MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Association
From: William E Davis, Executive Director
Date: March 15, 2007
Subject: 2007 Spring Ballot

Enclosed you will find the 2007 ballot and, for your convenience, all of the necessary candidate material and specific bylaws amendments for Association resolutions & the 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, 2007, to be counted. Enclose your marked ballot in the return envelope provided.

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.
As an intellectual discipline, anthropology has never been stronger. We work on global cultural flows and tensions, science and technology studies, and the cultural production of race, to name some examples, while retaining our commitment to ethnography of small sites and biological, historical, and linguistic perspectives on society. Nevertheless, the discipline does not have the strong public voice it deserves. As president, I would work to foster anthropology’s role as a source of public knowledge and social critique. One approach is to support the core activities of the AAA: its meetings and publications program, including AnthroSource. I have worked both in sections and for the AAA as a whole. I was president of APLA, treasurer of SUA (now SUNTA), and secretary and treasurer of SANA as well as Program Chair of the 2003 annual meeting and member of the Long-Range Planning Committee. I am currently a member of the AAA Executive Board and chair of the Committee on Scientific Communication. I also served as president of the Law and Society Association and as a member of its Executive Committee. My experience with both academic associations gives me a broad view of the strengths of the AAA and its challenges.

Candidates for Executive Board—Minority Seat

ARLENE DA VILA (No Materials Provided)


I have always taken a strong interest in the AAA, especially in helping to build or sustain the units, and in strengthening anthropology’s role in how we think about contemporary issues such as global transitions, gender, diversity, and justice challenges. Seldom have I missed participating in any of the annual AAA meetings, and it is important to me that our annual meetings encourage a dialogue between anthropology, the wider academy, and those in the international and domestic policy arenas. Often political science and economics are identified as bodies of knowledge critical to the solution of policy problems, but the challenge is to show that anthropological knowledge can offer insights and new approaches to addressing these policy concerns. I believe that strengthening our ties to colleagues throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific can help us to rebuild anthropology’s reach and contributions in the post-colonial and post-cold war world. My commitments are to promoting the discipline within the university, so that anthropology comes to be seen as the best discipline for intellectual and policy
pursuits; and helping anthropology become the integrative force that allows professional colleagues to approach the challenges of 21st century globalization with new clarity.

**Candidates for Executive Board-Practicing/Professional Seat**


As AAA Executive Board member, I look forward to participating in the further growth and development of our organization. I have been active with the AAA: founding and serving as first Chair of both the AAA Task Force on AIDS and the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group, and more recently as member of the AAA Nominations Committee, Treasurer of the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology, and Executive Board member, Chair of the Policy Committee, and Chair of the Nominations Committee of the Society for Medical Anthropology. I have also served on various committees of the National Academy of Science’s Institute of Medicine and on the board of several AIDS service organizations. I have conducted funded research on HIV/AIDS since 1982 in the US, Zambia, Senegal, Uganda, and Rwanda, and have worked to advocate for the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS. As a strong believer in the four field approach, I will work to strengthen each of the four fields and bring back those who have left our organization. I look forward to working within the AAA to expand career and consulting opportunities for our members, greater public awareness of our field, and advocating for policy positions important and crucial for the future of our world.

**T J FERGUSON** (PhD, University of New Mexico, 1993) **Positions Held:** Principal Investigator (2001-Pres) Anthropological Research, LLC; Adjunct Professor of Anthropology (2002-Pres) University of Arizona; Partner (1997-2001) Heritage Resources Management Consultants; Director of Southwest Programs (1988-1995) Institute of the North American West; **Interests and/or Activities:** cultural landscapes, repatriation, land and water rights; **Significant Publications:** History is in the Land: Multivocal Tribal Traditions in Arizona’s San Pedro Valley (with Chip Colwell-Chanthaphonh), University of Arizona Press, 2006; Memory Pieces and Footprints: Multivocality and the Meanings of Ancient Times and Ancestral Places among the Zuni and Hopi (with Chip Colwell-Chanthaphonh), American Anthropologist (2006); Historic Zuni Architecture and Society, University of Arizona Press, 1996. Awards: Solon Kimball Award, American Anthropological Association (2006); Presidential Recognition Award, Society for American Archaeology (1997).

