipline and for the membership.

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #3


I wish to be elected to the Long Range Planning Committee of the American Anthropological Association because I am a long term, long range anthropologist. Trained in the four field approach, I appreciate the importance of maintaining our holistic interdisciplinary mind set and wish to have some input in continuing that inter-connectedness in the future. I have worked in a number of anthropologically related positions from teacher (Mayfield Award recipient) to expert witness, (won all but one of my cases), from agency project investigator (anthropological liaison to Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation) to city planning specialist, (working space analyst for the San Francisco Department of City Planning). Through all these varied work experiences, I used my anthropological training as the basic ingredient in understanding each particular assignment. Anthropology, as a field, is so vast that it can be used in many work positions. I treasure my ability to teach and publish in the field of anthropology but if I could not continue to do so, the knowledge that I have received from this field, would keep me employed and happily busy for decades. I will work to retain the inter-connectedness and enormous flexibility that we now still appreciate in anthropology.


Association membership provides a vital anchor for anthropologists in an increasingly uncertain intellectual climate. AAA publications, AnthroSource, the high quality of the scientific program, and the ancillary services offered at our annual meeting are central to maintaining the discipline’s larger identity and helping individual scholars to develop their interests. As a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee, I will work to protect the Association’s core values while promoting organizational growth through support for new research initiatives and the effectively targeted dissemination of anthropological knowledge to scholars, students, policy-makers and the public. I will reach out to engage AAA members in active dialogue about the planning process, and to foster new collaborative relationships among Sections. As a trustee of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies and a director of the ACLU of Florida Affiliate Board, I have background in nonprofit budgeting, staffing and long-range plan implementation. I am familiar with AAA structure through service on the Executive Board, and with the long-range planning process through prior membership on this committee. If elected, I will use this experience to help the Association make best use of its resources in meeting the needs of its broad constituency while fostering a responsible civic profile.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Candidates for Archaeology Seat


In coming years the American Anthropological Association must continue and intensify its examination of key ethical concerns, including cultural property and repatriation, looting and the loss of cultural heritage, curation and conservation of existing collections, issues of title and provenance of collections, intellectual property, collaborations with foreign peers and native peoples, and responsibilities of anthropologists to the discipline and larger community of scholars. None of these are easy issues, and all will require debate and consideration by the Ethics Committee, elected leaders of the Association, and its membership. While many of these debates span the discipline as a whole, they are interpreted differently within archaeology. My background as both an archaeologist and a museum professional gives me a slightly different perspective, and a keen appreciation of the many audiences and communities served—often in different and sometimes contradictory ways—by anthropology as a discipline. It also gives me a clear view of the need for both meaningful ethical standards within archaeology, and effective communication of the ethical values being developed within archaeology to other communities and constituencies.

I am seeking the Archaeology Seat on the Committee on Ethics because I strongly believe that more and better training in professional ethics is desperately needed in our discipline to provide students with effective advocacy positions for supporting and defending the preservation of cultural heritage. As a AAA officer on ethics, my primary aim will be to work with educators and association members to increase the number of students receiving training in ethics before graduating, as well as to improve the quality of ethics training currently available. I will accomplish these tasks by conducting needs assessment surveys among the membership, creating and maintaining a website with useful information on ethics in anthropology that includes lesson plans and educational resources, and working with the committee to advertise the importance and value of ethics training. The greater goal of these efforts is to prepare our students with practical knowledge about ethical behavior, especially concerning heritage management.

**Candidates for Biological Seat**


My interests and research lie on the boundaries of human history and genetics. I would like the Association to become more aware of the emerging ethical issues related to genetic research. These include the potential for exploitation of research subjects and groups, the relation of genetic information to concepts of “normalcy” and “humaness” and the ownership of prehistory. I am also concerned about the increases in access limits to the primary record of human evolution. These limits endanger progress and create a climate in which some students and researchers have gained “special access” and are thereby favored in competition for jobs and grants.


Although I am a biological anthropologist with a specialization in primatology, I consider myself first and foremost an anthropologist. My professional self-identity is in large part due to my holistic undergraduate and graduate training at the University of California, Berkeley. I conduct fieldwork on primatological and conservation projects in Central and South America, and since receiving my PhD in 2002, I have been teaching at the second oldest Jesuit university in the country, Saint Louis University. Ethical concerns and social justice issues are a central part of a Jesuit education; I would like to broaden my involvement with ethical conversations by serving on the Committee on Ethics in the AAA. If nominated to the biological anthropology seat, I will do my very best to uphold the objectives of the committee. As anthropologists, our interests should not be confined to the walls of the academy; we have a responsibility to confront and address injustices we see at home and abroad. We, uniquely positioned as social scientists, need to lend our voices to those situations that might benefit from our perspectives, and I will work hard to see this aim met.

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**COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**


As a researcher at Human Rights Watch, I design and implement global advocacy campaigns on human rights issues in China, including HIV/AIDS, housing rights, labor rights, and freedom of expression. My advocacy experience ranges from governments to the United Nations, from lobbying international donors to building transnational non-profit coalitions. My op-eds on human rights issues have appeared in the International Herald Tribune, the Asian Wall Street Journal and the South China Morning Post, and I am regularly interviewed by media on human rights concerns in China. I am also active as a scholar—my book Song and Silence: Ethnic Revival on China’s Southwest Borders will be published by Columbia University Press this spring. I am a former member of the AAA East Asia section program committee. As the global human rights movement grows, there is a growing need for social scientists—especially ethnographers—to participate both as theorists and as practitioners. My experience coordinating human rights advocacy will assist the AAA to build bridges with a range of international policymakers, and to become a strategic actor on matters of urgent concern to social scientists.


My commitment to human rights activism led me to anthropology, because I believed that this was the discipline where the intersection of advocacy and research was strongest. My academic interests have been in the place of human rights within current fields of power, and the ways that human rights are appropriated by different social actors and redeployed in their struggles to redefine power relations. I have found that my engagement as an activist in Chiapas has shaped my research, not just by giving me greater access to information, but by informing how I defined my research questions and what I felt it important to know. Conversely, I have found that my advocacy work is far more effective because of the broader understanding my academic analysis allows me to bring to bear. Often, anthropologists view human rights advocacy as something related to, but separate from, our research. As a member of the Human Rights Committee, I would work to foster the growth of a critical activist anthropology of human rights, in which grounded engagement combines with critical analysis to the enrichment both of respect for human rights and of our understanding of the role human rights play in the world today.

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #6


As part of the Committee on Human Rights I would seek to prioritize a new Task Force focused on connecting indigenous rights to new global policymaking on cultural rights. Anthropology’s traditional focus on indigenous rights would benefit from a stronger articulation with growing transnational advocacy efforts around emerging cultural policy concerns for cultural citizenship, cultural diplomacy, intellectual property, the media and creative arts, as well as more familiar environmental conservation. Each represents a rapidly developing global front, now setting new precedents in the terms of cultural rights, if not always in ways familiar to anthropology as a discipline. Based in Washington DC I am well positioned to pursue the priorities of coalition-building between anthropology and other communities and networks of policy-makers, advocates, and activists, approaching diverse cultural policy concerns from different legal and rights-based angles. I would prioritize reaching out to new or neglected disciplinary and non-disciplinary concerns with cultural rights as a means of advancing questions of social justice, in order to connect indigenous rights to a greater plurality of issues, and to place them at the center of broader global debates about culture. This promises to generate greater synergy between the human rights concerns of anthropology and new concerns with culture in the human rights community.


It would be a privilege to serve as a board member of the American Anthropological Association’s Committee for Human Rights. I take both an intellectual and personal interest in human rights, and over the last few years I have been studying the relationship between anthropology and human rights in order to develop a space in which anthropology can have a wider and more lasting impact on human rights theory and practice. In doing so I necessarily build on the important work of those pioneering scholars who were instrumental in bringing the predecessor of the Committee for Human Rights into being in the early 1990s, a body that went on to play an important role in several political and legal disputes involving indigenous peoples. This would be my central goal: an expanded role for anthropology as a source for important ideas about human rights doctrine and practice. In this regard, I was recently named the editor of the journal Social Justice: Anthropology, Peace and Human Rights, the journal of the Commission on Peace and Human Rights, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, and I would be able to combine this academic work with an institutional position on the Committee for Human Rights in ways that would serve this overriding goal.

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #8


My interest in serving on the AAA Committee for Human Rights stems from my experience living, teaching, and conducting research abroad, especially in Latin America, which has provided me with a strong background in human rights issues in developing countries and with indigenous peoples. Since 1984, I have worked with the Yanomami, not only as a linguistic anthropologist but also as an activist for the protection of their rights. In the late 1980’s and early 90’s I communicated directly with the UN Committee on Human Rights and the UN Secretary General’s Office as an advocate for the Yanomami, specifically in support of the creation of their indigenous reserve in northern Brazil and to document recurring invasions of their lands by illegal goldminers. The Committee for Human Rights has a unique opportunity, given the breadth and depth of the anthropological expertise available among the AAA membership, to provide knowledgeable support for human rights throughout the world and to respond to specific instances of abuse of these rights wherever they may occur. The Association should continue to reinforce the discipline’s commitment to universal human rights by disseminating information and facilitating access to resources and training in human rights theory and practice as well as advocating for the victims of abuse.


My research and teaching focus on historical, literary, legal, and anthropological investigations into contemporary human rights in the Middle East and North Africa. I served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), twice on its Committee on Academic Freedom in the Middle East and North Africa (CAFMEANA), and currently serve on the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) for the Middle East and the editorial board of Middle East Report / MERIP. I believe that initiatives by scholarly associations, such as AAA and MESA, promote human rights education in undergraduate programs, encourage research and analysis about novel instruments of justice, and help to create knowledge about past human rights abuses.

**COMMITTEE ON MINORITY ISSUES IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Candidates for Undesignated Seat #2**

J BRYAN PAGE (PhD, University of Florida, 1976) Positions Held: Professor and Chair (1999-Pre) University of Miami Department of Anthropology; Professor (1993-Pre) University of Miami Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; Professor (2001-Pre) University of Miami Department of Sociology; Research Professor (1992-1993) University of Miami Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; Research Associate Professor (1984-1992) University of Miami Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; Research Instructor (1978-1979) University of Miami Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; Journal of Addictive Diseases, 2000; Needle Use in Miami and Valencia: Observations of High and Low Availability (with JM Salazar) Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 1999; HTLV-I/II seropositivity and mortality among HIV-1 seropositive IV drug users (with SH Lai, MM Chitwood, NG Klimas, PC Smith, & MA Fletcher) The Lancet, 1990.

One of the first things I noticed when I started attending meetings of researchers in drug use was that hardly any black or Latino scholars participated in those meetings. I already realized that minority scholars faced great difficulty in obtaining advanced degrees, but those who had succeeded had begun to appear in other fields, not in the field of drug use studies. Further thinking about this question led me to conclude that minority scholars needed special encouragement and support in choosing research on drug use as a career. Within my own institution, I have mentored the development of two researchers funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Substance Abuse, Alcohol, and Mental Health Service Agency (SAMHSA). Under the auspices of NIDA, I have trained and mentored scores of minority scholars with the frequent result of their winning funding from granting agencies. My position on the NIDA-supported National Hispanic Science Network (1am the lone non-Hispanic on the founding steering committee) has brought me additional mentees. Nevertheless, not enough anthropologists have taken advantage of this opportunity, and I intend to work with the Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology to improve the research training of minority anthropologists.


"Minority Issues" are concerns that need to be addressed by all members of society. Anthropologists have the skills and perspectives to help us develop pluralistic society engage cultural differences as resources that can enhance our quality of life and societal security. My work as an applied anthropologist has engaged teaching cultural sensitivity and competence skills to students, educators, businesses and health care providers. I have developed programs to promote qualified engagement with cultural differences—field schools and medical anthropology and public health programs focused in cultural dimensions of health. I served as the Chair of the Cultural Diversity Committee of the General Studies Council in the development and implementation of the Cultural Diversity requirement at ASU. I developed a course on "Ethnic Relations in the U.S." which I have taught for 15 years, and integrated into a Learning Community on "Multicultural America." Currently I am developing an interdisciplinary "Cultural Competency Certificate" Program at ASU. As a member of the Minority Issue Committee I will bring my experiences, skills and perspectives on development of cultural competency, and perspectives on the value of cultural diversity, to develop programs that the AAA can sponsor to enhance minority relations in the U.S.

**Candidates for Undesignated Seat #5**

SONYA ATALAY (PhD, University of California-Berkeley, 2003) Positions Held: UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellow, (2003-present) UC Berkeley; Interests and/or Activities: Decolonizing and post-colonial theory, Indigenous archaeology, Heritage and Public Anthropology

Throughout my graduate and professional career, I’ve developed an active network of professional relationships and friendships with other minority anthropologists—this has strengthened my research and teaching tremendously. As a member of the Minority Issues Committee I will work to build a structure of active networks and alliances for the AAA minority membership—including development of faculty, graduate, and undergraduate mentorship programs and an online communication community where we can discuss research ideas, share tips for tenure review, distribute funding and job opportunities; organize conference sessions; or share pedagogical strategies and course syllabi. I will also advocate for further development of research partnerships between Indigenous and local communities globally.

My experience includes service on the Society for American Archaeology’s Committee on Native American Relations, and Chair-elect for the AAA’s Indigenous Populations Interest Group. In both of these positions, I’ve promoted mentorship activities and developed international alliances among Indigenous scholars and members of the wider non-academic audience, and attempted to increase the numbers of Native American and Indigenous archaeologists.

It’s exciting to have the chance to continue this work as a member of the AAA Minority Issues Committee.
For the past three years, I have served as the Minority Seat on the AAA Long Range Planning Committee. My goals were to clarify the AAA’s commitment to minorities in the discipline, expand the definition of minorities to include those of disability and sexuality, bring attention to subtle and overt discriminatory practices in the field and in academic departments, and attract more minority students to the discipline. While headway was made, it was clear to me that much of the work needed to be done through the AAA sections. My challenge on the Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology will be to evangelize the issue of minority affairs to a broader array of AAA sections as well as to network the minority recruitment and retention efforts of the various sections. Minority issues are not the sole responsibility of minority sections.

In my own research in Japan, I have been concerned with those disenfranchised in the polarization and inflexibility of identity categories, focusing on minority social movements and identity politics in disability, lesbian, trans-gendered, and women’s communities. Much of the recent success in political rights has come as a result of networking and alliance building at the grass roots level.

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #7


Anthropology has begun to address the under-representation of minority scholars, but we still have a long way to go. As one of the too-few who have ventured into the discipline, I feel passionately that we need to examine why there are so few and focus on ways to remedy this imbalance. More and more of our students are minorities, immigrants, or children of immigrants, and in order to effectively encourage their voices and contributions in the classroom we must be able to relate to them as models from the front of the classroom. As a member of the Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology, I would be especially keen to develop avenues to encourage students from non-traditional backgrounds to explore anthropology and assist them in navigating the academy if they wish to pursue their interests further. With a more formally established system of professional advising, mentoring, and networking, we can greatly strengthen minority presence in the discipline and, by extension, in public policy arenas. As the oldest daughter of immigrant parents, in the first generation of my family to go to college, I know firsthand the difference this kind of guidance can make. The fact that I will soon receive my Ph.D. amounts to no small miracle—realized only through access to professional development opportunities that I believe should be within the reach of every promising scholar.

KARINE VANTHUYNE (MA, McGill University, 2002); Positions Held: PhD student (03/11–); Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, France; Lecturer (03/10–04/01), Université Paris XIII, Paris, France; Research Assistant (08/05–02/10), McGill University, Montreal, Canada; Interests and/or Activities: violence, post-war reconciliation processes, organizing a session on the political and ethical responsibilities of anthropologists for the next Canadian Society of Anthropology (CASC) meeting; Significant Publications: Construire la paix au Guatemala. Analyse critique des modalités d’intervention mises en oeuvre par trois ONG guatémaltèques, Vanthuyne, K., Anthropological, (in press); Guatemala. Des ONG oeuvrant pour la paix, Vanthuyne, K., Journal de la Société des Américanistes, 2004; ‘Searching for the words to say it’. The importance of cultural idioms in the articulation of the experience of mental illness Vanthuyne, K., Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology, 2003.

As a doctorate student in anthropology and an activist for many years in various human rights advocacy groups, I have acquired valuable experience in sensitizing the public to minority issues. My academic and non-academic trajectory has been directed by a profound interest in the promotion of respect for human rights, both at the international and local levels. In particular, I have continuously advocated the recognition of the plurality of knowledge sources and intervention practices, as well as acknowledging the place of the subject in the planning and running of health-oriented or humanitarian programs.

My PhD fieldwork experience in Guatemala piqued my interest in minority issues within the field of anthropology. Having become increasingly involved with local Guatemalan anthropologists, I am concerned by the many kinds of difficulties they face in trying to have their say in the forum of international anthropology. Due to my interest in the power relationships at play in the practice of our profession and my growing awareness of the difficulties faced by Guatemalan anthropologists in terms of professional advancement, I feel that contributing to the participation of unrepresented populations in anthropology is a logical outcome of my continual involvement with issues of plurality and justice.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #2


The Committee on Public Policy is responsible for determining how the AAA brings anthropological insights to bear on a variety of social issues. My experience as fieldworker, professor, psychotherapist, grant writer, and administrator (National Institute of Mental Health) would allow me to bring a number of perspectives to the position. I conducted fieldwork in Latin America, and now work as a psychotherapist in Southern California, where I treat impoverished Spanish-speaking, Latino immigrants with only limited access to health/mental health care, by utilizing anthropological approaches and knowledge to design culturally resonant mental health interventions. I was a tenured Professor of Anthropology at California State University, Fullerton and currently am Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry & Human Behavior at the University of California, Irvine Medical School. I served as President of the Southwest Anthropological Association (1978–9) and on the Board of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness (1984–5). Using the skills I garnered from my diverse experiences, my hopes are to reverse the way in which anthropological concepts and insights, findings and theories have been usurped by other fields, often poorly and incorrectly, as well as to utilize anthropological scholarship to ameliorate what appears to be a fast-deteriorating world.

NANCY SCHEPER-HUGHES (PhD, University of California-Berkeley, 1977) Positions Held: Professor, Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley (1982–current); Visiting Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cape Town, South Africa (1993–1994); Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, 1979–1982); Interests and/or Activities: (1) Co-Founder and Director, Organs Watch (1999–Current), a human rights and documentation project concerned with...
the global traffic in humans for organs; (2) Invisible genocides: inequality and the social production of illness, human suffering and premature death; (3) marginal youth: street kids, refugee children, and child soldiers; Significant Publications: (1) Violence in War and Peace. (Co-edited with Philippe Bourgois) (Basil Blackwell, 2004); (2) "The Primacy of the Ethical: Toward a Militant Anthropology", Current Anthropology, 1995; Death without Weeping: the Violence of Everyday Life in Brazil, University of California, 1993.