I am one of the growing number of anthropologists whose career track is largely outside of academia. Like many of my colleagues employed in the private sector, I remain dedicated to the scholarly goals of anthropology. I rely on the AAA to represent my professional interests and, through the annual meeting and journals, provide a means for maintaining intellectual contact with other anthropologists. In my anthropological practice, I combine ethnography and archaeology in collaborative research that addresses contemporary issues important to Indian tribes in the Southwestern United States. This research program has reinforced my strong belief that a four-field approach integrating cultural, linguistic, biological, and archaeological perspectives is fundamental to anthropology. My service on the AAA Practicing Anthropology Working Group (PAWG) and the AAA/SIAA Commission on Applied and Practicing Anthropology taught me that the AAA can and should do more to support anthropologists with careers in governmental and private sectors by providing a wider range of relevant services. We need a strong AAA to attract and maintain a large and active membership. I am willing to commit the time and effort needed to serve on the Executive Board to help guide the AAA so that it more effectively serves all anthropologists.

**Candidates for Executive Board-Undesignated # 2 Seat**


In the 1980s, key anthropological concepts were under attack. Critics declared that culture, ethnicity, language, and medicine, were not preexisting objects to be mapped “in the field” but constructs that emerge through contention between disciplines, institutions, states, and interests. By giving up some of its claims to privileged, authoritative knowledge, anthropology was renewed. I propose that we similarly set aside the assumption that we know what the AAA is and adopt a critical attitude toward our organization and its foundational premises. We are faced with important debates—the division of power and capital between sections and the executive board, how well annual meetings and publications connect diverse anthropological publics, the digital transformation of scholarly publication, and strategies for providing anthropologists and the AAA with more presence in media, policy, and activist public spheres. I would like to add the anachronistic national isolation of U.S. anthropology from anthropologies and epistemological revolutions outside North America and Europe. Let’s use our skills as anthropologists to re-situate the AAA in a rapidly changing world, proposing practical solutions based on critical engagement. For example, rather than simply training anthropologists to create sound-bites, we might examine why the ways we construct anthropological authority fail to intersect with reporters’ concepts of expert knowledge. How might teleconferenced classes enable us to
link diverse epistemologies and pedagogical strategies across national borders? At the same time we export AnthroSource, could we bring African, Asian, and Latin American anthropology journals to AAA members?


My goals as a member of the Executive Board are: (1) to increase the presence of underrepresented groups in anthropology; (2) to expand anthropology to include practitioners beyond the traditional subfields; (3) to enhance the presence and effectiveness of anthropology in K-12 curricula; (4) to engage the mainstream media in order to show the relevance of anthropology for understanding the human condition; and (5) to promote collaboration across disciplinary and international boundaries.


Today roughly 50% of all new PhDs work in non-academic employment. To remain strong and viable the American Anthropological Association must renew its efforts to represent the diversity of its members in “anthropological practice” outside of the academy as well as those who teach in academia. The AAA must provide an inclusive environment that balances the needs of the academy with those in “practice” while promoting our shared theory, methodology and ethical standards. As the number of practitioners has grown and the diversity of practice has increased, expecting individual sections to represent the interests of all practitioners is no longer a viable solution. I learned this first hand while supporting the work of practicing anthropologists as secretary and, then, as president of the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology. As a member of the Practicing Anthropology Working Group (PAWG), my fellow members and I have been working on recommendations that will impartially address the needs of all members. As a member of the AAA executive board, I would continue to work for a fair, inclusive and balanced future for the American Anthropological Association and all its members.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Candidates for Nominations Committee-Cultural Seat**

I have now served in a variety of capacities for the AAA: as President of two sections (Archaeology Division, Association for Feminist Anthropology), on the Executive Board, on the Long-Range Planning Committee, and on COSWA. I have been teaching anthropology in 3 different public Universities for 36 years, and have been active in the SAA as well. I am hopeful that in our nominations processes for the AAA committees and positions that we will seek and put forward candidates of exceptional quality and of wide diversity in their goals, skills, backgrounds, and approaches to anthropology, and I will work towards achieving a breadth of candidates, drawing on the wealth of archaeologists and other anthropologists to best represent our interests and our goals for the AAA. The strength of the AAA's activities and leadership can only be sustained by drawing on a wide and diverse candidate pool, which is the task of the Nominations Committee.

I will bring to the AAA Nominating Committee my commitment to diversity as well as the wide scholarly networks that I have developed through my service as President of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, a member of the AAA Labor Relations Commission, and a member of the AAA Section Assembly (in which capacities I played an instrumental role in forming the Labor Relations and the Governance Commissions). Many AAA members are more eager to take leadership roles in their Sections than in the AAA, and I will work to help such individuals understand how important AAA policy is to the financial and intellectual health of the Sections, particularly in the era of AnthroSource. I will seek to present slates of candidates who have the breadth, vision, experience and generosity to make decisions that will strengthen both AAA and the Sections as they carry out their various intellectual missions. I will also seek to locate candidates who have the skills necessary to enhance anthropology’s public profile at a time when the discipline’s perspectives are so greatly needed in the nation and the world. Finally, I will work to strengthen communications between the AAA Nominating Committee and the Sections and Section Assembly.

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE-ARCHAEOLOGY SEAT


Candidates for Nominations Committee-Undesignated #1 Seat

K ANNE PYBURN (PhD, Arizona, 1989) Positions Held: Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies, Indiana University, and Director of the Center for Archaeology in the Public Interest (CAPI) is Co-Editor of Archaeologies: The Journal of the World Archaeological Congress, Director of the Making Archaeology Teaching Relevant in the XXI Century Project (MATRIX), director of the Chau Hiix Archaeological Research Project and Field School, and Co-Director with Kubat Tabaldiev of a community museums project for the Koch Kar Valley of Kyrgyzstan. She chaired AAA Ethics Committee in 2004. She writes about ethics, gender, early cities, and the ancient Maya, most recently: Pomp and Circumstance: Cities in a Maya Landscape; Significant Publications: In Proceedings of the Sackler Early Cities Symposium, National Academy of Sciences, Wash., DC & School of American Research, Santa Fe, NM, Joyce Marcus and Jeremy Sabloff, eds. (in press); No Simple Thing for IPhAN, Revista do Patrimônio Histórico e Artístico Nacional, Tania Andrade Lima, ed. (in press), and Sanchismo, in Off the Edge: Experiments in Cultural Analysis, pp. 149-152. Orvar Lofgren and Richard Wilk, eds., Museum Tusculanum Press, University of Copenhagen (2006).

I am committed to maintaining and increasing the diversity of representation in the advisory and governing bodies of the AAA. In this commitment I include underrepresented cultural groups as well as underrepresented subfields of anthropology. AAA committee members should come from different generations as well as from different theoretical perspectives on human life, and from both inside and outside of the academy.

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE-UNDESIGNATED #1 SEAT

ELIZABETH K BRIODY (PhD, University of Texas-Austin, 1985) Positions Held: Staff Research Scientist (1990-present) and Senior Research Scientist (1985-1990) General Motors R&D Center; Adjunct Professor Wayne State University (1991-present), Michigan State University (2004-present), and Northern Arizona University (2006-present); Interests and/or Activities: organizational culture and change, partnership collaboration, methodology; Significant Publications: Partnering for Performance: Collaboration and Culture from the Inside Out (Elizabeth K. Briody and Robert T. Trotter, II, eds.) Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, forthcoming 2007; Modeling Relationship Dynamics in GM’s Research-Institution Partnerships (Gülcin H. Sengir, Robert T. Trotter II, Elizabeth K. Briody, Devadatta M. Kulkarni, Linda B. Catlin, and Tracy L. Meervar) Journal of Manufacturing Technology Management, 2004 – Emerald Literati Club, Highly Commended Award; Explaining...

Occupational diversity among AAA leaders has the potential to strengthen the Association’s effectiveness. At General Motors, I have led numerous applied research projects, and proposed and helped implement solutions. Through numerous interactions with anthropology departments and business schools, I have served as mentor, consultant, colleague, and professor. I also have served in the AAA (e.g., as NAPA President, Co-Executive Producer of the AAA video Anthropologists at Work: Careers Making a Difference). That combined experience should position me to build bridges with other Executive Committee colleagues, create a useful mix of fresh ideas, and ultimately benefit AAA members. Much of what the Executive Committee attends to involves a general oversight of and influence on the Association’s affairs, including the establishment of our internal strengths to create sustained, positive impacts. I will work to create inclusiveness and common ground within the AAA, and to project a focused and cohesive image of the discipline – especially on critical contemporary issues – to publics beyond our membership. The AAA can become a far stronger collective voice for helping people understand culture and its effects on decision making in organizations, communities, and society at all levels.