As a former single mother welfare recipient (1969–1971) I am concerned about women and children in poverty and would strive to stoke the flames of an anthropological critique of the shameful dismantling of the “New Deal” / “Great Society.” I would work to bring collective anthropological knowledge and practice to bear on the development of coherent regional and national policies toward the homeless mentally ill and in anticipation of the awesome needs of returning disabled and dis-eased Iraqi war vets. As a former Peace Corps volunteer (1964–66, Brazil) I would enlist the help of other RPCV-anthropologists to challenge the current Peace Corps administration to put itself unambiguously on the side of non-partisan global peace-making and world-repair. Finally, as a militant anthropologist and following Margaret Mead’s example, I want to see anthropology’s public face to mean more than passively responding to public issues, and rather as actively “making” public, unrecognized issues. I would like to call upon our anthropological intimacy with, and “at home-ness” in, far flung corners of the world, to challenge the pessimism that sees “neo-liberal globalization” as a description of the world rather than as a malignant theory of the world that can be contested. (200 words)

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #5


The Committee for Public Policy is essential to the life and future of the American Anthropological Association because of its potential to strengthen the link between our research and our mission. We endeavor to foster the use of anthropological knowledge in addressing human problems. But we need to do more than just encourage and nourish research beyond the academic and professional realms of our work. Indeed, it is only through engagement in public decision-making processes that our academic and professional endeavors can truly address human problems. As a Fellow in the Society for Applied Anthropology, the Newsletter column editor for Culture and Agriculture, and a board member for the Central States Anthropological Society, I have worked to promote ethnographic research in public arenas. I feel strongly that our research can play a more prominent role to benefit the public and can be invigorated by greater public awareness. As a member of the Committee for Public Policy, I will advocate for AAA member support of a Public Policy Institute. I will work to assert anthropology’s role in public life by further defining and building working relationships with public policy programs and processes within AAA and beyond.


I am an environmental anthropologist with interests in the linkages between conservation and development, the material and symbolic ways in which the natural world is understood and produced, and the critical analysis of the creation of commodities and practices of consumption. I have conducted research in Papua New Guinea, Australia, and the United States. My work brings together long-term ethnographic research with Gimi speaking peoples in PNG, long-term ethnographic research with conservation scientists, critical theory from anthropology, geography, and cultural studies and the practical application of research findings in order to galvanize positive social change. My goals in research are to 1) add to the knowledge base in anthropology, 2) contribute to productive collaborations between local people, policy makers, anthropologists, and scientists, and 3) use my field experiences and data in teaching classes that teach students to think critically and to understand the complexity of the world around them. As an ethnographer of Papua New Guinea, I draw on the rich tradition of thick, detailed ethnography centered on questions of personhood, exchange, understandings and uses of the natural world, and the like. I also draw on contemporary traditions within this ethnography that focus on the post colonial nature of pacific states, the nation building process in Melanesia, the critical analysis of development, and the like. Over the past few years, within the AAA, there has been a push towards more anthropological involvement with policy and policy makers. As an officer with the AAA, I would work to encourage more graduate student participation in the meetings and in the organizations governance.

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #6

If elected to Committee on Public Policy I will work hard to make anthropology an active voice in the public policy debate in this country. As an anthropologist I have been involved in public policy from my early days of working with housing programs in Mexico through issues of immigration and public service in Georgia to questions of the role of culture and post-disaster recovery programs in the United States and elsewhere. In each of these cases I have found that anthropology has a great deal to say and will be listened to if we are forceful in bringing our insights to the table. My goal would be to help AAA in general and individual anthropologists in particular inform public policy in a variety of arenas.


I would like to bring anthropology into more policy related venues. Our experience in seeing social events from systemic, cultural, and historical perspectives is crucially needed to help government and agencies address the needs of people in groups and as individuals. Too often, policy makers take one specific facet of existence and force people into a program that is counter-productive. Furthermore, we anthropologists can bring a human and humane value system to political and economic policy considerations. My experience in community agencies of all sorts—from day care to the Chamber of Commerce—plus my work as a clinical psychologist working often with disadvantaged or at risk populations, such as the developmentally disabled—has shown me we can succeed as anthropologists—and help others as well.

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidates for Graduate Student Seat


I am an anthropologist, mother, instructor, and ABD PhD student and so am well acquainted with both the rewards and challenges of negotiating the “double” and sometimes “triple” workdays these roles require. My position on the COSWA board—to which I recently was appointed as interim graduate representative—will focus on creating support structures for junior women scholars who are likewise squaring the demands of work, study, and family. I will contribute to COSWA’s mission of greater parity for women within academic and professional settings by compiling resources, establishing support networks, and increasing information sharing to help women anthropologists successfully manage competing obligations. I see my role as shrinking the structural features that still discriminate against women anthropologists while also addressing the personal challenges that keep them from gaining a professional toe-hold in the first place. I served on the National Association of Student Anthropologist’s (NASA) Executive Board from 2001–2004 and have just been appointed student representative for COSWA, and so have experience negotiating both the structure and operations of AAA. I also have the dedication and enthusiasm necessary to further COSWA’s mission, and I look forward to the opportunity to do so as an elected officer.

JENNIFER R WIES (MA, University of Kentucky, 2002) Positions Held: Teaching Assistant/Primary Instructor (2000-Present) University of Kentucky; Family Advocate (2002-Present) Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program in Lexington KY; Adjunct Faculty (2004-present) Eastern Kentucky University; Interests and/or Activities: women’s health, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence advocacy

I closely align myself with the three primary aims of the Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology: monitor, advocate, and educate. My own research focusing on women’s health elucidates the structural inequalities in the United States that create barriers to equal access to resources. Through this research, I align myself with other scholars who illuminate the ways that gender inequalities affect all members of a society, not only women. This is also true within our discipline, as the issues that affect the status of women in anthropology affect the members of the discipline as whole.

As an emerging professional in the discipline, I contribute my own fresh experiences as a member of a new generation of anthropologists. In addition to my academic leadership, I have served as a Crisis Counselor for the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center and I am currently a Family Advocate for the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program in Lexington KY, where I work with a diverse group of women and their children who have experienced abuse by an intimate partner. My anthropological experience has been valuable to shed light on cultural differences and the inequalities this population faces. I hope to apply both my academic and advocacy knowledge in service to this committee.

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #1


As COSWA notes in its mission statement, academic employment of women at the rank of assistant professor is now proportional to representation in the source pool. But troubling evidence of probable bias remains: differences persist in proportional representation of men and women at higher ranks, and in length of time to promotion. Scholarly productivity shows disparities, and citation patterns show highly gendered differences. In light of the increase in anthropological employment that does not conform to the model
academic tenure track, it may be necessary to rethink how we understand gendered participation in anthropology. I have served the AAA as Chair of the A. V. Kidder award committee (1998), as Program Editor of the Archeology Division (1999–2000), and as a member of the AnthroSource Implementation Working Group (2003–). I am co-program editor for the Association for Feminist Anthropology and a member of the AFA executive committee. Outside the AAA, I served as the first Chair of the then newly-revived Committee on the Status of Women in Archaeology of the Society for American Archaeology (1991–1992). This record of service, my varied employment experiences, and my own research interests have prepared me well to serve the membership on this committee.


I would be honored to join the Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology and to participate in their continuing efforts to achieve greater gender parity. Throughout my career I have had a strong interest in women’s issues, especially those involving work, and I have struggled to promote equality for diverse women at all levels in the university and the profession. Recent studies suggest that in anthropology, as in other fields, the gender gap at hiring is closing. We need to continue monitoring hiring patterns to assure further progress at the entry level. We must also increase our efforts on retention, productivity, prominence, and influence in the field. I would work to assure gender and racial parity at all levels by exploring and promoting practices and policies, such as research and parental leaves, that redress gender inequities and increase women’s representation in the highest and most respected positions.

Candidates for Undesignated Seat #3


COSWA has provided continuing professional support and assistance to women anthropologists in its role as advocate, educator, and monitor of gender parity in the discipline. If I am elected, I will bring a passionate commitment to gender equality and visibility of women’s contributions, based on my personal experience as a woman anthropologist from Latin America trained in the United States and Latin America. I will also bring my experience as an advocate for gender, race, class, and ethnic equality among diverse groups, including graduate students, international students, minority, applied, and academic members of the discipline. As recently elected chair of the Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology (CMIAs), I will work to develop better communication links among the AAA Executive Board, committees, and sections, to facilitate decision-making. I will be particularly dedicated to learn about and support the experiences of women anthropologists in countries where they have been traditionally underrepresented, and to bring the successes and challenges of women anthropologists around the world to the attention of the general public. In addition, through COSWA I will promote collaborative dialogues between U.S.-based anthropologists and anthropologists in other countries. Only by fully internationalizing our discussions can we truly enter the 21st century.


Working as the membership officer for the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group (AAA/SMA) for three years when I was a graduate student provided me with a platform for networking with junior and senior scholars, and enabled me to enhance my leadership skills within the profession. As a new Assistant Professor, I look forward to continuing my role within AAA by participating in the Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology. As women with our own diverse backgrounds located in a variety of institutions, our experiences with career development are also quite varied. The resources we are able to access and leverage can be crucial to our success. I would like to continue the current work of the Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology by focusing on the representation of women anthropologists in key areas of the profession, identifying those strategies or experiences that facilitate career development into a certain area, and translating those strategies and/or situations into components that can be utilized by junior scholars to develop their own strategic plan for the future.
Referendum #1

WHEREAS The American Anthropological Association regrets the censure motion passed against Dr. Franz Boas, third President of the AAA (1907–08), at its eighteenth annual meeting at the Peabody Museum, Harvard University, December 30, 1919, President Clark Wissler presiding and

WHEREAS the Association publicly distanced itself from the opinion written by Dr. Franz Boas on October 16, 1919, and published in The Nation on December 20, 1919 and

WHEREAS the majority voted that Boas’ claim was “unjustified and does not represent the opinion of the American Anthropological Association” and

WHEREAS in that open letter to the editor, “Scientists as Spies,” Boas insisted on the distinction between researchers—scientists whose lives are dedicated to “the service of truth”—and spies under the employment of the US Government and

WHEREAS Boas believed that it was immoral for scientists to use their professional identity as a cover for governmental spying activities and WHEREAS other such incidents of anthropologists as spies have been repudiated by this Association.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The AAA rescinds that censure and entirely repudiates the 1919 motion.

Referendum #2

At their meeting on December 15th 2004, the AAA executive board passed a motion outlining guidelines for negotiations with venues for future annual AAA meetings. One provision requires that AAA will select only meeting facilities where workers are represented by a union. Given the importance of this decision, and in keeping with past practice in such matters, the executive board is asking the membership to vote on whether this policy should stand as is, or be modified by adopting a looser provision stating that AAA “strongly prefers” to meet in unionized facilities.

Arguments for a strict requirement for meeting in only union-represented venues include:

- This policy will never show any ambiguity about the status of a meeting venue—all facilities AAA meets in will be unionized. Adopting a ‘preference’ clause will weaken the impact of the AAA policy on municipal officials, hotel executives, other scholarly associations, as well as broader public opinion.
- Since most (or at least many) anthropologists work with the poor and powerless, anthropologists have an obligation to support workers’ rights to organize and to “speak truth to power.”
- Even with this added restriction, the AAA would be able to hold its annual meeting in Washing DC and San Francisco (cities we have routinely patronized), as well as Las Vegas, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Boston, Los Angeles, Toronto, New York City, Vancouver, Ottawa, Montreal, Milwaukee, Atlantic City, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Orlando, San Jose, San Diego, and St. Louis. In addition, Chicago could be added to this list, if the State of Illinois ceased to require that the University of Illinois retain its racist mascot, Chief Illiniwisk.

Arguments against keeping the stricter policy and in favor of a looser policy that “strongly prefers” to meet in unionized facilities include:

- The requirement that AAA meet in unionized hotels restricts the venues in which AAA can meet. Of the cities we routinely patronize for the annual meeting, the following would no longer be eligible sites for the annual meeting of the AAA if we restricted meetings to unionized facilities: Atlanta, New Orleans, and Philadelphia. In addition, Miami, Tampa, Indianapolis, Denver, Phoenix, or Anaheim would not be eligible.
- It is possible that the somewhat more limited number of venues available for meetings might decrease AAA bargaining power in negotiating contracts with hotels, which might result in somewhat less favorable room prices at the headquarters hotel and at the other participating hotels.
- A “strong preference” clause allows us increased flexibility and leverage in negotiating with future venues, while sending a message to venues competing for AAA business that AAA prefers to meet in unionized facilities and support the workers who ultimately provide the necessary services.

Please mark your ballot “Yes” or “No” on the following question: Should the AAA meeting policy be modified from: “AAA staff responsible for negotiating and administering meeting venue contracts shall select only meeting facilities whose staff are represented by a union.”

to:
“AAA staff responsible for negotiating and administering meeting venue contracts shall ‘strongly prefer’ meeting facilities whose staff are represented by a union.”

If you vote “yes,” you are voting that the AAA strongly prefers to meet in unionized facilities;
If you vote “no,” you are voting that the AAA must meet in unionized facilities.

Referendum #3


In May of 2002 the Executive Board of the AAA accepted and widely promulgated the report of its Task Force, which had investigated allegations against the late James Neel and Napoleon Chagnon in connection with the book Darkness in El Dorado. The investigation, however, was so flawed in its procedures, in the quality of the evidence it gathered, and in the absence of a legal and ethical framework, that it compromised the core values of the Association and should be rescinded.1 The intent of this resolution is not to address the merits of the charges leveled against Neel and Chagnon, but rather the conduct of the Association in its investigation.

WHEREAS The AAA’s El Dorado investigation and resulting Report (AAA 2002a) violated the Association’s prohibition on ethics investigations, which states: “The American Anthropological Association (AAA) does not adjudicate claims for unethical behavior” (AAA 1998);2

WHEREAS The investigation Task Force ignored basic principles of fairness and due process, yet found its targets guilty of specific acts of inappropriate conduct including, in Chagnon’s case, violating the code of professional ethics;3

WHEREAS The Task Force was compromised by conflicts of interest and its members published prejudicial statements during the course of the investigation;4

WHEREAS The few Yanomami witnesses interviewed by the Task Force in Venezuela and Brazil were children at the time of the events in question, were closely associated with the accusers, and were, by the Task Force’s own admission, unrepresentative of Yanomami society;5

WHEREAS The Task Force failed to interview witnesses supportive of Chagnon and Neel or take into account the statements by elected representatives of Yanomami communities which denied the accusations and supported Chagnon and Neel;6

WHEREAS Other scientific associations, including The National Academy of Sciences, the American Society of Human Genetics, The International Genetic Epidemiology Society and The Society for Visual Anthropology all investigated charges in Darkness in El Dorado and found the allegations they examined to be without merit;7

WHEREAS The Task Force compromised its objectivity by merging its investigation with a political agenda, in that its mission in conducting the investigation was intended to challenge “Western elites,” and “interrupt regimes of knowledge and power” (AAA 2002a).

WHEREAS The Association in the course of its investigation, in its publications, in the venues of its national meetings and its web site, conditioned a culture of accusation and allowed serious but unevaluated charges to be posted on its website and expressed in its newsletter and Annual Meetings;8

WHEREAS The Report has damaged the reputations of its targets, distracted public attention from the real sources of the Yanomami tragedy and misleadingly suggested that anthropologists are responsible for Yanomami suffering;

WHEREAS According to the bylaws of the Association “The Members of the Association shall constitute the final authority of the Association”; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

1. The membership of the American Anthropological Association rescinds the acceptance of the Report of the El Dorado Task Force, of May 2002,
and directs the Executive Board to take the same action and to immediately implement this resolution.

2. The Association will follow its own policies prohibiting ethics adjudications.

3. The President of the Association will announce to the national and international media and distribute copies of this Resolution and explain the reasons for rescission as outlined in this resolution. These materials will be published in AA, they will be sent to all of the members by email, and they will further be distributed to all institutions and individuals who received the original Report, in the translated languages in which the Report was transmitted. The officers of the Association, in public statements will reflect both the substance and spirit of this resolution.

4. This Resolution will be prominently placed on the Association web site for a period of at least one year, and thereafter as long as the Task Force Report remains posted on the web site.

Notes

1 Documentation of the assertions made in this motion may be found in “Guilt by Association: The Culture of Accusation and The American Anthropological Association’s Investigation of Darkness in El Dorado” (Gregor and Gross 2004).

2 When establishing this policy, the Association acknowledged its “inability . . . to carry out a fair and legally defensible adjudication” (AAA 1995). In order to distance itself from a prohibited adjudicatory role, the Task Force called its proceedings an “inquiry,” and denied that it had collected “evidence” of the events it described. Louise Lamphere, the AAA president who initiated the process, acknowledged that the Association could not conduct a “full investigation” due to its ethics code and so had to conduct an “inquiry” (Lamphere 2003: 166). The Task Force nonetheless made findings of improper conduct, including the claim that Neel and Chagnon had psychologically damaged the Yanomami in their research, that Chagnon had depicted them in a harmful way in his publications, and that he had violated specific provisions of the ethics code. The Association and its leaders also misrepresented the Task Force findings as being concerned with the dire situation of Yanomami health (“The key finding of the Task Force that dwarfs all others relates to the devastating health conditions of the Yanomami Indians” [AAA 2002c]) when in fact the topic is barely mentioned in the two volume Report, other than in association with the charges.

3 The panel failed to define standards of evidence or provide appropriate representation for Chagnon or Neel (who was deceased). See Gregor and Gross (2004: 688) and below for other examples.

4 Two of the panelists placed statements on the Internet in which they assumed Chagnon and Neel’s culpability months before the conclusion of the investigation and in the midst of collecting evidence. For example, “. . . with the passage of time thoughtful anthropologists and the Association itself have come to view [Chagnon and Neel’s] actions (including methods of collecting information) as reprehensible and unjustifiable” (AAA 2002, Vol. II: 147). One of the panelists was a friend and the former doctoral student of Terence Turner, whose accusatory memo (coauthored with Leslie Sponsel) sparked the investigation (See Gregor and Gross [2004: 692–3]).


6 See statements of Yanomami and Ye’kwana elected leaders in praise of the life-saving immunization efforts of Chagnon and Neel and their “tenderness” for the villagers (Yanomami and Ye’kwana Statement 2000).

7 The International Genetic Epidemiology Society concluded that the Neel—Chagnon research was conducted with sensitivity to the Yanomami who were beneficiaries of the research, and that the society did “not find any evidence in support of the charge that Neel and his team had abused the then existing ethical guidelines during their conduct of research on the Yanomamós” (IGES 2001:23).

8 Unexamined allegations of serial murder-by-hire and biological experimentation on entire Yanomami villages remain on the AA web site; see also AA2002b, comments by Frechione, Goode, Hagen, Irons, Sponsel and Ward, and also Gregor and Gross (2004: 695–96).

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AMERICAN ETHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Candidates For President-Elect


During a period of unprecedented political and cultural tensions worldwide, it is imperative that anthropologists draw upon their unique insights to address pressing global and local concerns. As AES President, I would continue my long-term efforts to direct anthropological expertise toward this end. Much of my career has been directed toward analyzing the comparative dynamics of empire in disparate parts of the world. My publications have focused on the extraordinary tensions and conflicts-social, political, economic and cultural-that have been generated in the context of empire formation.
For example, Locating Capitalism in Time and Space brings together scholars with collective expertise that spans much of the globe to explore these problems and A Companion to the Anthropology of Politics provides a critical anthropological perspective on topics as diverse as AIDS, militarization, human rights and postcolonialism. In these publications, as the North American editor of Critique of Anthropology, on the AAA Committee for Human Rights, and in advocacy work for indigenous people, I have sought to highlight anthropology’s potential to contribute to debate about key political and cultural issues. As AES President, I would seek to broaden anthropology’s contributions in these areas by reaching beyond the boundaries of U.S. anthropology to include the voices of a more global anthropological community.