Throughout my career as an applied and academic anthropologist, I have been an active participant in AAA, through presenting scholarly papers at the meetings, organizing workshops that seek to revitalize anthropology curricula and training, and through leadership of AAA sections. I have served AAA as an member and Chair of the Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology, and as Vice President and later President of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN). These experiences have helped me understand the issues that our leadership will need to address in the future, and will contribute to effective service on the Nominations Committee. I see many challenges facing AAA, from operational and management challenges (implementation of AnthroSource, securing external funding, ensuring appropriate selections for the meeting venues, advancing participation of practitioner anthropologists), to broad and complex ideological challenges; notably addressing the meaning of race in society, securing rights to self-determination for unempowered peoples, protecting the archaeological legacies in vulnerable environments, and advancing cross-cultural understanding and tolerance. I would be pleased to have a role in helping chart the direction of AAA in the coming years.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Candidates for Long-Range Planning Committee-Cultural Seat


One recurring issue in our disciplinary self-conception and planning is the troubling contradiction between our commitment to human rights and our adoption of the perspective of “cultural relativism.” It comes up especially in our statements on ethics, and our problems with Internal Review Boards. Some proponents of human rights seem to forget that our North American notions have a particular history in Western philosophy and politics, and did not drop from the sky. The same might be said about cultural relativism. Before foisting these values on one another, not to mention government boards and native co-workers, we need to consider the extent to which human rights and cultural relativism might themselves be considered social and cultural constructions, not transcendental verities.

Organizationally, I hear complaints from colleagues that the Anthropology Newsletter “is not serious enough,' compared to the newsletters of other disciplines, and that all AAA staff should have more formal training in anthropology. And last there is the annual problem of how many sessions there should be, over how many days, and in what size rooms. The AAAs has done a good job of developing statistical protocols for predicting such things, and we should explore their methods and adapt them, if it seems appropriate.


Anthropology is in a perpetual state of crisis which both provokes some of our best work, but also distracts our attention from facing some of the key problems of the present century. Given the independent-minded and anti-authoritarian nature of most anthropologists, I am skeptical about any attempts to plan the future of the discipline. Instead I would like to see the long-range planning committee thinking about how we want anthropology to be perceived by the public and the rest of the scholarly community and how the AAA can effectively foster anthropology which addresses public issues at a global scale. That means a lot more collaboration with other anthropologists around the world. More than anything else, we need to think strategically about how we can increase the legitimacy and voice of anthropology in public discourse. We have a lot of important things to say which are not being heard by the right people in the right places. How can we make this happen?
Candidates for Long-Range Planning Committee-Biological Seat

DEBRA L MARTIN (PhD, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1983) Positions Held: Assoc. Prof. Physical Anthropology, University of Nevada (2006-present); Prof. Biological Anthropology, Hampshire College (1981-2006); Director, U.S. Southwest and Mexico Program, Hampshire College (1999-2006); co-PI, NSF Feeding the Family in Troubled Times (2005-present); AAA Nominations Committee (2000-2003);


The most recent AAA newsletter (President’s Report) suggests that, as outside forces continue to pull anthropology apart and undermine its mission, we need to continue working towards greater inclusivity on all fronts. Imperatives include improving communications, being involved in proactive educational outreach (such as the recent RACE initiative), and continuing to define and refine what anthropology is in this increasingly dangerous world. We need a well-integrated long range planning committee to identify innovative ways to meet these challenges. Integration across the subdisciplines is particularly important given the complaints often heard from colleagues in physical and archaeology that AAA is largely a cultural enterprise. Even as other social and natural science disciplines embrace the idea that future generations of problem solvers will need to be hybrid thinkers with training and expertise in multiple disciplines, anthropology continues to split cultural anthropologists from biology and archaeology. I am committed to working to keep AAA a strong and viable intellectual force in the coming years, and I believe this committee is one place to think outside the box and innovate regarding how to involve a more diverse membership in carrying out AAA’s mission and goals.


If elected to the Biological Seat of the Long-Range Planning Committee, I will work to promote and advance anthropology as a discipline and to the larger public. As a biological anthropologist who has been an active participant in the Biological Anthropology Section of the AAA, serving as Member-at-Large of the BAS Executive Board from 2005-2007, I am committed to promoting anthropology as a four-field discipline, to elevating the place of biological anthropology within the AAA, and to working to enhance collaboration across subdisciplines in promoting the relevance of anthropology and the AAA to larger public audiences.

Candidates for Long-Range Planning Committee-Undesignated #2 Seat


The long-range planning committee is charged with positioning the AAA as the central, coordinated voice of anthropology in the Americas. Prioritizing activities consistent with long-range goals cannot be done in isolation. Having experienced the political and socioeconomic issues affecting research, education, and practice in Mexico, Europe, and the US, I am well suited to bring this contextual perspective to the committee. Working towards a more unified anthropology requires stronger links to the natural and social sciences, an awareness that the solution to societal problems relies on the development of applied anthropology, and further involvement of the private sector which is strongly contributing to create career opportunities for anthropologists-in-training.