LORNA A RHODES

Candidates for President-Elect


My recent work on maximum security prisons in the United States has heightened my awareness of the need for engaged, critical, and public anthropology. If elected president of AES I will work to create a space in which critical inquiry can flourish in a variety of forms. Ethnographers are often said to value the surprises that emerge from fieldwork. Similarly, I believe we can nurture the unexpected connections—among ideas, disciplines, people, and places—that support the vitality of the anthropological enterprise. As anthropologists and citizens, we are living through increasingly troubling and threatening times. Our professional societies matter right now—perhaps more acutely than in the past, for there is strength in numbers and comfort in association with others actively engaged in interrogating the contemporary world. If elected, I will work to bring energy to the challenges we face and to uphold and extend the Society’s tradition of support for scholarship and teaching that fosters theoretically adventurous and socially meaningful work.

ANTHROPOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT SECTION

Candidates for Councillor


The Anthropology and Environment Section offers a venue whereby academic and practicing anthropologists can bring diverse perspectives to bear on one of the major issues of our time—environmental sustainability. Environmental sustainability occurs at specific local locations but depends on the social assets of, and linkages to, other scales—municipal, regional, available. I have appreciated the opportunity to help select and constitute panels on the AAA Program, and to foster greater involvement of graduate students and junior faculty in order to widen their professional and collegial networks. I would welcome the chance to participate on the board of AES where I see an opportunity to engage programmatically some of the challenges of these times (organizational, political, analytical) among a wide constituency of anthropologists.


The expansion of neo-liberalism and the increasingly uneven global distribution of death and life, justice, and social and economic rights, compel anthropologists to address a number of urgent questions regarding racial violence, the globalization of war machines, environmental destruction, universal human rights, bipolarization of class, feminization of poverty, historical justice, and the proliferation of such necrospaces as refugee camps, prisons, undocumented migrant communities, and occupation sites. My current research centers on the cultural dimensions of transnationalism that touches on many of these issues. I hope to bring them to the forefront of the AES forum. I consider AES to be an ideal venue for historically grounded, interdisciplinary, comparative and hemispheric investigations of these issues. In the past twelve years since completion of my Ph.D. in anthropology, I have taught cultural studies and critical gender studies in a department of comparative literature. My unconventional intellectual trajectory will allow me to serve as a unique liaison for interdisciplinary dialogues between scholarship in the social sciences and humanities. I have also served as a member of the Cultural Anthropology editorial board in this capacity and I very much welcome the opportunity to work with AES members as Councillor.
national, and international. Anthropologists are well positioned to facilitate and analyze information flow across these scales, and collaborative to weave environmental justice goals into institutional agendas. If elected, I pledge to work with the Section membership and other sections of AAA to link anthropologists with environmentalists and policy makers to enhance our joint understanding of the issues and options, and influence practice and theory. I bring experience and contacts from working with US government, international agencies, foundations, conservation organizations, local communities, local governments and indigenous organizations—most recently in the Bolivian Amazon and the trinational Gran Chaco area. I bring optimism that anthropologists’ analyses and support to grassroots groups offers something more than additional tools to do business as usual. I believe we offer an alternative vision and a new, more democratic discourse that environmentalists and government agencies will welcome because it helps them to address longstanding problems.


A&EE must strive to promote a policy-relevant environmental anthropology that speaks with a unified voice on some occasions and promotes multivocality and diversity on others. It must reach out to include those engaged in the practice of anthropology, as well as promoting the interests of academy-based members. For the section and the association to grow, we must work in multidisciplinary contexts and demonstrate the relevance of our knowledge and methods in a wide range of settings. I have been active in the AAA as a member of the Executive Committee (1999–2001), Environmental Section Board Member (1996–99), and President of the Culture and Agriculture Association (1992–94). My experience linking theory and practice, and working in multidisciplinary and policy-oriented contexts related to environmental change in Southern Africa, position me well to make a significant contribution to the section and the discipline.

Candidates for Senior Member at-Large


As a discipline, anthropology is critical to understand social and cultural processes where environmental conservation takes place; where spheres of culture and wilderness are intertwined. For over two decades, I have worked in conservation programs in Latin America, with an anthropological approach, to bridge the gap between the agendas of conservation and local livelihoods. Human equity and biodiversity conservation need not be in conflict with each other, in reality, it is important today to document and analyze the conditions under which conservation and human equity can be or cannot be reconciled, avoiding facile generalizations that trivializes this important issue. Environmental action needs to be informed by sound natural and social sciences, and anthropologists provide a research perspective and a fundamental analytical framework to understand change and make policy recommendations. Moreover, anthropologists have been key to facilitate participatory processes, so that those affected by conservation programs could be informed, accept or reject conservation initiatives, provide recommendations that include their interests and develop actions that they ultimately implement. As a member of the Anthropology and Environment section Executive Board, I would work to promote applied anthropological research, analysis and debate on pressing environmental issues that affect local peoples and fragile ecosystems.


As a member of the board of Anthropology and Environment, I would be most interested in encouraging a breadth and variety of environmental and ecological research as well as the section’s growing interest in policy issues. My own research on the complications of conservation settings has led me to explore issues of ethnicity, land tenure, environmental justice, environmental history, demography, and postcolonialism, while reaching across disciplines to further expand my understandings. In these travels, I have come to embrace a comprehensive anthropological approach to ecology and environment, while acknowledging that no single individual is likely to master all aspects of today’s research settings. In these activities, I have come to embrace a comprehensive anthropological approach to ecology and environment, while acknowledging that no single individual is likely to master all aspects of today’s research settings. Instead, I see the section’s role as one of promoting simultaneously the diversity of anthropological approaches to environment and anthropology’s unique perspective. The contradictory connotation of this last sentence indicates the challenge in communicating anthropological work in both policy settings and the multi-disciplinary research that characterizes many ecological projects. And yet, this is the challenge anthropologists must meet if we are to retain our traditional skills, strengthen new areas of research, and bring our excellence to bear on environmental problems.

Candidates for Junior Member at-Large

The Anthropology and Environment Section provides a valuable space in which the diverse strains of environmental inquiry in our discipline can cross-fertilize, especially as they relate to real world problems. As a member of the board, I will support this function and push for an even greater focus on the relevance of environmental anthropology for energizing and informing public policy and activism. Based on my personal involvement in international indigeni-ous tourism activism, I find that a problem-centered orientation provides important opportunities to expand our notions of disciplinary practice while advocating for conservation initiatives based on criteria of social justice and collective self-determination. Some particular initiatives on which I would like to work are: stimulating discussions on transnational-grassroots activist linkages, including addressing how anthropologists can constructively understand and mediate growing conflicts between elite transnational environmental institutions and local communities; creating greater opportunities for encounter and dialogue with full-time activists and policy-makers; fostering greater critical appreciation within environmental anthropology about how mass media frame common knowledge of environmental problems and solutions, and developing strategies (through workshops, websites, etc.) to expand anthropological perspectives in the mainstream and environmental media; and encouraging stronger anthropological attention to and voice in debates over environmental auditing and certifications (ecotourism, forestry, etc.).

Candidates for Student Representative


As the student representative to the Anthropology and Environment Executive Board I would focus my energies on building upon the success of the 1st annual Graduate Student Rappaport Panel in 2004. The panel offered participants excellent feedback on rough and final drafts of papers submitted for thorough review to three accomplished junior and advanced environmental anthropologists. The comments helped participants learn to polish their paper into a journal article or book chapter, and also assisted in participants’ larger dissertation projects by providing a forum for informal conversations with other panelists and A & E board members. Longer-term formal mentoring relationships are being established with advisors knowledgeable about panelists’ research. As student representative, I would organize these activities for future panelists, and encourage the participation of past panelists and mentors in the effort to build a stronger community of intellectual and moral support among up-and-coming and established environmental anthropologists. In addition, I would like to explore with students and board members the possibilities of providing support to international and minority students to increase their participation in A & E panels and events.

After a century of diversification and growth, significant empirical contributions to knowledge, and an array of key conceptual insights, Anthropology has reached a critical and decisive time. Internally, we must find ways to prosper academically and effectively share and communicate under the “big tent” that we have intellectually defined for our endeavors. Publicly we rarely, if ever, have witnessed a greater necessity for strong, coherent voices from Anthropology as we face complex challenges that threaten tolerance, diversity, and rational dialogue, as well as the real and rapid destruction of cultural, historical, linguistic, and environmental resources.

If I am privileged to serve the AAA, the AD, and its membership, I pledge to use my university, museum, international, and administrative experience to help harness our collective energies and talents to meet the significant challenges that lie ahead. Working with this diverse and dynamic organization of anthropologists, I endeavor to find thoughtful ways and structures to interface and engage our colleagues more effectively both inside and outside our discipline and to imaginatively educate and inspire our future generations. In this eventful time, it is critical to find better ways to communicate and translate the wealth of our anthropological insights and archaeological time-depth into contemporary policy discussions, public debates, interdisciplinary dialogues, and everyday practice.


My broad experience in the corporate, public, and academic sectors has provided me with the opportunity to apply my anthropological training in both traditional and nontraditional settings. As an AAA AD board member, I will work to bring the concerns of private- and government-sect sector archaeologists to the table. In a recent survey of its members conducted by the Society for Historical Archaeology, the bulk of the membership was shown to come from the private and government sectors rather than academia. Is this also the case with the AD segment of the AAA? If so, then clearly it is important to examine what the AAA AD can do for this growing number of persons with degrees in anthropology who are not full-time academics. It is important to learn why private- and government-sector archaeologists trained as anthropologists do not feel the need to participate in the AAA. In my opinion, the AAA AD should be a leader in recognizing the challenges faced by archaeologists practicing in “non-traditional” settings (which are now becoming the norm). The AAA AD should provide guidance on how the work of these practitioners can remain grounded within an anthropological context as well as help create the intellectual environment in which this can be achieved.

The AD sponsors high quality publications, distinguished lectures, and symposia; its success in communicating its interests to the AAA membership is manifest in the selection of an archaeologist, Liz Brunet, as the Association’s current President. It almost goes without saying (almost!) that we need to continue to maintain the highest standards in these areas. What, then, is our next challenge? We need to continue to diversify the perspectives represented in the AD. We can accomplish this by reaching out to potential members from communities underrepresented within the Division, including descendant groups, CRM professionals, and museum-based and public policy archaeologists. As a state archaeologist who runs a large research unit within a RI university, I have regular contact with all of these groups as well as the academically-based archaeologists, anthropologists, and students who are more frequently involved in AAA. Unfortunately, I rarely see non-academic colleagues at AAA meetings or in the News, despite the impact that their work has on the ways that archaeology is practiced and perceived in America today. As an AD at-large representative, I will work to bring such individuals and their perspectives to the Division and the Association.

Candidates for Program Editor-Elect for Archaeology


As Program Chair for the Archaeology Division of the American Anthropological Association I will continue with the primary goals of my predecessor, to make AAA meetings a meaningful and rewarding experience for archaeologists and to enhance the visibility of archaeology within the AAA organization. Archaeology is a vital and essential element in the anthropological endeavor and in the AAA organization, and we will continue to attract new members, further serve existing members, and continue to demonstrate the significance of archaeological research in a holistic anthropology.


My research concerns developments in power relations and the rise of social inequality in non-state societies. In particular, I have examined developments in sociopolitical relations among Ancestral Pueblo communities in New Mexico, from A.D. 1300–1600s. In my work, I have relied on a diverse set of social science theory, ranging from neoevolutionary theory to post-structuralism. Also, through directing field excavation projects, I have become well acquainted with how the practice of archaeological field work has become increasingly political, as archaeologists must often engage with various government agencies and indigenous groups. My research experiences have thus given me an appreciation for what I see as an increasingly complex practice of archaeology in this country today. Given my experiences, I identify at least three aspects of the practice of archaeology that I believe deserve attention and discussion on a national-level stage such as the Annual Meetings of the AAA. These are: (1) diversity—increasing the numbers of members from groups who have been historically underrepresented in archaeology, (2) increasing diversity in theoretical and methodological approaches, and (3) the politics of practicing archaeology and the relationship between archaeologists and Native groups. As Program Chair, I would work toward promoting these issues as well as increasing the participation of archaeologists in general in the AAA meetings.

Candidates for Nominations Chair


The Archaeology Division of the AAA is one of the most important organizations that fosters crosswalk among archaeologists in the increasingly fractured mosaic that makes up contemporary archaeology. I would like to engage a wide range of archaeologists in the work of the Division to address matters of mutual concern, like our common concern for understanding the entirety of the human past, how we realize these understandings in the relationships between academic, contracting, and indigenous descent communities, how our work depends upon reinforcing the legislative, administrative, and regulatory practices that support archaeology, and how we address issues of education and employment in archaeological workplaces. Anthropology is firm common ground for conducting these conversations. Accordingly I would like to see Archeology Division members nominated to positions within the AAA who champion our distinctive research and workplace concerns before the Association as a whole.


The Archaeology Division of the AAA is the only institution in the United States that represents all anthropological archaeologists; as such, insuring strong leadership of the Division is essential. Nominations committees are about fielding a wide range of candidates who are representative of the Division membership. In the Archaeology Division this means representing both developing and mature scholars, specialists working both nationally and internationally, and academic and nonacademically employed archaeologists. The best way to insure this diversity of candidates is to have a Nominations Committee, including the Chair, which itself is diverse. As Chair I will maintain this standard in both the committee membership and the slate of candidates recommended to the Board of the Division.
ASSOCIATION FOR AFRICANIST ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidate for Secretary


The Association for Africanist Anthropology provides a place within the American Anthropological Association to establish and maintain ties among Africanist anthropologists in the US, to support panels examining recent issues in Africanist anthropology, and to pursue connections with anthropologists in Africa and its Diaspora. With current efforts to improve living and health standards in the Continent and with recent concerns about the militarization of Africa as part of anti-terrorist efforts, I believe that Africanist anthropologists—living in Africa and abroad—and the AFAA have a special contribution to make. As secretary for the Association, I will take and keep notes on annual meetings, record and transcribe the annual AFAA lecture, and when possible, make these and other appropriate materials available on the AFAA website.

Candidate for Treasurer


My passions for Africanist anthropology began in 1970, when I attended my first anthropology meeting. This energy and engagement took me to several institutions for study: Smith College, the University of Manchester, the University of Chicago, Princeton, and the Institute for African Studies (University of Nairobi). I have regularly attended and presented at AAA and ASA meetings since receiving my Ph.D. My diverse education, peripatetic teaching, and consistent conference attendance have given me exposure to a rather large number of anthropology programs and anthropologists. I have attended business meetings of the AFAA from its early days. I want to work to expand the membership of AFAA. I believe Africanist anthropology can regain the centrality in the AAA that is its due. Its history is a proud one; its present filled with intellectual ferment; its future holds promise globally. We need to expand our membership in the United States, reach out to colleagues abroad, in Africa and elsewhere, reconnect with retired elders whose membership may have lapsed, and seek more student members. I served as board secretary and on the finance and planning committee of the Southwest Center for Indepen-
dent Living, a disability rights organization. These skills and strengths can be transferred to the treasurer’s position.

Candidate for Program Chair


David Turkon is a residential faculty member at Glendale Community College in the Maricopa County Community College District, Arizona. He has been doing fieldwork in Lesotho since 1987, focusing on political and economic change as well as the structure and use of property, especially livestock. David is presently participating in the formulation of a multi-disciplinary research project and intervention on HIV/AIDS in Lesotho that will involve researchers in the U.S and from the National University of Lesotho. David also does applied research among Sudanese refugees in Phoenix, Arizona and serves on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Lost Boys Center.

Candidate for AAA Contributing Editor


I am a cultural anthropologist and have been working in Kajiado District, Kenya, since 1995. My research has examined the context in which community-based wildlife resource management has been posed as a solution to the environmental “problem” of wildlife conservation in southern Kenya, an area inhabited predominantly by self-identifying Maasai. Drawing on colonial documents housed at the Kenya National Archives, I have been researching the context in which the term “wildlife” emerged in official policy and in conjunction with the further gazetting of lands for national parks and reserves. I also study post-independence era (1963 to today) wildlife policies and the ways in which they invoke “sustainable development.” The ethnographic case studies I derive from Maasai communities illustrate how ideals of sustainable development and wildlife conservation play out in the daily lives and goals of the people most directly affected by them. I am also keenly interested in the politics of studying abroad and issues of reciprocity. In other research, I have begun to track and analyze various presentations of Maasai-ness in the United States (e.g., via cultural tours, advertisements, websites that present cultural profiles, and political asylum cases).

Candidate for President

CHERYL RODRIGUEZ (PhD, University of South Florida, 1992) Positions Held: Associate Professor of Africana Studies, 1996-present USF; Interests and/or Activities: Women of Color and Activism, Low-Income Housing Issues, Community Research; Significant Publications: Invoking Fannie Lou Hamer: Research, Ethnography and Activism in Low-Income Communities, Urban Anthropology, 2003; A Homegirl Goes Home: Black Feminism and the Lure of Native Anthropology in Black Feminist Anthro-

ASSOCIATION FOR FEMINIST ANTHROPOLOGY

Feminist scholars have sought to transform the discipline and profession of anthropology by articulating the multidimensional relationship between gender and culture. These scholars have had a profound impact on not only the way in which we analyze culture but also the ways in which we practice anthropology. In terms of research, an astonishingly diverse collection of critical and innovative ideas emerge annually at the AAA conference. This feminist scholarship builds upon the framework so painfully and courageously constructed by anthropology’s feminist foremothers. Through its attention to the oppressive forces that affect women’s lives globally and the professional inequities faced by women who choose to be anthropologists, the AFA has become an established and powerful voice in the American Anthropological Association. Having been a member of AFA for 12 years, I am very aware of its organizational goals and aspirations. As the AFA contributing editor to the AN, I served on the AFA Board several years ago. I have also served AAA in other leadership capacities including Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women in Anthropology and President of the Association of Black Anthropologists. As a feminist scholar and a practicing anthropologist, I would be honored to serve AFA and continue its tradition of provocative leadership.

Candidate for Board Member #1


One of the challenges facing the Association is the need to raise awareness among students and non-academic community members regarding the relevance of feminist perspectives in their everyday lives. This challenge is particularly important given the current political climate. As an instructor at a community college in rural Oregon I have come to realize the vital role anthropology can and should play in providing students with the critical awareness of gender and gendered relationships. As an AFA board member I would be committed to efforts to foster feminist perspectives among our students. I would actively encourage efforts to facilitate communication with non-academic communities. I look forward to serving the interests of the AFA community.

Candidate for Board Member #2


I would very much appreciate this opportunity to serve colleagues in the AFA and the AAA. I have experience, having served as secretary/treasurer, then president and on the executive committee of another section in the past; but more importantly, I value service as an integral part of who I am as a member of the community of anthropologists, and community of feminist scholars. I would bring to the board a strong commitment to collaborative activities in all areas of our work, whether it is the work we do in the AAA, the work we do in our classrooms, or in our research. And I would work to continue the long-standing tradition of AFA to reach across section- and sub-disciplinary lines to foster scholarship that is truly multi- visioned. I thank you all for considering my candidacy.

Candidate for President-Elect


I have served APLA in a number of capacities, including co-editor of PoLAR, and am interested in helping APLA and PoLAR become even more central to conversations about new strategies for anthropological theory, method and the modes of publicity through which we circulate our knowledge. These are also political and legal questions themselves, amenable to the kinds of analyses political and legal scholars are currently carrying out. Thinking about the use of new collaborative technologies and alternative publication venues, for example, raises reflexive questions about the ownership of intellectual resources and the legal channels through which knowledge circulates. How might new kinds of circulation, or new models of publicity, shift our knowledge generating practices, and to what effect? In a very practical, APLA sense: how can we think analytically about what it might mean for PoLAR to be accessible through Weslaw and Lexis? How might such access open our work to audiences we desperately want to reach—and to what effect? How does the neoliberal academy alternately channel, block, or facilitate our knowledge practices and our production of alternative formats and venues?

Candidates for Secretary


As the sole anthropologist in the multidisciplinary and, at times, interdisciplinary School of Justice & Social Inquiry, I see myself as a translator or bridge across the social sciences and humanities. The sub-disciplinary specialization in political and legal anthropology sustains me in that position
not only because of the way we pose questions in our research and teaching, but also because of the collegial relations modeled and supported through the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology. I have the pleasure of currently serving on the editorial board of the Political and Legal Anthropology Review (2000–) and have been a member of the APLA Executive Board (1999–2002), during which time I also served on the Graduate Student Paper Award (2000–01) and Election Committees (2000–01). I am eager to return to serve APLA in the capacity of Secretary.


I would like to see APLA continue to be a useful and inspirational forum for those who see themselves primarily as political and legal anthropologists. However, I would also like to see APLA become more relevant to the great majority of anthropologists who may not label themselves political anthropologists, but whose works nevertheless dwell upon the dynamics of power and persuasion. I would encourage us to explore avenues for this kind of broader engagement.

Candidates for Treasurer


The position of treasurer is particularly important right now, given the financial impacts of the move to AnthroSource and the rescheduling of the 2004 American Anthropological Association annual meeting. I served as the APLA secretary-treasurer from 1993–1997, as Associate Editor of APLA’s journal, PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review from 1999–2002, and I remain a member of PoLAR’s editorial board. If elected treasurer, I will bring this experience to the task at hand. I am also a member of the editorial board of Law and Social Inquiry and I have been an active member of the Law and Society Association, serving LSA as a trustee (2001–2004), co-chair of a collaborative research network in citizenship and immigration (1999-present), program committee member (1997–1998 and 1999–2000), nominations committee member (2004–2005), chair of the search committee for the Law and Society Review book review editor (2003), and in other capacities. My academic work has focused on ways that unauthorized migrants are included in and excluded from their countries of origin and residence, forms of clandestinity produced through political violence and unauthorized migration, and the construction of legal and other truth claims.


I have been Treasurer of APLA since 2001. During my tenure, I have learned the budget process, developed an understanding of the AAA financial structure in relation to its sections and section journals, such as Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR). I was also treasurer during the negotiations with University of California Press and the adoption of AnthroSource and understand the challenge to section finances that such a useful innovation brings.

Candidates for Slate A Board Member at-Large


I think that attention to the shifting politics of knowledge—whether in technocratic cultures of expertise or in subaltern communities of resistance and struggle—has disrupted ethnographic practice in remarkable ways with far reaching consequences. Specifically, the ways we configure the relationship between politics and law and its role in the production of anthropological knowledge has given us a distinctive purview on emerging configurations of society as moral frameworks, analytical constructs, and empirical facts. The APLA-through its AAA panels, the publication of PoLAR, and its recognition of significant work of graduate students—has created vibrant intellectual contexts where foundational questions of anthropological theory and method can be linked to substantive issues defining the contemporary human condition.


I am a candidate for Senior Board Member at Large for the APLA because I wish to contribute actively to the creative development of an organization whose members engage and challenge anthropology as a discipline and as a discourse of intellectual theory and committed practice. The anthropology of law and politics addresses in each generation new questions at the same time that it revisits the paradigms of earlier eras. Our ability to recreate anthropology anew will stem from our scholarship in work that matters in the everyday world. That work is signaled in PoLAR, which has emerged as an impressive site for critical essays and compelling controversial ideas. The journal is a forum in which to discuss new projects, on-going research, interdisciplinary teaching, and grant-writing. It is a journal of voices. As a Board member, I will encourage APLA’s continuing outreach to scholars and students in other fields, like law and society and criminal justice, to engage the participation of students we sometimes miss at home and abroad. I am also firmly committed to the process of mentoring junior scholars and I will urge the development of more formal mentoring arrangements, in informal local settings, and at the annual meeting.

Candidates for Slate B Board Member at-Large


I have been involved with APLA since I was a graduate student in the mid to late-1990s. Although I am both an anthropologist and lawyer, and certainly view my research and writing as firmly located within the legal anthropological tradition, I have appreciated from early on the way in which APLA brings together anthropologists whose research, teaching, and broader non-academic interests span the legal and the political. I also have been lucky to have been a member of APLA over the course of a number of years which have seen a series of creative and able executive boards, both of the Association of and of PoLAR, which has resulted in an expanded awareness of recent innovations in political and legal anthropology, particularly within certain areas like the anthropology of institutions and the still emergent anthropology of rights, my fields, like law and society and criminal justice, to engage the participation of students we sometimes miss at home and abroad. I am also firmly committed to the process of mentoring junior scholars and I will urge the development of more formal mentoring arrangements, in informal local settings, and at the annual meeting.

Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer


If elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the Biological Anthropology Section (BAS) of the AAA, my goals will include increasing membership in our unit within the AAA and to continue to promote the integration of biological and cultural methods to explore aspects of human variation, health, disease, and senescence cross-culturally among our membership. In addition, I will seek to strengthen ties with the student section through increased emphasis on faculty-student exchanges and mentoring of those seeking to establish themselves within the sub-discipline of biological anthropology. Currently, the BAS is a strong section of the AAA with about 500 members. By mentoring students within the AAA, establishing additional opportunities for them to win awards, and meeting and interacting with our members, it would be able to increase the number of active members. Members of the BAS have a broad range of research interests and, at some time in their studies, almost every student of anthropology finds their own interests overlapping with at least one of these. The more we make ourselves available to students, the more we are able to build on their interests and number them among future members of the BAS.

As a Board Member I would contribute to APLA’s continuing efforts to increase awareness of APLA-members’ scholarship among those both within and outside of anthropology. Within anthropology, APLA can stand graduate student workshops set to coincide with the AAs, similar to the Law & Society Association’s graduate method and recruitment workshops. As a member of the board I would reach out to related fields through contact with the editorial staffs of law and policy school journals that are responsible for organizing specially-themed conferences that APLA members could join as presenters or discussants. I would also like to create a steering committee or similar structure that could nominate, and/or endorse anthropologists interested in taking their research outside academia into institutions with more direct links to policy makers such as think tanks, national and international government agencies, and foundations. Conversely, I would work with the leadership of the AAA to create a more robust incentive system for policy engagement. Young scholars should be rewarded, not penalized in tenure review and similar processes for their efforts to become active participants in policy debate. Finally, I would work to ensure that APLA plays a collaborative role in the efforts currently underway to establish an anthropological institute for public policy.

BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL SECTION


As a Board Member I would contribute to APLA’s continuing efforts to increase awareness of APLA-members’ scholarship among those both within and outside of anthropology. Within anthropology, APLA can stand graduate

As Secretary-Treasurer of the Biological Anthropology Section of the AAA I would work closely with Executive Committee to strengthen our presence at the national, to build a broad and diverse membership, and to explore ways to better engage our student members. I would also use the BAS column in the Anthropology Newsletter to showcase the work of section members, as well keep the members informed and connected to the larger association. In addition, I would make every effort to ensure the sound financial health of the section, and would look forward to developing an understanding of the financial structure of the AAA, especially as it relates to sections such as ours.

Candidates for Member-at-Large


In an academic environment dominated by increasingly specialized research programs, anthropology represents an important intellectual nexus where synthesis is valued, and bolstered by a diversity of theoretical approaches and methodologies. Although my primary research focus is on human population biology, evolution, and health, I have also conducted research in archaeology and skeletal biology. My work on the evolution of human life history and energetics extend my interests to primatology and the hominin record. On a personal level, I have benefitted greatly from the complimentary perspectives afforded by our sub-specialties, and am dedicated to encouraging dialogue between them. I feel strongly that the interdisciplinary strengths that set anthropology apart trace to its origins as a four field enterprise: integration of biological approaches with cultural, archaeological and linguistic method and theory continues to be a source of creativity that helps sustain the identity of anthropology as a unique discipline within the academy. Maintaining a high profile within the AAA and at the national meetings should thus be a priority for the BAS.


As a proud member of the American Anthropological Association, I welcome this opportunity to serve our flagship association. This is a critical period in American Anthropology, with emerging questions about so many things ranging from the role of the Association, to the definition of American Anthropology as four-field. In such a time, communication is indeed crucial: communication among members, and among different levels of the structure. With enthusiasm, I will be a proactive liaison between the members of the Biological Anthropology Section and the Executive Committee. I look forward to building a future where Biological Anthropology has a clear presence in the Association.

Candidates for Student Member


Since biological anthropology faculty are often in the minority in their departments (as, indeed, they are in this association), it is easy for students of biological anthropology to feel marginalized—as though we do not wholly belong within our own departments, nor within professional associations intended to represent us. The BAS should work to prove this misconception wrong, to remind biological anthropology students that we are an irreplaceable piece of the anthropological whole, and to bring its resources to bear on concerns held by many biological anthropology students. If elected as student member to the executive committee, I will work to establish the following programs addressing these concerns:

• Workshops on funding opportunities, many of which exist within scientific foundations such as the NSF, yet remain unknown to biological anthropology students.

• Workshops addressing ethical issues confronting us as we advance through our careers. Possible topics include creationism, NAGPRA, and conservation of biological anthropological resources (primates, fossils, skeletal collections).

• Discussion luncheons with Howells Award winners, that we might engage such important scholarship on a more intimate level.

Biological anthropology’s future strength depends on the dedication of its current students. We should do all we can to foster that passion.


Reflected in its growing number of student members, the Biological Anthropology Section has a commitment to recruiting and involving interested students. As a student member of the Executive Board of the BAS, I would work to further increase graduate student participation, foster mentorship of undergraduate students interested in biological anthropology, and enhance communication between student and faculty BAS members. Specifically, I would work to organize a student workshop at the AAA meetings and to set up a student listserve for the discussion of professional issues and the sharing of information about funding and research opportunities. During my graduate training, I have held several fellowships that have given me an appreciation of the importance of collaborative work for both academic and professional development. These experiences sparked my interests in engaging in cross-disciplinary and cross-subfield student collaboration, mentoring undergraduate research and increasing public engagement in anthropology through participation in K-12 education. At Emory University, I served in several leadership positions, including student member of the Graduate Student Concerns Committee, taught in a university-wide graduate student teacher training program, and participated in training workshops in problem-based learning with Atlanta-area high school science teachers and administrators.
To remain a vital and relevant organization, the Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) must have strong, decisive leadership that reflects the concerns of the members and the nature of our discipline. As a member of the nominations committee, I would seek to draw on the experience of senior colleagues and the energy of younger members in providing a slate of candidates for offices. It is important that our officers reflect the holistic perspective that is a hallmark of the CSAS.

**Candidates for Board Members**


Anthropology is a great field to be in. It gives me a chance to do the things I’ve always wanted to do: travel, live in the African bush, learn languages, hang out with just plain folks, make films, record music, and see the world from different perspectives. Teaching Anthropology is even better, for it gives me the chance to interest students in the rest of the world (or even the rest of the US), to show them that theirs is but one way of seeing and doing and being, and to get them actively involved in their community and beyond. I’ve taken students with me to the field in Africa, in Oklahoma, and in their hometown. As a faculty member of a combined Soc-Ant department at a regional Midwest university, I’ve enjoyed the chance to meet and learn from similarly-minded colleagues at the annual CSAS meetings. I’ve presented papers at every meeting since 1998, and have organized panels or teaching workshops at the most

**Candidates for Nominations Committee**


**Candidates for 2ND Vice President**


After 25 years of association with CSAS I am convinced even more of its unique role within the AAA as an inviting venue for productive and collegial intellectual exchange. CSAS, through its activities, reminds us what our discipline is supposed to be about. Increasing our membership and increasing the involvement of our members in Society leadership are goals that will continue to require stewardship. I look forward to helping to maintain the vitality of the Society both in the service of its members and as a voice within the AAA.


The Central States Anthropological Society has long been a vital regional organization. It plays an important role for faculty, and even more, for students in the region, while also functioning as a link to the AAA and other national organizations. For me, CSAS meetings have been a setting to which I can bring students (including undergraduates), knowing that they can present papers, participate in discussions, and generally be viewed as members of the profession. I would like to see this role of CSAS expanded and emphasized even more, perhaps by making concerted efforts to encourage faculty to bring their students or by setting up some activities (such as poster sessions) in which students can comfortably participate. I would especially like to encourage even more participation in CSAS by undergraduates. I would also like to encourage more discussion of innovative teaching methods within CSAS, including internships, fieldwork courses, community-based and service learning activities. Finally, I will work towards avenues for expanded communication within the profession, with the AAA and possibly other organizations, as well as between anthropologists and the public.

**Candidates for Nominations Committee**
recent meetings. As a board member, I would work to keep the organization collegial and open to students and faculty from regional institutions small and large, and also maintain its strong conscience and sense of ethics.


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CHANASAI TIENGTRAKUL (PhD, Brown University, 1996) Positions Held: Assistant Professor of Anthropology and International Studies (1998–Pres), Hanover College; Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1997–1998) University of New Hampshire at Durham; Academic/Counseling Coordinator (Summer 1999) McNair Scholars Program at Salem State College; Interests and/or Activities: gender, kinship, ethnicity, and transnational migration in South and Southeast Asia; Bollywood films buff; took a class to Thailand in May 2003 to study tourism and nationalism; Significant Publication: Home: Women and Perceptions of the Private Domain, in Gender in Indian Ethnography (Sirpa Tenhunen and Lina Fruzzetti editors), Stril Press (India), In Press; Book Reviewer, NWSA Journal, 2003.


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Indian art, Pueblo Indian cultures, museum studies, collaborative and interdisciplinary projects. Significant Publications: N/A.

As a curator new to AAA and the museum profession, I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for the Council for Museum Anthropology Board. If selected, I will bring a strong interdisciplinary background to the CMA Board, which includes a Ph.D. in American Studies focusing on anthropology, art history and museum studies; and museum experience at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) where I worked collaboratively with Native peoples on one of the inaugural exhibitions. My interdisciplinary education and work experience will make my contributions to the CMA Board a welcome addition as I am aware of how the fields of museum studies and anthropology continually adapt to the shifting terrains of the representation and interpretation of cultures and material culture. Thank you for considering my experience and qualifications, and I hope to have the opportunity to represent the CMA’s concerns and directives with integrity and purpose.

ELLA MARIA RAY (PhD, Johns Hopkins University, 1999) Positions Held: Dept. Chairperson and Curator of Anthropology (2000-Pre) Denver Museum of Nature & Science; Assistant Professor (1996-2000) University of California, Davis. Interests and or Activities: Topical gender relations, material culture, visual anthropology, kinship and religion, racial consciousness and identity formation; Geographical: African Diaspora, particularly Caribbean and the United States.

Museology and anthropology in union offer formal and informal public and private institutions a rich opportunity to bring important humanistic and scientific research questions to a broad audience. I hope to serve as a liaison between the American Association of Museums and the American Anthropological Association, to engage museum professionals in thinking carefully about where we envision museums will be in the next ten to twenty, and to support museologists and anthropologists in developing innovative ways to present our intellectual questions to multiple publics.


I am pleased to have been nominated to run for the Council for Museum Anthropology board. I have served as the organization’s vice president for the past two years and look forward to continuing to serve the organization.


I am a cultural anthropologist working at a small university museum. My field of interest is East, Southeast Asia, and North America (http://userwww.sfu.ca/~yamamoto/). My research has included collecting traditional Tagalog rice growing tools and establishing a museum for the International Rice Research Institute and researching traditional basket making in Java, Lombok, and Bali. My doctoral fieldwork in Nias focused upon the fast disappearing traditional material culture of this island. All of these areas are suffering from the loss of traditional culture due to globalization and natural forces, such as the tsunami. This destruction cannot be stopped but anthropological museums help to preserve traditional knowledge and material culture. I believe that museums are an invaluable resource for both professional anthropologists and for indigenous peoples who wish to know more of their traditions. I gladly accept the nomination of the CMA to the Board of Directors, I hope to be able to serve the CMA in its goals and to promote museum anthropology.

COUNCIL ON ANTHROPOLOGY AND EDUCATION

Candidates for Member at Large


Important changes are underway within the Council on Anthropology and Education that will contribute enormously to the organization’s vitality. I look forward to being a part of these changes in some capacity. In the coming years, I hope to work with the Board and the membership to make critical organizational changes. CAE’s unique structure is designed to maximize participation, but several of the subcommittees are moribund. I would like to work with others to consolidate the subcommittees and promote greater communication between them. In addition, important new Ad Hoc committees are being formed to serve the Council’s needs. We need to find ways to connect these advisory committees to the topical subcommittees. I also hope to work with members to integrate the productive tensions between scholarship and activism in order to forge a truly public anthropology of education. We need to make our contribution to policy and practice more visible and useful. We need more flexible meeting formats to accommodate diverse approaches. We need to expand membership to include more graduate students and educational practitioners as members and as leaders. In these and other ways, I hope to contribute to this organization, which has played a significant role in my own professional development.

As a member of CAE, I would earnestly support anthropological scholarship that addresses oppressive schooling and promotes ways of learning that inspire a strong sense of social justice among students/learners. To highlight social justice in anthropology and education, I will work with CAE members to help integrate ethnography into K-12 pedagogical practices. My current expertise involves teaching high school students and teachers how to conduct their own school ethnography as a vehicle for transforming their education. By folding ethnographic analysis into the curriculum, students and teachers critically engage and address their own educational experiences. The results of their analyses are used to change policies and practices. I believe that real school change based on the principles of social justice occurs when the ethnographic enterprise involves the school’s key stakeholders (students, teachers, parents, etc.) as researchers and change agents. Sharing my work and ideas with CAE members would not only be a great honor but would grant me the opportunity to contribute to anthropology’s commitment to challenge oppression through a sociocultural analysis of education. I eagerly await the nomination process, and enthusiastically hope for selection as member at large.

CULTURE AND AGRICULTURE

Candidate for Secretary Treasurer


I am currently the incumbent Treasurer. My goal for my current term was to work on short term and long range financial planning for our Section. Our Board has engaged in this planning process over the last year through our efforts to bring our Culture and Agriculture Journal to AnthroSource, and to upgrade our interactive list-serve. I have contributed to these efforts by working through the financial analysis and budgeting. Our long term Section goals need to include efforts to keep and improve our membership base in the midst of increased costs to AAA members, and to make our Journal financially self-sustaining for the long run. Converting our Journal to the electronic medium is one strategy for achieving these intertwined goals, but the conversion process will take 2005, 2006 and early 2007, as we establish and solidify our publishing relationship with the University of California Press. I feel that I could provide continuity and experience through this transition period and contribute to our Section by continuing my work on our finances.

Candidate for Member-at-Large


I have studied different aspects of agriculture for the last 20 years in venues ranging from the prehistoric US southwest to contemporary Subsaharan Africa to India; the research topics have included relationships between agriculture and population growth, conflict, ethnic politics, settlement, and, for the last 4 years, the cultural and political aspects of agricultural biotechnology. I am convinced that today, as never before, there is a pressing need for the cultural perspective on agriculture. We need to be very active in building theory, educating the public, and contributing to policy debates, and I would like to see the Culture and Agriculture section take the lead in this.

EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY

Candidates for President-Elect


In the service of EAS, I will work to advance the view that nothing in anthropology makes sense except in the light of evolution (to paraphrase Dobzhansky). I envision EAS as an organization that minimizes subfield differences and focuses on the strength achieved through the framework provided by evolutionary theory. I will work to make the organization one where members are as likely to be archeologists, linguistics, and behavioral ecologists as they are to be ethnologists, primatologists, and paleontologists. My short-term goals include assuring that our membership rolls maintain the minimum needed for section status at the AAA. Advertising our existence to the anthropological community and allied disciplines is critical. A substantial website and membership email list are top priorities. Annual, EAS sponsored sessions at the AAA are also essential. The AAA meetings are important in terms of the job market and EAS should provide a support network for junior evolutionary anthropologists seeking employment. Graduate students will play an important role in EAS. I have held positions as both a physical anthropologist (SUNY-Buffalo) and a cultural anthropologist (Texas A&M University). I have organized a number of sessions at AAA meetings including Evolutionary Approaches to Cooperative Hunting (2000 with Eric Fink), and New Research in Human Behavioral Ecology (2002 with Lawrence Sugiyama).

PATRICIA DRAPER (PhD, Harvard University, 1972) Positions Held: Professor, Department of Anthropology and Geography (1998–Pres) University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Chair, Department of Anthropology and Geography (2000–2003) University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Professor (1988–1998) Pennsylvania State University; Associate Professor (1985–1988) Pennsylvania State University; Associate Professor (1979–1985) University of New Mexico; Assistant Professor (1972–1979) University of New Mexico; Interests and/or Activities: behavioral ecology, evolutionary psychology, hunters and gatherers; Significant Publications: “Women’s Work, Child Care and Helpers at the Nest in a Hunter-Gatherer Society” Human Nature, 2004; “The Growth and Kinship Resources...

Anthropologists with interests in evolutionary theory can be found in many of the subdisciplines of our field as well as in departments other than anthropology. It is important that members of this growing and increasingly diverse group find intellectual and professional support in the AAA. As a cultural anthropologist I am particularly impressed with how an evolutionary focus can enliven traditional understandings of social organization. Hypotheses inspired by evolutionary thinking and tested empirically have already forged new interplay in areas of study such as psychology, behavioral ecology, economics, kinship, demography, child development and others. The first objective of EAS is to achieve section status with the Association. In addition we must work together to ensure that our organization puts forward sponsored sessions at the annual AAA meetings. Causing among ourselves will be critical for identifying important topics for these sessions and identifying willing session organizers and co-participants. I look forward to working with EAS and other professional associations to which I belong to bring more scholars with our common interests back into the AAA. My previous service roles include Program Chair (1994) and President (1995) of the Society for Cross Cultural Research, Member of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Advisory Board, National Science Foundation (1995–1997), and Co-Organizer of Local Arrangements for HBES in 2003;

**Candidates for at-Large Member of the Board of Directors**


The EAS has the potential to raise the profile of evolutionary anthropology both within anthropology and in the scientific and popular view. This should be a collaborative, integrative process within the EAS, and within the AAA, reaching across subdisciplines and disciplines. This is especially timely given the explosion of evolutionary approaches within anthropology and related fields juxtaposed with the anti-evolutionary intellectual climate prevalent in many academic and non-academic institutions not to mention the public mind. In such an environment, we need experienced outreach that avoids combative approaches in favor of consistent communication and network building. I have been active in the AAA since I was a graduate student. I organized a session at the 1998 AAA meetings called “Evolutionary approaches to population research: Opportunities for cross-fertilization with anthropological demography” as a way of drawing together evolutionary and non-evolutionary researchers interested in population. The collected papers were published as a special issue of the American Journal of Human Biology in 2002. I was a Consulting Editor of the journal Human Nature from 1998–2002, and since 2002 I have been the Associate Editor. I have years of experience collaborating with demographers, epidemiologists, and anthropologists of all perspectives. This background will allow me to effectively advocate for the membership of the EAS in pursuit of our objectives.

**ELIZABETH CASHDAN** (PhD, University of New Mexico, 1979) **Positions Held:** Professor (1999–Pres) University of Utah; Associate Professor (1989–98) University of Utah; Associate Professor (1987–89) University of Pittsburgh; Assistant Professor (1980–1987) University of Pittsburgh; **Interests and/or Activities:** evolutionary psychology; behavioral ecology; member of the governing Council and of the Editorial Board of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society; **Significant Publications:** “Ethnic Diversity and its Environmental Determinants: Effects of Climate, Pathogens, and Habitat Diversity” American Anthropologist, 2001; “Adaptiveness of Food Learning and Food Aversions in Children” Social Science Information, 1998; “Hormones, Sex, and Status in Women” Hormones and Behavior, 1995.

Anthropology, once an integrated discipline with a strong evolutionary core, is in danger of losing its moorings. The EAS can help the field regain its birthright by showing the power of evolutionary theory for anthropological questions, by bringing our best scholars back into the AAA, and by fostering networks that will help our students succeed in the profession. I hope to see two developments take place. First, the EAS will be a home for evolutionary anthropologists from different sub-disciplines and related disciplines to share ideas both at the AAA meetings and ultimately at separate more focused EAS meetings that might be held concurrently. Second, the EAS will bring the centrality of evolutionary theory back into the mainstream of anthropology. In order to attract other anthropologists as well as the press to our AAA sessions, they should focus on substantive contributions (rather than polemics or epistemological debates) on topics of widespread interest. The inherently cross-disciplinary nature of evolutionary anthropology gives it the potential to be a key node in a AAA that will represent anthropology in its entirety and at its best.


Evolutionary anthropology provides an umbrella beneath which previously separate specialties within the discipline of anthropology can come together. Its emergence is an important and promising development. I am proud to be associated not only with the Evolutionary Anthropology Society but also with what may be the only anthropology department that uses that label for one of its concentrations. I conceive of evolutionary anthropology not as a new subdiscipline but rather as a theme that cuts across and thus unifies scholars in all four of anthropology’s traditional subdisciplines. My own particular interest is in evolutionary cultural anthropology, but I have also done some physical anthropology and collaborated with linguists, archaeologists, and biological anthropologists. My previous service to the discipline includes the organization of three AAA sessions, a term on the Council of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES), serving as local host and program chair for HBES’s 2002 annual meeting, chairing an ad-hoc committee created by the HBES Council to examine the timing of its annual meeting, and co-editing a Rutgers University Press series on human evolution. I now welcome the opportunity to serve the EAS and AAA.

**BEVERLY I STRASSMANN** (PhD, University of Michigan, 1990) **Positions Held:** Associate Professor (1999–Pres) Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan; Faculty Associate (2003–Pres) Research Center for Group Dynamics, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan; Assistant Professor (1993–1999) University of Michigan; **Interests and/or Activities:** human behavioral ecology, reproductive ecology, biology within culture; **Significant Publications:** “Social Monogamy in a Human Society: Marriage and Reproductive Success among the Dogon” In Monogamy: Mapping Strategies and Partnerships in Birds, Mammals, and Humans, Ulrich Richard and C. Boesch, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2003; “Life History

Evolutionary anthropologists come from all four subfields, but have one thing in common: Good theory, good methods, and good data. If we participate actively in the AAA, we can help shape the future direction of Anthropology. As a member of the Evolutionary Anthropology Society, I will work toward the following goals: (1) To develop symposia that will help bring the significance of evolutionary theory to the attention of a wider spectrum of anthropologists; (2) To promote the placement of evolutionary anthropologists in academic positions; (3) To encourage informed media coverage of our research; and (4) To promote an enjoyable, small-conference ambience that encourages membership in the EAS. My previous service role for professional organizations include Program Chair, Human Behavior & Evolution Society (2003) and Associate Editor of Evolution and Human Behavior.

Candidates for Student Representative


I want to extend my gratitude for being considered as a candidate for Student Representative of the Evolutionary Anthropology Society of the AAA. A strong commitment to providing a venue for evolutionary minded anthropologists to conduct, present, and critique research is vital in the pursuit of understanding humans within the broader framework of our evolutionary past and present. Only through a concerted effort can we as researchers hope to bridge intellectual gaps between sub-disciplines and entire fields in demonstration of the utility of anthropologists working within a contemporary Darwinian framework. As a Ph.D. student in Evolutionary Anthropology at Washington State University, I have taken it upon myself to locally promote the field by acting as a graduate student representative, as well as co-founding the Evolutionary Anthropology Journal Club. As Student Representative of the EAS, I would promote the interests of the society by acting as a liaison for our members between the various subcommittees of the AAA, with the intent that a forum be provided for graduate research. As a former museum researcher, I am familiar with working closely alongside the general public. I believe this background also will prove helpful in attempting to promote the interests of the EAS if chosen as Student Representative. Thank you for your consideration.


If elected as student representative of the Evolutionary Anthropology Society, I will strive to keep the interests of evolutionarily oriented students of anthropology at the heart of the society. I will organize sessions at the AAA meetings for these students so they are allowed an open forum and a much stronger voice within anthropology. Given a stronger footing within the AAA will potentially help with job placement, as these meetings are perhaps the most important source of job acquisition for anthropologists. Additionally my skills and experience in web page design, and working relationship with the current webmaster James Boster, will allow me to improve the current EAS website. My proposed work would include the improvement of the overall site; the creation of a page devoted to the presentation of outstanding student research, as well as a page aimed at helping evolutionarily minded scholars find employment. Because I am a student and collaborator of James Boster’s, a current officer of EAS, I am in an excellent position to coordinate these development activities that I propose.


I am running for EAS student representative in order to help create a forum for the emergence of a new generation of evolutionary anthropologists. These are exciting times for our field: scholars guided by Neo-Darwinian theory are providing a better understanding of the biological and cultural evolutionary processes that have shaped human history and continue to influence our psychology and behavior. Our common theoretical foundation provides the synthetic glue for a diverse set of ideas and subjects explored with a variety of methods. As student representative, my highest priority will be to promote communication and discourse among current and prospective student members. This will allow me to best represent student concerns to the board of the EAS, and to foster research and collaboration among a generation of students. I will bring to the position a passion for evolutionary anthropology and a dedicated work ethic. Thank you for your consideration and this exciting opportunity to contribute to the growth of our discipline.

MIDDLE EAST SECTION

Candidate for President-Elect

WILLIAM O BEEMAN (PhD, University of Chicago, 1976) Positions Held: Professor of Anthropology and Professor of Theatre, Speech and Dance (2004-Pres) Brown University; Visiting Professor of Cultural and Social Anthropology (2004–2005) Stanford University; Director, Middle East Studies (1998-Pres) Brown University; Interests and/or Activities: linguistics, performance studies, culture and politics; Significant Publications: The Great Satan vs. the Mad Mullahs: How the United States and Iran Demonize Each Other, Praeger, 2005; Language, Status and Power in Iran, Indiana University Press, 1986; Culture, Performance and Communication in Iran, ILCAA, 1981.

The need for anthropological knowledge in Middle Eastern affairs has been increasing for many decades, and is now more essential than ever. One needs only to look at the misunderstandings, misinterpretations, and prejudicial opinions about the Middle East and its citizens that permeate our government, media and public discourse to understand how much the tempo of anthropological insight is needed to help both the general public and government officials from outside of the Middle Eastern region place the actions of the populations there into contexts that facilitate comprehension and understanding, rather than hostility and exclusion. Along with many of my colleagues in the Middle East Section I have made a concerted effort to use my Middle Eastern expertise in the service of public education, in addition to my professional academic work. I hope as president of the Middle East section to enhance the excellent work of my predecessors in increasing
public awareness of the potential contributions of anthropologists of the Mid-dle East. I would like to develop an idea that has already been widely discussed among the members: to establish a speaker’s bureau, a media resource list, and a wider dissemination of our published work to this end.

Candidates for at-Large Board Member


Middle East Anthropology, I believe, could and should have a stronger voice in the AAA. Both politically and intellectually, MES is uniquely positioned to contribute to current disciplinary and broader public debates on many pressing social and political issues. As a board member, I would be committed to strengthening MES’s role and activities in the association. A top priority would be to support panels that creatively address the current challenges and struggles that shape life in the Middle East without losing sight of the region’s multiple cultural identities and rich social fabric. I would support panels on globalization, identity, expressive forms, urban life, political violence, and socio-economic inequalities that address the specificity of the region but that are able to relate to broader disciplinary concerns. A second priority would be increasing MES membership, especially among graduate students and international scholars, since membership is the source of AAA section strength. I have had the chance to serve on SUNTA’s board for five years, and this experience gives me a good sense of the challenges that face the AAA sections. Drawing on that experience, I would work to strengthen the relationship between MES and other societies.


If elected, I would be committed to creating and supporting initiatives that enhance Middle East anthropology’s public presence and effectiveness. There are many members of our section who wish to see broader dissemination and critical applications of Middle East anthropological knowledge within the AAA, the academy, and the media. I would work actively for those members to create links between the MES and other relevant AAA bodies (such as APLA, AFA, the Archaeology Division, the Committee for Human Rights, and the Department for Government Relations and Public Policy) so that we can coordinate efforts to create conference panels, public statements, workshops, and reports on the various issues precipitated by conflicts involving the Middle East. I would also work to continue the successful teaching workshop on the Middle East/Islam, and extend it beyond the AAA meetings, perhaps to other academic organizations and K–12 settings. Finally, I would work to start a program that enables willing anthropologists to gain media access and communicate effectively in that domain. My experience as a former board member and co-organizer of AAA resolutions, statements, and the teaching workshop on the Middle East have prepared me well to be a committed board member at this critical juncture.

Candidates for Secretary


All Anthropologists practice—in multiple domains, in public and private sectors, within and outside the academy. Accordingly, theory is as important to the archaeologist, as it is to the community organizer; method is as necessary to the ethnographer as it is to the program evaluator; social responsibility is as critical to the policy maker as it is to the professor; and ethical accountability is as required of the primatologist as it is of the environmentalist. NAPA supports and promotes both the quantity of self-conscious, critical practitioners, and the quality of anthropological practice. As Secretary of NAPA, I shall ensure the continuation and sustainability of these two objectives. Toward this end, I plan to develop mechanisms by which (1) public intellectuals participate in the solution of social disorders, and are rewarded by the academy; (2) academic departments provide to undergraduate and graduate students service-learning opportunities that intersect academic research with public outreach; and (3) practitioners remain academically engaged beyond graduation, and generate new knowledge, skills, and perspectives to inform their work. In my capacities as an academic and an applied anthropologist, I would be privileged to contribute to the advancement of Anthropological Praxis—data driven, theoretically informed, socially responsible, and ethically sound practices by all anthropologists.


The numbers of independent researchers and consultants in our discipline are growing with every passing year. Many of us are among our anthropological peers only once or twice a year, when we take time to attend section and national meetings. Only then can we speak the language of our academic training, with no excuses and no translations or parentheses. In the five years
since working as an independent researcher, and helping build a healthy and stable business, I have faced every one of the issues that underlie the AAA’s bylaws: ethical dilemmas, media relations, professional liability, marketing, self-promotion, project costing and budgeting, not to mention the deep seated urge to bring cutting edge anthropological theory to clients seeking deeper cultural understandings and more culturally and socially appropriate solutions.

To many readers this litany is familiar, but in round tables I have coordinated, and in online discussions in which I have participated, I see us cycling through the same dialogue. Because of the challenges I see practitioner peers facing, and because of the strength I know our training to bring to real world conditions, I am strongly committed to making it easier for us all to continue making these contributions. The position of secretary to NAPA comes with, among other things, the concrete responsibility to provide a column in the Anthropology Newsletter nine times a year. This is our voice to other AN readers and an opportunity I would embrace to document resources and dialogue for the growing numbers of independent practitioners, as well as those in academic and institutional settings.

Candidates for Governing Board at-Large Position II

DOUGLAS A FELDMAN


As former Treasurer of NAPA (2002–2004), I can bring to the At-Large position on the NAPA Governing Board a broad knowledge of the needs of the membership of NAPA. I intend to work toward expanding our membership, especially our student membership, through the development of a newsletter, the promotion of an active job bank, and the expansion of networking opportunities. The fastest growing segment of the anthropological community is applied/practicing anthropology, and NAPA will continue to develop a strong and powerful voice within the Association. My role will be to strengthen that voice.

TOM GREAVES


I propose two emphases, building on the outstanding work of the past and present NAPA leadership. First, we need to re-energize the prominence, unity, and professional strength of the nation’s practicing anthropologists, which appear to have softened over the last several years. The value of NAPA to present members, and to those who should be members, can be expanded by better disseminating and making more visible NAPA’s most critical activities: providing fruitful networking and other professional supports to the working practitioner. A monthly, web-distributed newsletter (complementary to NAPA’s column in the AAA newsletter) would be only one of a number of useful ways to do this. Second, we need to embrace, support and involve practitioners trained at the masters level, who far outnumber those with doctorates, who apply their training in the trenches every day, and who need greater recognition and support as professional anthropologist practitioners. Working energetically with the university training programs and their graduates to enhance their professional visibility will benefit NAPA and enhance the fulfillment of its purpose.

Candidates for Governing Board at-Large Position II

GENEVIEVE BELL


I work at Intel—I am an anthropologist in an interdisciplinary team of researchers. We are charged with the task of better understanding real people and using that knowledge to influence product development, innovation and strategy at all levels throughout the company. For me, this explicit location, of ethnographic practice within the logic of capitalism has lead to a certain clarity, and a peculiarly strong sense of reflexivity—the ethnographer cannot help but be aware of her position and positioning both in the act of doing fieldwork and in the act of making sense of it. Not only are the practices of fieldwork, even the understanding of the “field here, open to significant renegotiations but the presence of a range of differently trained and disciplined practitioners means a great range of methods and perspectives are now at our disposal. It is my experience at Intel that leaves me with a deep conviction that what it means to do anthropology is being contested and reconfigured outside the academy rather than within it. As such, organizations like NAPA perform a vital role creating communities of practice and practitioners. I am excited about the prospect about working with and through NAPA over the next two years as it continues to provide a voice for anthropologists working in the discipline, but not always inside the academy.

EVE C PINSKER

Positions Held: Director, Faculty Development Program (2000–Pres), Department of Family Practice, Stroger Hospital of Cook County; Visiting Research Director (2001–Pres), International Center for Health Leadership Development, School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC); Research Associate (2000–2001), Great Cities Institute, UIC; Senior Associate (1999–Pres), Lee Brun & Assoc, Inc.; Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology (1999–2000), for work on community profiling and outreach under cooperative agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency, held jointly with Kathleen Gillogly; Interests and/or Activities: community ethnographic assessment and its uses in program evaluation; curriculum development for collaborative leadership training; improving cultural competency training for health professionals; Significant Publications: Eve C. Pinsky and Michael D. Lieber, “Anthropological Approaches to the Evaluation of Community-University Partnerships” in Evaluation Anthropology: Introducing an Emerging Subfield, Mary O’Dell Butler and Jacqueline Copeland-Carson,eds. NAPA (National Association for Practicing Anthropology) Bulletin 24-v.3. In press, expected publication 2005.


I am committed to working with others to implement a vision of anthropology as a discipline that applies theory and research results to improving the quality of human life in communities and uses the practical experience in doing so to extend anthropological theory and training. We need to establish stronger links between anthropologists training students in anthropology departments and anthropologists working in other settings, both within and outside of universities, through the extension of current internship and mentoring programs and insuring that students, graduates, and faculty of departments that do not see themselves as applied are aware of these opportunities, as well as those in applied programs. Furthermore, we need to educate our colleagues who profess an interest in public policy about the real, challenging work being done by anthropologists who are working with non-anthropological colleagues and clients, in health and social service agencies and government departments; museums, schools, and other educational venues; and community-based organizations and coalitions. NAPA should take the lead in using the AAA to help anthropologists link with other professional fields, to advance areas such as cultural competency training or reframing political discourse (cf. Lakoff). Also I propose we search for venues and support for mini-sabbaticals for practicing anthropologists, to help practice feed back into theory.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ANTHROPOLOGISTS**

**Candidates for President-Elect**


As recent events have shown, the AAA is undergoing a period of flux as its members seek to understand anthropology’s relation to the world. I believe that students should have an active role in these discussions and that NASA is well-situated to promote student interests throughout AAA and beyond. I further believe that many aspects of the process of becoming an anthropologist are highly ritualized and mystified, and that we as students are uniquely situated to interrogate and demystify taken for granted norms and practices, and will promote these critical, and crucial, debates. The insight provided by students in a wide variety of institutional settings and holding a wide variety of perspectives bolsters NASA’s commitment to encouraging student participation at all levels of AAA through sustaining forums for information, support and debate about issues of interest, as well as promoting student anthropologists’ professional development. As President-Elect I will work to actively promote these goals and facilitate the inclusion of student voices into the debates that shape the field by soliciting student input and working together with offices and members to devise new ways for students to have stronger voices in the future directions of anthropology—organizational, theoretical, institutional, and ethical.


As a student in the M.A. program at Hunter College, I am interested in promoting the involvement of both graduates and undergraduates in the AAA. I hope to make my contribution through the position of editor, helping to solicit pieces for the student column that are both useful and interesting. I currently edit and publish a quarterly newsletter for a educational development program in rural Tanzania (The Jifunze Project, www.jifunze.org). My work with this group continually provides skills and experience that can be applied at NASA. Additionally, prior to returning to school, I worked at a college-level academic publisher, writing and editing various educational materials. I’m excited to become involved with a forum for student discussion, one that encourages student involvement and helps convey the unique perspective of student anthropologists.

**ZOHRA ISMAIL** (Bachelor of Science, University of Houston, 2000) Positions Held: Research Assistant (2004-Prev) Anthropological Center for Training and Research on Global Environmental Indiana University; Geographical Information Systems Specialist (2001–2004) TRC Environmental; Intern (2000) Aga Khan Foundation International Development Agency; Interests and/or Activities: Central Asia (Tajikistan), human decision-making regarding land use, I have worked for the past eight years with secondary school students and teachers on educational events dealing with Muslim cultures and histories.

Even as a recent addition to the pool of graduate students in Anthropology, I have realized that graduate school requires a commitment beyond books and classes. Becoming fully invested in this field or any field requires an abiding interest in thinking, reflecting, and communicating on issues that affect all
members of the community to which you belong. As the editor of the National Association of Student Anthropologists, I would have the privilege to include my voice on meaningful issues such as effective research methodologies, projects undertaken by our peers, or new developments outside the traditional anthropological domains. I would seek to encourage other students, whether undergraduate or graduate, to use a forum that wholly belongs to them and reaches the widest possible audience of their colleagues in order to speak about their own experiences and challenges. Becoming the editor at NASA would be an amazing opportunity for me as it would allow me to serve as a spokesperson for the work of NASA and its members. I believe that if I am elected, I can contribute to NASA’s growth as well as to its tradition of bringing to the fore the concerns and ideas of all its members.


In seeking the nomination of the NASA column in Anthropology News editor, I emphasize four points that will facilitate me successfully fulfilling my obligations. Firstly, I have much experience in producing papers, both my own publications (published or presented), as well as giving and receiving feedback on my peers’ papers. This cultivated an attention to detail and an understanding of deadlines. Secondly, my teaching experience afforded me the opportunity to grade students’ tests and compositions, which reinforces skills learned while producing my own work. Thirdly, my overall academic exposure to literatures in different languages, on different topics, in different styles, provides me with a wide palette with which to touch-up works that need something extra. This same exposure fosters an editorial discipline which allows for more than one example of good compositional style. Finally, I actively seek out forums in which I can further engage graduate and undergraduate colleagues in an exchange of ideas, something ironically lacking in this time of information overload. This drive assures the determination and desire to complete the task. I thank you for the chance to serve.

Candidates for Graduate Representative at-Large


As a social activist, fundraiser and organizer, I pride myself in my ability to connect people to other people in relationships that facilitate sharing and cooperation in terms of personal and professional capital. As the graduate representative at large for NASA, I will work to make such connections, helping individuals get their questions answered primarily by connecting them to people and resources in their field or geographic area. None of us choose to be an anthropologist all at once. Every day, we recommit ourselves to the path and reevaluate our decisions. Each time we choose schools, classes, paper topics, grants to apply for, books to read and regions to learn from, we reshape our selves and our futures. Furthermore, as we make our decisions, we are frequently isolated from the larger anthropological community, relying on our small cohorts of peers to help advise us in the midst of the confusion and anxiety of academia. As a member of NASA and a representative of graduate students, I will work to support my peers not only in my cohort, but across the country, making available the information that is critical to the daily decisions graduate students make.


My passion for being a lifelong student of the human experience and my innate dedication to serving others is what drew me to Anthropology. In my opinion, no other discipline gives the kind of freedom and boundless opportunity that Anthropology allows. We as anthropologists are among the most compassionate professionals and individuals. It is because of this, that I am proud to be a part of this field, this Association, and this group of student Anthropologists.

I will bring to the NASA my openness and understanding of new ideas, my ability to listen to members and make sure every voice is heard. As students, we are the present and future of Anthropology. We are enriching our minds to step into the world of experience and upon our return, it is important to have a space to share that experience and collaborate with our fellow members.

As a recent college graduate bound for a PhD track, I am in the middle of two exciting and challenging worlds. If appointed a position in the NASA, I will be able to communicate with students on a level that is commensurate with my present position in academia. I ask that I am given this opportunity so I will be able to serve my fellow student Anthropologists, make their voices heard, and help build their path to their next professional and academic goal.

Candidate for Undergraduate Representative at-Large


If elected I would work to ensure that Undergraduate and Graduate students alike are made aware of every opportunity available to them in regards to research, funding and education. I have found in my academic career that many students are unaware of opportunities that would help further their studies, and are excited when they realize that these opportunities exist. I have been able to obtain three scholarships and participate in the McNair Scholars Program due to my diligence in applying to as many programs as I am eligible for. I would like to work to increase the number of undergraduates who become involved in research, and would assist in any way I can in this regard.

Candidate for Nominations Committee Chair


Currently I serve as a member of the NASA Nominations Committee, and I hope to continue to serve, in the 2005–2007 term, as Nominations Committee Chair. My goal is to support the growth of the organization by recruiting and encouraging member participation, working particularly for continued
candidates for executive board member

VEENA DAS (PhD, University of Delhi, 1970) Positions Held: Krieger-Eisenhower Professor, Johns Hopkins University (2000 to present), Professor of Anthropology, New School University (1997–2000) Professor of Sociology (University of Delhi, 1992–2000), Reader in Sociology (University of Delhi, 1972–1992), Lecturer in Sociology (1969–1972). Visiting Professor at University of Chicago (1976), Harvard University (1992), Luce Professor at Amherst College (1986), Heidelberg University (1990; Interests and/or Activities: building longitudinal data on kinship and neighborhood, notions of domesticity, health and well-being, seven urban neighborhoods in Delhi, participated in several interdisciplinary programs such as the European Commission on Poverty research, and advocacy groups on human rights and violence as well as corporate responsibility, jointly running a Rockefeller residency program called Child on the Wing at Johns Hopkins University; Significant Publications: Critical Events (Oxford University Press, 1995) and three volumes on social suffering and violence co-edited with Arthur Kleinman, Margaret Lock, Mamphela Ramphele and Pamela Reynolds (University of California Press), edited a two volume Oxford India Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology (Oxford University Press, 2003), co-edited, Anthropology in the Margins of the State (SAR Press, 2004).

I am deeply committed to the understanding of time in social relationships and the way that cultural logics work in folding the processes of market, state and International organizations in everyday life. Like many others, I am engaged in rethinking the genre of ethnographic writing but less from the perspective of problems in representation and more in terms of how experience is to be tracked in the context of transnational and global processes. Since my work is rooted in the lives of the poor and marginal populations, I see the processes of studying up differently than through direct engagement with the elite—instead, I want to see how to track power through the lives of those who engage with institutional practices that stand between legality and illegality. Since abstract ideas follow the trajectories of concrete relations, I want to see emergent forms of life in our intellectual institutions through the lens of anthropological concepts of culture and criticism. Since conferences, journals and meetings are expressions of our collective life, I am interested in seeing the conditions of possibility for genuine engagement of anthropology in North America with anthropologies of other places. Thus I would like to turn the lens of global processes to the discipline’s own practices to generate fresh ways of thinking the present.

ROSALIND CARMEL MORRIS—(no materials received)

Candidates for Executive Board Member


As a member of the SCA board, I would be interested in fostering conversations about new strategies for anthropological theory, method and the modes of publicity through which we circulate our knowledge. Such strategies include but are not limited to alternative writing and conferencing formats, as well as the use of new collaborative technologies and alternative publication venues. I am interested in contributing my experience with such formats to the SCA, not just to query the traditional forms of dissemination for its...
own sake but to ask what the querying of those forms does to anthropological knowledge itself. How might new kinds of circulation, or new models of publicity, shift our knowledge generating practices, and to what effect? How does the neoliberal academy alternate channel, block, or facilitate our knowledge practices and our production of alternative formats and venues? What happens when we make of the processes of academic review and audit, for example, or the new collaborative research agendas being fostered in the university today in the name of revenue enhancement an object of study and engagement at the same time?


As a beginning graduate student studying anthropology in the late 1980s, I greatly appreciated the appearance and subsequent florescence of the journal Cultural Anthropology. Beyond the merits of any given contribution, the fact that such a publication existed suggested that the discipline I was entering might find the means for periodic renewal amid the continuing pressures of institutionalization. While the journal is by now well established, I continue to hope that it will remain a platform for potential innovation and experimentation. Similarly, I hope that the SCA will continue its trend towards sponsoring events, taking stands and encouraging dialogue on issues of public life, both in and well beyond the borders of academia. This is the general philosophy that I would bring to the board, and which I submit as a statement, in lieu of anything more deserving of the name “platform.”

SOCIETY FOR EAST ASIAN ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidate for President-Elect


This section was founded on perceptions of disciplinary marginalization; most of our study “peoples with histories,” some in mega cities amenable to jet age travel. As anthropology has outgrown exoticism, anthropologists working in East Asia are making important contributions to understanding the broad consequences of globalization, the interface between history and culture, the dynamics of gender, and the work of culture in consumption. More conventional topics, such as “kinship” or “ritual,” are rethought in contexts that are complex, cosmopolitan, but non-western. No field setting in the region is immune to multi-noded flows of people, capital, and media (votive paper Toyotas are produced in Vietnam for consumption by the dead in South China; a South Korean soap opera idol inspires romantic fantasies and tour bookings from Japan). While anthropologists of East Asia have unprecedented opportunities to contribute to a 21st century anthropology, we can do this most profitably by combining our multiple vantage points and by fostering the important ties that exist between anthropologists based inside and outside Asia. East Asian fieldwork has always been linguistically challenging; it is now also expensive and we must ask, “How can we attracting a new generation of East Asian anthropologists?”

Candidates for Treasurer


I have had a close affinity for East Asian studies since my undergraduate days at the University of Michigan, where I majored in Asian Studies, learning Chinese and Japanese, before turning to Anthropology. My main interests within anthropology are gender, work, migration, and population
policy issues. Most of my research has dealt with Japan, although I have also had the fortune to take several brief research trips to the south coast of China to study Japanese personnel management in multinationals. As the Associate Director of the Center for Japanese Studies at UH Manoa, I had several years’ experience keeping the budget for the NRCEA grant. If elected as Treasurer, I will devote myself to keeping our house in order and making sure our resources are managed in a wise and timely fashion. My latest research is on power harassment at the workplace, but I promise not to throw my keys at anyone!

Candidates for Councilor #1


The establishment of SEAA provides great benefits to the members. The best recent demonstration of this was the Berkeley mini-conference. Other activities from representation in AAA and session organization to the recognition of work deserve members’ support. I am committed to the maintenance of the substantial success and sustained development of SEAA.


I will work to help build the visibility and relevance of the anthropology of East Asia. As Asian countries grow in stature in the world, especially with the rise of China as the world’s burgeoning superpower, questions of cultural sharedness and cultural difference within and beyond Asia heighten the importance of nuanced ethnographic studies of the diversity of Asian lives. Globalization and cultural flows are extending a sense of world connectedness, but this in itself has brought neither understanding nor compassion. Fighting ethnocentrism, thinking globally about social justice, and listening to the voices of those generally ignored in the halls of power still have a place in the scholarly world, and hopefully we as anthropologists can contribute to a new, more enlightened sense of shared responsibility across national and cultural borders through our research and teaching.

Candidates for Councilor #2


Anthropologists working on East Asian topics are often marginalized both within the discipline of anthropology and as area specialists. If power and culture are two of the central concerns of anthropology, then East Asia should be at the center of contemporary anthropological theory, for it is a part of the world where cultures of power cannot be seen as simply western. As Councilor I would work both to promote the insights of East Asian anthropologists to the discipline at large and to emphasize the importance of anthropological knowledge to East Asian specialists of other academic disciplines and non-academic professions. I also believe in continuing the existing efforts of the SEAA to encourage exchanges between anthropologists located in the United States and those located at East Asian institutions. Anthropologists working at non-East Asian institutions can learn much from the critiques of power and cultural interpretations of colleagues located within East Asia.


I would like to see the East Asia section achieve a higher profile within the AAA, and would work to create an atmosphere of scholarship that lends itself to dialog among and beyond areal specialists. The countries of East Asia are critical to matters of current discussion in contemporary anthropology—globalization and neoliberalism being some of the most salient. There is also much potential at the interface of East Asian studies with migration, diaspora and transnational studies. I see a great deal of work that could be done structurally to facilitate interchange between scholars of East Asia and those that specialize in Asian diasporas, and to create scholarship not unduly bounded by regional over-specialization. At the same time, regional analyses of East Asia hold great promise, and allow for incisive analysis of the contrasts and engagements of postsocialist and capitalist economic and social forms. High-profile events addressing current topics of interest within the association would be one vehicle for promoting this kind of far-reaching analysis. I envision a postcolonialist visage for East Asian studies within Anthropology, one that privileges East Asia speaking on its terms to conversations taking place across the discipline.

Candidates for Student Councilor

In the short time since we achieved AAA “section status,” SEAA members have worked hard to make ours an active section. In countless ways—from contributing to panels at annual meetings to lending a hand at our first autonomous mini-conference in Berkeley and helping with plans for upcoming meetings in Chicago and Hong Kong—students continue to play an important role in the action. As a Student Councilor, I would like to work together with the other Student Councilors to direct our student members’ remarkable energy and enthusiasm toward three goals: (1) establishing new methods for submitting student concerns and suggestions to Student Councilors; (2) facilitating connections among students at different universities by creating a separate listerv for students in East Asian anthropology; and (3) ensuring that student concerns continue to be effectively communicated to the board at annual meetings. I think that holding an informal student-only section meeting at next autumn’s AAA meeting would also facilitate connections among students and communication about student concerns. I’m looking forward to meeting and hearing suggestions from as many student members as possible—either at meetings or through email. Remember, I’m always open to your questions and ideas, so don’t hesitate to contact me at shana_fru@yahoo.co.jp.

As a member of American Anthropological Association, I have noticed that Korean scholars are not as prominent as scholars from other areas. During the two national meetings, I have been intellectually stimulated from attending sessions and meeting professional anthropologists from all various institutions. However, I could not help feeling I wish I had seen and heard more of serious discussions on Korean culture. I believe this has been a result of little interaction between Korean scholars and the American Anthropology. I wish to be, if possible, help to open up to more vigorous researches on Korean culture and to be a bridge to bring in more Korean scholars into the North American Anthropology.

I would be delighted to serve as Vice-President and President-Elect of the Society for Humanistic Anthropology. I believe the concerns of the society to be central to my vision of anthropology, as a critical intellectual crossroads influenced by theories and practice of both social science and the humanities.

I would like to be of service to the Society for Humanistic Anthropology. My own background in theology and social service, as well as my current research and writing on cultural conflict and social violence in Chiapas, Mexico, reflect many of the central concerns and goals of the society. Given the current state of affairs around the world, and as a student member of the SHA Board, I would seek to promote the work and vision of the society as a vital way to extend critical thought and the humanistic point of view that has long been the hallmark of meaningful scholarship in cultural and social anthropology.

SOCIETY FOR LATIN AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidate for President


My twofold objective as President of SLAA would be to work with our membership and Board toward a strengthened position of our section within the AAA and in the context of international associations of Latin American and Caribbean studies. As Acting President of SLAA since October 2004 I have begun to work with our Board to conceptually re-define Latin America and the Caribbean in ways more according to the current interests and research activities of our membership and to increase our presence in electronic media through the inclusion of our Journal in AnthroSource as of 2006. As a second step in the process of revitalizing SLAA, I hope to make our section and journal an important point of reference in Latin American and Caribbean anthropology as a whole. Ways to accomplish this will be to increase the membership of SLAA internationally, to collaborate with anthropological associations in the Americas and beyond specializing in Latin American and Caribbean studies, to increase the services our section offers to its membership and increase our presence further in the internet.

Candidate for Treasurer


I believe the SLAA can serve an important role as anthropology continues to internationalize in scope and practice. It is critical that the SLAA serve as a setting where anthropologists north and south can engage in research, exchange and debate. I look forward to joining in the effort to revitalize the SLAA and toward building bridges between anthropologists and institutions around the topics of Latin American research.

Candidate for Secretary


Having served SLAA since 1997, I hope to continue working with the Board in our transition to a more active and encompassing Society that reflects the research interests and agendas of our membership. Our current transition to AnthroSource and our reconceptualization of the Society to include the Caribbean as well as Latin American first generation populations in areas outside the defined geographies of Latin America are exciting challenges that deserve our focus in the coming years. It would be my honor to work with the membership and the Board in realizing our potential as a strong representative society of anthropologists working in and among Latin America and its diverse populations.

Candidates for Councillors


As Councillor and member of the board I see myself participating in all activities related to strengthening of SLAA’s Academic position in the AAA and in promoting the Society’s presence in Latin America. I will pro—
mote, among Mexicans and Latin Americans registration to the society. I am also keen to participate in the planning and the design of SLAA’s program at the AAA annual conferences and in the discussion and elaboration of the society’s policies and philosophy. Finally, I am interested in promoting both with the AAA with SLAA the planning and realization of a section conference that would allow SLAA members to meet in a smaller academic event and exchange academic perspectives, both in small US cities and in Latin American locations.

HORTENSIA CABALLERO-ARIAS (PhD, University of Arizona) is currently a post-doctoral researcher with the IVIC (Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas) and the founder of FUNVENA, a non-profit Venezuelan Foundation for Anthropological Research; Interests and/or Activities: Historical Anthropology and Colonialism, Political Economy; Globalization; Ethnicity & the state; Gender and Cultural Change; and Indigenous Peoples and Anthropological Discourses; Significant Publications: Her dissertation, which she is currently revising for publication, is based on long-term fieldwork—since 1988 among the Yanomami—Engaging in Politics: Yanomami Strategies in the Face of Venezuela’s National Frontier Expansion. Her MA is in Venezuelan History, and her BA in Anthropology. In addition to her writings on the Yanomami, she has published a monograph on Afro-Venezuelan communities.

“Prof. Caballero was doing research in the Amazon forest at the time of collection of ballot materials and thus was out of reach and not able to provide a platform statement”.


As Councilor for SLAA, my participation will be as varied as the missions of the association itself. I would like to see the association develop to embrace and promote applied research across the disciplines, and promote linkages between applied scholars and research throughout Latin America. I would like to see SLAA augment and increase its online presence to act as a point of confluence for researchers, students, and NGO’s interested in Latin American scholarship. As a scholar at the start of my career, I can think of no better way to contribute to the academic community than to serve the association in this new and exciting era.


Candidate for Student Representative


As a student entering doctoral studies interested in Latin America, active membership in the SLAA will be a priority of mine over the next few years. I would be happy to undertake the role of sustaining an e-newsletter for the SLAA as a means of building communications and links among anthropologists and other scholars interested in Latin America. I will have the mandate to encourage among my colleagues more student involvement in the SLAA.

SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidates for Position 1: Board Member

VINAY R KAMAT (PhD, Emory University, 2004; PhD, Tata Institute of Social Science, Bombay, India, 1992) Positions Held: Assistant Professor (2003-Pres) Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Lecturer (1994–1996) Department of Health Services Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences; Research Associate (1992–1994) University of Arizona, Tucson; Interests and/or Activities: international health, infectious diseases, political economy of health, Africa, India; Significant Publications: “Private Practitioners and their Role in the Resurgence of Malaria in Mumbai (Bombay) and Navi Mumbai (New Bombay): Serving the Affected or Aiding an Epidemic?” Social Science and Medicine, 2001; “Resurgence of Malaria in Bombay (Mumbai) in the 1990s: A Historical Perspective,” Parasitology, 2000; “Pharmacies, Self-medication and Pharmaceutical Marketing in Bombay, India” (with Mark Nichter) Social Science and Medicine, 1998.

Medical anthropology is clearly one of the most fascinating and most promising sub-disciplines of anthropology. Over the years, the relevance and popularity of medical anthropology has grown exponentially, especially in the wake of global epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. As a medical anthropologist with specialization in international health, I have done extensive fieldwork in India and East Africa spanning over eighteen years. I have focused on issues of health, illness and healing that affect the everyday lives of ordinary people, and interventions that can make a difference in their lives. My recent work in Tanzania examines the everyday lived experience of marginalized people caught in a process of rapid social transformation engendered through structural adjustment programs. I strongly believe that medical anthropologists both in North America and developing countries, have much to contribute to alleviate suffering emanating from poverty, inequality and ill health. As a member of the SMA board, I will work earnestly toward “globalizing” medical anthropology by encouraging medical anthropologists outside of North America to participate actively in SMA’s activities. In doing so, I hope to help SMA expand its international membership and its global mandate.
New biotechnologies are re-emphasizing old cultural concerns with life, death and reproduction. Thus these technologies are introducing a difference in the way human biology and ontology are routinely salvaged and performed in cross cultural contexts. It is this difference that is crucial and anthropologically significant in the new century. As medical anthropology begins to confront these developments and the new century more generally it is timely that these advances are not merely reflected and represented in the work and structure of the SMA but occupy a prominent central space. I visualize the SMA as a forum where together with other medical anthropological concerns we can set in motion a new anthropology of biotechnologies, problematizing the engineering and re-crafting of human bodies and their relation to reproduction, aging, disease, death and dying. To this end I wish to help support a sustained interaction between the SMA and anthropologists spearheading research on the global spread of reproductive, genetic, stem cell and other related biotechnologies. SMA would not only facilitate traffic between anthropologists in America, Europe and other parts of the world but also begin to address how biotech developments impact, shape and become shaped by cultural diversity.

Candidates for Position 2: Board Member


Anthropological insights into human health within current contexts of globalization are more relevant than ever. I believe that intra-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary conversations and collaborations are important in building critical and relevant perspectives on human health. My theoretical and research interests reflect a biocultural perspective that centers on the relationships between social inequalities and health, including research on food and nutrition, and health and household economies in global contexts of social, political and economic change. I have always seen medical anthropology as well suited to achieve a four-field anthropology that blurs the boundaries of traditional sub-fields. As a board member I would encourage enhanced collaboration across sub-fields and specialties, and work to strengthen medical anthropology as a site of integration of perspective and practice within anthropology. My experience as department chair, and in elected positions in medical, nutritional, biological and applied anthropology societies has provided a rich education in and opportunity for building such collaborations.

SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidates for President-Elect


Psychological anthropology unites the social sciences, both drawing from and informing the insights of psychology and related disciplines. We have impressive achievements as a scientific and academic society and a distinguished journal that is now more than thirty years old. We must recognize, however, that our Society and the discipline itself have not reached their full stature. Our membership remains static (c. 600–700) at a time when the general field of anthropology has grown substantially. We can be better represented in introductory texts, on many faculties and doctoral programs, and in the eye of the general public. There are steps that we can take to continue the hard work of our current leadership. Ethos is the heart of the Society and must be nurtured; our web presence can be expanded and kept current; our national meetings should continue to be held in the most attractive and accessible venues; our officers must be available to the media; and our members and their accomplishments should be vigorously showcased by awards and public recognition. I am a long-standing member of the SPA, a former member of its board, a member of the nominations committee, an author in Ethos, and a recipient of the Stirling Award. If chosen to lead the society I
will work with our officers and colleagues to address our current issues and to sustain that which has made us distinct: the common intellectual ground of data-based empirical research on the broad questions of the relationship of culture and the individual.


Psychological anthropology is the most interesting subfield of contemporary anthropology because it contains within itself all the complexities, opportunities and challenges of modern anthropology but reaches outside of its home discipline to engage deeply with psychology and psychologists. Some of us see ourselves as remaking psychology, some as contributing to psychology, some as critiquing the claims or methods of psychology. All of us grapple with understanding cultural diversity in the context of universal psychological claims. We are doing so at a time when there is more perceived need than ever before (because of our changing demography, because of our recent history) to understand the way psyche is shaped by culture and at a time when there is perhaps more interest than ever before in speaking across the disciplinary divides. If elected, I would do what I could to encourage young scholars to be more visibly engaged with our section, and continue our more recent commitment to working with other sections and with their concerns.

Candidates for Board Slate #1


The future of psychological anthropology depends on better integration with other subfields of cultural anthropology. The SPA plays a critical role in that endeavor, by promoting communication across the discipline and by promoting collaborative projects that help scholars see shared sets of concerns. I see it as a priority to work to expand those efforts. AAA is moving toward a new model with digital publications, and the transition poses some potentially harmful risks for sub-disciplines if the process is not examined carefully. At the same time, it is important for sub-disciplines to consider the potentially liberating dimensions of the on-line universe, and some Board members should have an interest in the various dimensions of electronic media. I have served as the Electronic Publications Editor for the SPA since 2002 and would hope to continue in that capacity even as I serve as a Board member. It is an exciting and potentially promising time for the sub-discipline.

JAMES MacLYNN WILCE (PhD, UCLA, 1994) Positions Held: Professor of Anthropology (2004-present); Associate Professor (1999–2004); Assistant Professor (1994–1999), all at Northern Arizona University; Interests and/or Activities: semiotics of selfhood, madness; presented series of invited lectures at l’Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in 2003; Significant Publications: Madness, Fear, and Control in Bangladesh: Clashing Bodies of Power/Knowledge, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 2004; Social and Cultural Lives of Immune Systems (editor), Routledge, 2003; Communicating Multiple Identities in Ethos, 1998.

Whereas a passionless anthropology is pointless, anthropologies of the passions (for which our subdiscipline is known) attract well-deserved attention. We offer compelling anthropologies of emotions, self and personhood, socialization and development, even madness. Our contributions to anthropological accounts of such phenomena as globalization are increasingly noticed in the broader discipline. Psychological anthropology will maintain its dynamism and influence on the academic and popular mind as it explores old themes in new ways, and also evolves in new directions. I would bring to the SPA board administrative experience in the university and community organizations, and experience on the SPA’s Stirling Prize Committee. I have edited a special issue of Ethos and published there and in a number of other venues where I have contributed to theorizing person, emotion, madness, discourse, interaction, and culture. As a board member, I will encourage increased outreach to students, sustained support for a fabulous journal, and increasing participation in the biennial meeting. The SPA is facing a number of challenges and questions as AnthroSource makes Ethos available beyond our paying SPA membership. This raises our visibility, but threatens our financial stability. I am ready to help the Board deal with this.

Candidates for Board Slate #2


I deeply admire the complexity, variety and theoretical sophistication characteristic of members of SPA and their work. Over the last couple of decades the SPA has fostered a remarkable movement towards anthropological, ethnographically-based approaches to things psychological. Other members of the AAA might benefit, as would we, if the flourishing, uniquely anthropological endeavors of the SPA were more broadly understood. It would also be a pleasure to contribute to the development of resources of diversity for the SPA—international, intergenerational, and interdisciplinary. Most of my life’s work as an anthropologist has been aimed at re-forming boundaries between anthropology and psychology. Early on I sought, through a study of craft apprenticeship in Liberia, to question ethnocentric accounts that presumed differential cognitive effects of “formal” and “informal” education.
I’ve since engaged in other ethnographic projects (on everyday mathematics in Orange County, and on how it is possible to grow up British in Portugal in pursuit of theorizing everyday life and learning, and in changing social practice. I hope my several decades of research, enriched by a multitude of encounters with my SPA colleagues, might offer useful insight into how and where to help in a new way, as a member of the SPA Advisory Board.

DEBRA SKINNER (PhD, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 1990) Positions Held: Senior Scientist (2003-present), FPG Child Developmental Institute, UNC-CH; Adjunct Associate Professor (1997-present), Dept. of Anthropology, UNC-CH; Scientist (2000–2003), UNC-CH; Research Investigator (1994–2000), UNC-CH; Research Associate (1993–1994), UNC-CH; NICHD Postdoctoral Fellow (1990–1993), UNC-CH; Interests and/or Activities: Anthropological perspectives on human development; identity; psychocultural dimensions of genetic disorder; poverty studies; Significant Publications: The Difference Disability Makes: Managing Childhood Disability, Poverty, and Work (with William Lachicotte and Linda Burton). In Women, Working and Welfare, Jane Henrici (ed.), University of Arizona Press, in press. Selves in Time and Place: Identities, Experience, and History in Nepal (with Al Pach and Dorothy Holland), Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1998; Identity and Agency in Cultural Worlds (with Dorothy Holland, William Lachicotte, and Carole Cain), Harvard University Press, 1998. As a professional anthropologist, I have worked primarily on interdisciplinary research projects designed to bring multiple perspectives to bear on issues in human development, genetics, disability, poverty, and education. My training in the field of psychological anthropology has proved invaluable to my contributions to this research. At the same time, I have noticed that the excellent work being done in psychological anthropology is not easily accessed by interdisciplinary audiences. We psychological anthropologists produce important theoretical and ethnographic work crucial for understanding compelling local and global issues, but few of the scholars and practitioners I encounter outside of SPA (e.g., professors and graduate students in psychology, sociology, education, and health fields) are aware of our work, in part because many major research universities do not have the institutional subscriptions required to access recent full-text articles via popular indices such as PsycINFO. As a Board member, one of my priorities would be to ensure that the advent of AnthroSource, with the potential to reach a much larger audience of scholars, students, practitioners, and policy makers, and we should make the most of this potential.

SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Candidates for Executive Committee Members at-Large-Anthropology Position


LOURDES GIORDANI (PhD, University of Wisconsin, 1997) Positions Held: Assistant Professor, SUNY-New Paltz (2001–present); Assistant Professor, Albright College (1998–2001); Interests and/or Activities: culture change, ecological anthropology, religion; Significant Publications: The Public Face of Venezuelan Indians (edited), special issue of the journal Social Justice: Anthropology, Peace and Human Rights, 2002; An Expansion of Citizenship in Venezuela (with Maria E. Villalon, PhD), magazine NACLA Report on the Americas, 2002; Indigenous Perceptions of the Nation-State in Latin America (co-edited with Marjorie Snipes, PhD), special issue of Studies in Third World Societies, 1995).

I have been a member of SAC’s Executive Board since 2001 because I believe that the study of human consciousness—its manifestations and evolution—is one of the most challenging and exciting fields of contemporary research. If elected for another term, I will work closely with the board to strengthen the society’s scholarly activities, promote membership, and advance strategies that preserve the society’s financial viability.

In what is called a postmodern age it is important to recognize the validity of experience of peoples from each and every culture, and to document and portray the realities that they experience with full respect. The anthropology of Consciousness is wonderfully positioned to help educate the public about the huge potential of consciousness in its many realms; from healing, shamanic and otherwise, to experience before after and surrounding death, and on into reincarnation. This latter realm is my particular focus, and this does this within a context of peers who provide support, critique, and feedback. It is important that these as other domains be assessed appreciatively and thoroughly, without inappropriate appropriation. Out first duty is always to the people we study, and that extends to how they are portrayed to a wider audience.


It has been a great experience working with SAC Board members, and I welcome the opportunity to continue to work for an ecocentric organization that comfortably encompasses such a diversity of approaches and viewpoints. I am particularly interested in working with SAC over the next few years as we contemplate how AnthroSource can work best for SAC, and as we continue to bring SAC’s interests and contributions within and beyond anthropology to an increasingly broad audience.

**Candidates for Executive Committee Members**

**at-Large-Non-Anthropology Position**


Feel like you are drinking from a half-empty dribble glass? Speed skating with wolves on the glass ceiling? Beating off the rat race with a mouse? I despise authority, but like John Baker’s personality and support his research interests. In my role as a SAC board member, I will work toward increasing national and international awareness of SAC and bring in new graduate and undergraduate students. This increased awareness and membership should hopefully assist in greater revenue and facilitate new scholarship. I will work toward a unified pluralism of SAC, humanistic-transpersonal and ecopsychology, and establish links between AAA, APA and the European College for the Study of Consciousness. I will work toward organizing a major international conference where all of these groups are represented. Achieving this, I plan to relax, sleep more, and allow someone else take the next step toward nurturing this vision of the future. But until then, I will work tirelessly to initiate and complete these goals because it is the right thing to do, and if I am not around to make it happen, who will?


In my own explorations of self and consciousness, I have tried to bridge the worlds of personal experience and the educational world in order to serve as an “interpreter” of the sacred into formats that are relevant to the modern day. As a masters student I immersed myself in the world of Kundalini Yoga as taught by the American Sikh JHO community, writing my thesis and becoming a Kundalini Yoga instructor. As a doctoral student I immersed myself in the study of Taoism both in Taiwan and the United States becoming a certified Qi Gong teacher and completing my dissertation on a Mother Goddess worshipping Taoist Folk sect. Most recently I have participated in several Western Esoteric Orders studying the practices of Kabbalah, Hermeticism, and Chaos Magic.

In each of these ethnographic contexts, I have had the opportunity to share my experiences and teachings in a scholarly format through the venue of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness. SAC has provided me, and many other scholar/practitioners with a forum to share their experiences, teachings, and traditions in forum that is both enthusiastically open, and intellectually critical. This balance of open enthusiasm, and scholarly rigor is key to the growth of knowledge and understanding in any field. I am proud to have participated within such a knowledge community, and would like to continue my support of this essential facet of the educational world. The balance of theory and practice is something SAC has been committed to from the being, and is a model for other learning communities that would like to bridge the gap from mere book learning, to the world of lived experience. It does this within a context of peers who provide support, critique, and feedback which is essential to the growth and development of consciousness. As such, I would like to support this community as a member at large.

**Candidates for Executive Committee Members**

**at-Large-Student Position**


The study of consciousness in anthropology is diverse and interdisciplinary ranging from its neurobiological features to its cultural and behavioral characteristics. The application of anthropological methodologies toward the study of consciousness provides insight into human evolution, language development, cultural constructs and social behavior. The Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness (SAC) is well placed to contribute such insights. As an Executive Committee member I shall continue to support and contribute to research and other academic activities of SAC that further inform our understanding of human consciousness.
SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF EUROPE

Candidate for Secretary-Elect


This is an exciting time to be involved in the Society for Anthropology of Europe: at the beginning of a new millennium, where the forging of a united Europe entails a reconfiguration of economic, political and social relations within and between nations. During this era of transformation and change, it is important to reflect on our ongoing dialogue with other subdisciplines and our visibility in the field of anthropology and beyond. I would be happy to devote my expertise and energy to represent the membership on the board and work toward an enhancement of our role in the profession.

Candidate for Member-at-Large

JASON JAMES (PhD, University of California—San Diego) Positions Held: Visiting Assistant Professor, Lafayette College (2003-present); Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, Barnard College (2001–2003); Interests and/or Activities: East Germany, heritage preservation and urban renewal, post-socialism, nationalism, memory and commemoration; Significant Publications: “Recovering the German Nation: Heritage Restoration and the Search for Unity,” in Marketing Heritage: Archaeology and the Consumption of the Past. AltaMira Press 2004; Review of Social Memory and History: Anthropological Perspectives. The Public Historian 2003.

I would like to serve as member-at-large on the SAE executive committee to work with fellow committee members in guiding the society in what will no doubt be an eventful and exciting time. I hope to play a role in further consolidating the place of SAE as a lively and important sub-section of the AAA, and to help with the transition of the society’s publications to electronic format on AnthroSource. As member-at-large I will seek to represent the interests of the general membership to the best of my ability. I have been involved in SAE for many years now and look forward to the possibility of deepening my involvement.

Candidates for Student Member


Over the past several years, I have benefited greatly from the SAE’s thoughtful publications, listserv and through my personal contacts with other members. The SAE has been extremely supportive of my work, providing an invaluable opportunity to conduct preliminary dissertation work in Serbia through the Pre-dissertation Fellowship. I would like to give back to SAE members by being in a position to encourage support of other graduate students. I plan to use my experience in organizing conferences and panels to reach out to and support other SAE members and to reinvigorate connections among graduate students across regional areas. I plan to continue the work of many before me in highlighting European anthropology as an exciting and theoretically rich place for research. Finally, I have been inspired by my fieldwork with student activists and have learned a great deal about the importance of organized student representation.


I have recently returned to Chicago following 2 years of fieldwork in Ireland. My fieldwork addressed the issue of immigration and I focused particularly upon the situation of asylum-seekers and refugees as they sought to acquire legal status and social rights by attaining citizenship in that country. While in the field, I was contacted by other graduate students who were interested in cohering an AAA panel to work on issues of illegality as they pertain to migrants. Given the overwhelming response to the call for papers for this panel, and the fact that most of us—while working on similar topics in broadly the same region—did not know of each other’s work, I founded a listserv (hosted by the U. of Chicago) which facilitates the closer communication of scholars interested in the topic of migration. (see https://listhost.uchicago.edu/mailman/listinfo/migrationists) However, I find that the listserv is not sufficient to engender the kind of professional collegiality that I had hoped for among the student subscribers. As a student member of the SAE, I hope to convene a European migrationist conference at U. of Chicago with the goal of ultimately publishing the conference papers and findings as part of a themed special edition of the Journal of the SAE. I would also hope to make the conference findings available on the SAE website and promote them actively on the AAA website.

SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF FOOD AND NUTRITION

Candidate for President-Elect/President


I am delighted to be nominated for SAFN president. As SAFN enters a new era with its name change, it is poised to become even more intellectually vibrant and diverse as an AAA section. As president I will work to increase

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our membership by reaching out to other AAA members as well as those studying food and nutrition outside of the discipline. At the same time, as our membership grows and diversifies, it is even more important that the society maintains its longstanding commitment to inclusivity and to members doing interdisciplinary and integrative work. Indeed, the study of food and nutrition is so inherently biocultural that it functions as a natural bridge between the subdisciplines. Thus SAFN has tremendous potential as a unifying force in anthropology. As president I will work toward this goal and leading a stimulating, supportive section for those studying food and nutrition from any of anthropology’s subdisciplines.

Candidate for Vice-President-Elect/Vice-President:


I was a member of CNA for many years and watched its slow evolution from its initial “biocultural” roots to its current more broad-based orientation embodied in the new name—Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition. Food, diet, and nutrition studies are increasingly common, relevant and important as witnessed by the increasing number of professional meetings and organizations, best-sellers (e.g., “Fast Food Nation”), and multinational organizations dedicated to changing approaches to food and agriculture (e.g., “Slow Food”). SAFN can and should play an increasingly prominent role in this remarkable process because of our long history of food-related research and the perspective anthropology brings to the field. Many possibilities exist: On-line publishing opportunities within the SAFN section of the AAA (and the ability to link to many other organizations), collaborating with other professional organizations to co-sponsor sessions at non-anthropological meetings, creating an on-line collection of teaching and research materials, creating a “working papers” section where people can post papers on which they’d like comments, professional reports, outstanding student papers, etc. SAFN is a remarkable group of scholars and it would be an honor to be an officer at this interesting juncture.

SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF NORTH AMERICA

Candidates for Member-at-Large


Since its inception SANA and its members have been committed to critical work in the anthropology of North America. Much of the association’s work has been collaborative in nature, resulting in a series of publications and papers; SANA’s network in these projects extends to scholars, activists, students, and practitioners. As part of the organizing committee for SANA’s 2005 conference in Merida (co-sponsored with CASCA and UADY), I have become more aware of the scope and commitment SANA and its members have to such collaborative and critical endeavors. I look forward to working with the board and membership to support and further expand these efforts and in reaching out to other associations—both within and outside the discipline.


As a society of anthropologists working within and across the United States, Mexico and Canada, we offer critical interventions in the discipline of anthropology as a whole. Looking beyond the boundaries of nation and state, we support international collaborations and comparative research, and, in doing so, push theoretical paradigms in new directions. Many of us are concerned with examining different forms of structural inequality within this broader “area,” particularly as these are experienced by groups of people on the basis of their race, class, ethnicity, gender and sexuality. As a SANA Board Member, I would continue to support and develop this overall mission. Specifically, I would encourage and facilitate communication among society members, and work to see that our collective voice is expressed and heard by the broader societies in which we live, particularly concerning these pressing issues of ongoing social inequality.

Candidate for Secretary

BERNARD CHRISTOPHER PERLEY (PhD, Harvard University, 2002) Positions Held: Assistant Professor (2002-present) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; L&S Selection committee for Director of American Indian Studies Program (2002-present) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Language Consultant (1995-present) Tobique First Nation, New Brunswick, Canada; Interests and/or Activities: language politics, language maintenance, Native American history and politics, aboriginal peoples and environmental politics, presented a paper at the UNESCO conference on Protecting the Natural and Cultural Heritage in the Western Hemisphere, presented papers at Environment Sciences seminars at University of Western Ontario (March 2003) and also a History of Linguistics paper at the ASA Decennial Conference at Manchester University (July 2003); Significant Publications: “Medicine Wheelers and Dealers” in Ronald Niezen’s Spirit Wars: Native North American Religions in the Age of Nation Building: Language, Culture, and Landscape: Preserving Aboriginal Deep Time for Tomorrow (http://projects.gsd.harvard.edu/heritage/program.htm); “Trickster” and “The Northwest Coast” are updates of articles in the Macmillan Encyclopedia of Religion; “Doubious Distinction: Bibles in Dead Language” in Objects of Distinction (in press); “Resisting Culture: Teaching an Aboriginal Language in Canada” in Identities (under review); Works in Progress: A Rock Against the River: Resisting Maliseet Language Death at Tobique First Nation (ethnography currently under negotiation); At the Cutting Edge: Indian Humor and the Politics of Survival (edited volume in progress); Repatriating Native North America: Anticipating Twenty-first Century Sovereignties (edited volume in progress); In Other Words: Epistemic Slippage in the Practice of Indigenous Anthropology (chapter in progress for an edited volume).

Much of my fieldwork was done in Canada investigating language politics and language maintenance issues at Tobique First Nation, New Brunswick. The work necessarily required a broader awareness of language politics at the provincial, national, and international levels. However, the nature of Aboriginal cultural politics does not recognize national, provincial, or state boundaries. My current work in Milwaukee permits a comparative international study of Algonquin language politics and my continued professional interest
in Mesoamerican studies support my goal for engaging an anthropology of North America that fruitfully and regularly transcends state, provincial, and national borders. To that end I've organized AAA and CASCA panels that included scholars from diverse regions and communities of North America. As a member of SANA and CASCA it is, therefore, with great enthusiasm that I reach out to other North Americanists to share ideas, research, data, and collaborative projects.

**Candidates for Treasurer**


SANA maintains a unique position and an important presence focusing research on the anthropology of the United States Canada and Mexico. Historically grounded, the theoretical perspective of SANA supports an analysis that examines the intersection of race, class and gender and the consequences of structured inequality. This perspective is an essential contribution to the AAA. To promotes the mission of the section it is essential to create and maintaining fiscal responsibility. As a director of other academic organizations, I understand the importance of working with members to keeping an organization running soundly. I look forward to collaborating with the board and membership to promote the crucial work of SANA.

**HILARY CUNNINGHAM** (PhD, Yale University, 1993) Positions Held: Associate Professor, 1997-present, University of Toronto, Assistant Professor, 1994–1997, University of Notre Dame; Interests: borders and frontier security; social movements and mobility rights; biotechnology and national security; Significant Publications: (with Josiah McC. Heyman, eds.) Borders and Enclosures; Special Edition on Borders, Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power, 2004; Transnational Politics at the Edges of Sovereignties: Social Movements, Crossings and the State at the US-Mexico Border, Global Networks, 2001; The Ethnography of Transnational Social Activism: Understanding the Global as Local Practice. American Ethnologist, 1999

My principal fieldwork for the last 15 years has been among a group of political activists located in southern Arizona, near the US-Mexico border. Currently, I am expanding my research on national borders to a region of the US-Canada border where new US Homeland security policies are being implemented. My principle research interests, therefore, are in the areas of borders and borderlands, frontier security, refugees and undocumented migration, and US-based social movements focusing on border issues and mobility rights. As a Canadian, I would perhaps bring to SANA a distinctive perspective on the tasks and challenges facing contemporary anthropologists—among the most pressing of these are those posed by widespread economic disparity, militarism, racism, environmental destruction and the challenges to democracy and civil liberties currently facing North American academics, especially our US colleagues. My intention as a member of this group would be to assist current board members in ensuring SANA remain not only a supportive and vibrant intellectual forum for scholars committed to studies of social inequality and poverty, but also a compelling voice in what are now critical struggles for academic freedom and social justice.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION**

**Candidates for Board Member:**


I’ve been involved with the Society for the Anthropology of Religion since its founding, serving as Treasurer for the organization between 1997 and 2003 and chairing the Program Committee last spring. One of my concerns during that time has been expanding section services to members, particularly in the area of teaching. In 1998, for example, I helped compile a collection of anthropology of religion syllabi, which we have distributed to members to help them develop new courses; I have also conducted teaching workshops at each of our spring meetings. I think that the Society has the potential to develop more such services. So far, most of the section’s efforts have focused on the organization of meetings; valuable as those are, many of our members aren’t able to attend them, and they only occur occasionally. Through the development of our website, listserves, and publications, I think that we can become a resource for all of our members throughout the year.

**JOHN BURDICK** (PhD, City University of New York, 1990) Positions Held: Associate Professor of Anthropology (1998-present) Syracuse University; Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1992–1998) Syracuse University; Interests and/or Activities: Religion and Politics in Brazil; the anthropology of social movements; collaborative action research methodologies; Significant Publications: Legacies of Liberation: the Progressive Catholic Church in Brazil at the Turn of a New Millennium, Ashgate, 2004; Blessed Anastacia: Women, Race and Popular Christianity in Brazil, Routledge, 1998; Looking for God in Brazil, University of California Press, 1993.

It is nearly impossible today to open a newspaper without encountering the influence of religious commitments on public life throughout the world. From the politics of Islam and the role of evangelical Christianity to religio-ethnic mobilizations, there can be little doubt that religion is increasingly a “hot topic”. But although widely debated, the topic is notable for its generation of more heat than light. Anthropologists of religion have a unique contribution to make to these debates. I would like to see our sub-discipline be much more present in them, at all levels, from high schools and undergraduate courses, to op-eds, to the training of professionals in NGO, the UN and elsewhere. I take pride in having worked for nearly twenty years bringing an anthropological perspective on religion into my many collaborative action research projects in the US and Brazil. In 1995 I founded a program that places students in research projects in the Syracuse community, many of which engage with groups grappling with the role of religion in legal and policy issues. This work has strengthened my conviction that the world needs us. Our perspective— with its deep commitment to understanding the logic of religious beliefs from the inside—is like a breath of fresh air. Why not do our best to circulate it?

Religion is once again at the center of our theoretical and ethnographic interests. Members of our section have the opportunity to reach out to others within and beyond the AAA by demonstrating the importance of religious topics to basic understandings of culture as well as to current politically-charged events around the world. As an anthropologist based in Europe, I therefore wish to continue to promote the aims of SAR by increasing academic conversations across sub-disciplinary and national boundaries, and by encouraging contacts with scholars who adopt other approaches to the study of religion. My work has involved me in the study of religion both as a ritualized practice and as an object of public debate. I have collaborated with anthropologists but also historians, theologians and sociologists in research projects reflecting my interests in Europe and the United States as rich contexts for anthropological fieldwork. It has also been a privilege to work with SAR as contributing editor to the Section News, assistant to the 2005 conference, and Board Member for a year. I would welcome the opportunity to continue my work for SAR in the future.


The SAR’s rapid growth in the few years since its inception testifies to religion’s relevance in contemporary scholarship and society. Questions about religion, identity, and citizenship in a globalizing world, and relations between religion and the state, are at the center of many concerns in international and domestic politics and cultural debates. Most of us chose anthropology over other, potentially more lucrative careers because we believe that clearer understandings of people and social processes can and should make a difference in shaping how we live and the direction of public policies. SAR’s network brings together enormous expertise, and we should look for more ways to bring our perspectives to news media and the public. We should build on past projects and expand liaisons with other scholarly organizations. Teaching is one of our most effective forms of communication, and we can use web resources to enhance it. SAR’s syllabus project is a valuable move in this direction. Beyond course design, we should develop a forum to discuss innovative teaching strategies and campus/community events on religious issues. Now more than ever, anthropology needs to speak out and reach out. SAR is ideally positioned to make a difference in and beyond academics.


I am committed to promoting innovative scholarship that places the Anthropology of Religion at the cutting edge of Cultural Anthropology, and to promoting the innovatory teaching of the Anthropology of Religion that will produce creative scholars. I view this as requiring us, at the same time, to remain connected to our intellectual roots in Durkheim, Marx, Weber, and Simmel. If re-elected to a second term, I would continue to encourage the cross-fertilization of the anthropology of religion with such pressing and rapidly developing topics as human rights, media and the internet; youth and generation; imagination and memory; race and diaspora; militarization and the “war on terror.” I would also continue to integrate the Anthropology of Religion more fully into Public Anthropology, in which scholars and students put anthropological ideas into practice in partnership with communities.

Candidate for Treasurer:


I am pleased to have been asked to continue in my role as Treasurer of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. I believe I am an effective treasurer because of my attentiveness to details and deadlines, as well as my strong organizational skills. I look forward to serving the Society for another term.

SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF WORK

Candidate for Secretary

I see the role of the secretary of the Society for the Anthropology of Work as to work closely with the president, keep track of the administrative matters, ensure a smooth routine operation of the organization, and help to set agenda and chart strategy for the future development of the SAW. My experience as the contributing editor of the Anthropology News SAW column in the past three years has provided me with the opportunity to familiarize myself with the mission and operation of the SAW; through which I also came to know some of the SAW members quite well. I look forward to applying what I have learned to the position of secretary, and continue to serve the SAW membership.

Candidate for Journal Editor

ANN E KINGSOLVER (PhD, University of Massachusetts- Amherst, 1991) Positions Held: Associate Professor of Anthropology (1996–Pres) University of South Carolina; Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1993–1996) University of California, Santa Cruz. Interests and/or Activities: transnational research on interpretations of globalization; Interim Director of the Latin American Studies Program at USC; 2004 Fulbright Lecturer/Researcher at the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka; Significant Publications: NAFTA Stories: Fears and Hopes in Mexico and the United States, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2001. More than Class: Studying Power in U.S. Workplaces, editor, SUNY Press, 1998, Negotiating Identity in Southeastern U.S. Uplands, guest editor, Anthropological Quarterly, July 1992 issue. I hope, as the editor of the Anthropology of Work Review, to further facilitate the convergence of discussions of the anthropology of work, anthropology as work, and anthropology and labor organization that was engaged productively in San Francisco in November 2004. The Anthropology of Work Review is a peer-reviewed journal now accessible through an electronic data base, and I propose to keep the format established by David Griffith, with the following changes: adding a brief section with photographs (used with documented permission) and photo essays by workers/ethnographers of work, and shifting the production schedule to three issues per year, each of approximately the same length as the recent double issues. Although the Society for the Anthropology of Work is a section of the American Anthropological Association and the journal is published through the University of California Press, I see the Anthropology of Work Review as an international forum, especially with the addition of electronic access. The recent loss of so many anthropologists’ in transnational research and policy analysis and hope to ensure that our voices are part SAW’s achievements.

Candidate for Secretary


Candidate for Councilor


Both in the field and in the classroom, my work supports the mission of the Society for Urban, National and Transnational/Global Anthropology. As councilor, I will work to advance the profile of SUNTA within the discipline, and continue to promote the critical contributions urban and transnational studies make to contemporary anthropological research.

Candidates for Student Councilor


I’m new enough to the world of anthropology that I can’t claim to have much of a “platform” or agenda at present. I am committed to knowledge in the service of humankind, not merely knowledge for its own sake. My dissertation work is focused on homelessness in Dallas, Texas, particularly on the connections and disconnections between homeless persons and the groups and agencies that purport to serve them. I am also doing work on faith-based NGOs in Latin America, and am presently researching the programs of “volunteer tourism” that many such groups offer. If you are kind enough to elect me, I promise faithful attendance at meetings and service on whatever committees the group sees fit to place me; speaking up when I have something to contribute and shutting up when I do not; a passion for social justice honed by nearly twenty years in parish ministry… and obsessive editorial skills.

LANCE ALLEN ARNEY (BA, University of New Mexico, 2003) Positions Held: Treasurer, Applied Anthropology Graduate Student Organization (2004-present), University of South Florida; Public Relations Officer, Brazil Club (2002–2003) University of New Mexico; Interests and/or Activities: cultural projects and social development, participatory action research, am currently a research assistant on an NSF-funded study of federal public housing policy and relocation; Significant Publications: “The Ideological Heritage in Cultural Representation,” poster presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 2005.

My current research focuses on an NGO in Salvador, Brazil that carries out political-pedagogical social work for children and adolescents living in the streets. I am using an anthropology of policy paradigm to investigate the interactions of local communities, state governmental entities and institutions, NGOs, and the migration of discourses about culture.

Having lived in four different regions of the United States, as well as abroad, I realize the importance of an anthropology that studies the influence of national and transnational forces on human life. I think the world needs anthropology now more than ever, and I would like to see SUNTA develop organizational strategies for making anthropology more relevant, if not central, for analyzing and solving social problems that at once involve forces of globalization and localization and their implications for inequality.

As SUNTA student councilor, I will promote mentoring for students, encourage other student anthropologists to become more internationally focused, and recruit student anthropologists from outside the U.S. to become members of SUNTA. I also want to make the work of urban anthropologists more widely known to undergraduates, many of whom think anthropologists only do fieldwork in jungles or isolated villages and that only sociologists work in cities.


My interests are in broadening the concerns of SUNTA in an effort to make SUNTA as an organization, its invited panels at the AAA, and City & Society, more appealing to contemporary graduate students. In order to do so, I am interested in supporting innovative research that troubles popular understandings of the “urban,” trans- and post-nationalism, capitalism and development. I believe that some of the necessary steps that can be taken are the recruitment of dynamic panels of both graduate students and established faculty, working to establish strong links between City & Society and the contributors to SUNTA panels (to develop special issues, as well as supporting and encouraging innovative graduate student research), and to reach out across disciplines (to Geography, Sociology, and Urban Studies) to help establish urban anthropology as a critical element in the continuing scholarly and lay interest in the role of the urban in contemporary life around the world.

SUNTA By-laws Amendment:

Article IV. Organization, Section 3. The President-Elect shall be elected for a two-year term, at the conclusion of which the President-Elect shall succeed to the Presidency to serve a two-year term. At the conclusion of this term, the immediate past President will serve on the Board of Directors for two years in an ex-officio capacity. Except for the Student Councilor the Councilors shall be elected, one each year, each for a term of three years. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected in alternate years each to serve for a term of two years. The Treasurer shall be elected to serve a term of three years. Elected officers shall assume office at the beginning of the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association at which each is declared to be elected. The Editor of the Society’s journal shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve for a term of three years. The Board of Directors shall have the right to appoint candidates to apply for this office by means of advertisements, describing desirable qualifications, appearing in appropriate publications, and shall select an Editor by a majority vote. The Editor shall assume office at a date determined by the Board of Directors, or by the President mandated to do so by the Board. The Associate Editor will be nominated by the Editor and approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors to serve a term concurrent with that of the Editor.

Article VIII Meetings

Section 5. An annual business meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held before the Annual Business Meeting of the Society. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at the call of the President. The President shall call a special meeting of the Board of Directors at any time upon the written demand of at least three members thereof, provided at least sixty days advance notice is given. The President may, on her/his own or at the request of two or more of the Board of Directors, initiate an email-based discussion of a specific issue. Any member of the Board of Directors may call the question to a vote after a period of discussion. The President may accept the call or may request a second call of the question from the entire Board members. Once the President has formulated the question, it is called. The members of the Board of Directors will have seven calendar days, including weekends and holidays, to respond to the president with a vote for or against the question. The question is passed when a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors vote in favor of it. The question is rejected when a majority of the Board of Directors fails to vote within the seven day period, or when a majority of the Board of Directors votes against the question. Questions decided in this fashion will have the same force as questions decided in face-to-face meetings.
Candidate for Co-Chair


SOLGA is committed to moving social inquiry forward in collaboration with the communities with whom we work. Often, we draw not only our analyses from these groups but pieces of our identities as well. If elected co-chair of SOLGA, I would: 1) continue efforts to recognize the priorities we share with allied AAA sections through greater dialogues and joint-sponsored conference proceedings with our sister sections; 2) further underscore the interdisciplinarity and intersectionality of gender and sexuality studies through outreach to researchers and activists working outside the boundaries of traditional anthropology; and 3) step up our efforts to foster mentoring and exchange between student, junior, and senior anthropologists. For the past ten years, I have been an active member of SOLGA, co-chairing or participating in sessions at AAA meetings, writing for our newsletter, and volunteering at our conference booth. At UC San Diego, I held co-chair and other executive positions on LGBT-related committees and broader social justice programs. I am now a faculty member in an interdisciplinary department (Communication and Culture) at Indiana University and an affiliate of IU’s Gender Studies department. I would welcome the opportunity to bring my expertise and dedication to SOLGA to the position of co-chair.