I am an academic anthropologist and a registered professional archaeologist. In both of these roles I have worked to raise research standards, increase financial support for research and education, promote women in science, and increase the efficacy of land-use plans for the benefit of the social and cultural patrimony in the State of Morelos. I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the Association by sharing my experience in planning and policy formulation that has been developed from my long-term cooperation with institutions and governments around the world.


“Felipa Poot, una Precursora y Su vida, un Portal” in Dos Mujeres que vale la pena. Merida, Yucatan, Mexico: Instituto Cultural de Yucatan, 2006.
The Long-Range Planning Committee serves a pivotal function for the AAA as it seeks to set the path of the association for the coming years. Within the Association, academic, governmental, NGO, and privately practicing anthropologists have a common forum. 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 must work. I am particularly interested in fostering those programs with the Association that would enhance the ability of the AAA to serve the public interest and highlight the fine work done by practicing and applied anthropologists. To insure the proper guidance of the Association in the face of many challenges and controversies will require courage, patience and the ability to understand complexity. I think that my previous experience has prepared me to face these challenges and make wise decisions about the future of the AAA. I wish to have the opportunity to serve as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee to assist the Association in making its important decisions.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Candidates for Committee on Ethics-Linguistic Seat


Anthropologists all play various research roles with complex and often competing agendas and are responsible to different people, institutions, and agencies. I have had to deal with many different kinds of ethical issues in my own career, which has included both basic linguistic and socio-cultural research as well as applied research with Native American communities on their language revitalization, land claims, and Federal recognition agendas. As a two-term Chair and Graduate Advisor (18 years) of a five field department, I have dealt with a variety of ethical issues across all the sub-disciplines. As an Ethics Committee member, I would (1) push for more ethics education in undergraduate and graduate institutions as well as more on-going ethics education for anthropologists; (2) work on the issue of the IRB and the special nature of ethnographic research and what we could do to facilitate responsible reform and (3) explore the ethical implications of sound and video files: indigenous rights to the data; storage issues; the destruction of the data as the IRBs sometime require; and consent issues. In addition, as the linguistic representative on the committee I would transmit to the committee any question or problem dealing with language or communication.


AAA members have already developed cross-talk that is appropriate to the context-driven ethical questions of fieldwork and the textual, social and political representation of the other; we have resources like Anthropology News, members’ blogs, and an Annual Business meeting marked by highly energetic exchanges (as it should be). As a committee, however, we need to think creatively about unifying these voices to create habits and channels of dialog among anthropologists, the press, the state, NGOs and other actors. At least some of this can be done through raising awareness about ethics in our teaching, perhaps by generating a more forthright set of recommendations for PhD education. We might also bring forward stronger voices on ethical concerns by increased (and increasing) attention to the roles that anthropologists play in corporate and public policy life. What I can bring to the ethics committee is energy to experiment with communication tools across our various constituents, and my experience within multituded and multietnic immigrant communities. I am especially interested in fomenting discussion among anthropologists about how local conceptualizations of human rights change as neoliberal ideology and internationalist visions of human rights increasingly infuse the practice of daily life and survival. To me, this sort of focus ultimately is a discussion that can bring together theoretical questions about culture change, the opportunity for advocacy, and our ethical responsibilities to our research communities.

Candidates for Committee on Ethics-Undesignated #2 Seat


I am interested in serving the AAA as a member of the Committee on Ethics because I believe in the importance of maintaining and constantly improving our ethical standards—especially in these politically adverse times in the world of research. As anthropologists, we have access to and an important trust in the information we receive about the lives of people who are often in precarious positions. I think that we need to consider the role of ethical issues in
I believe in the importance of the two aspects bringing a holistic and integrative approach to my service to the work of the Ethics Committee. I look forward to an opportunity to serve the anthropological community as a COE member.

As a professional anthropologist with a clear view of the importance of both the academic and professional aspects of the discipline, I will bring a holistic and integrative approach to my service to the work of the Ethics Committee. I believe in the importance of the two aspects of the discipline informing and enriching one another.

The engagement with public anthropology, combined with government interest in anthropological knowledge, highlight the Association’s responsibilities to take seriously a proactive commitment to professional ethics. The COE plays a key role in assisting AAA members to consider professional ethics. It ensures that education and discussion of ethics serves the diverse AAA membership (including those inside the academy, students, practicing anthropologists, and others working across various institutions/countries). As a COE member, I would offer the perspective of both the academic and the practicing anthropologist. My primary interests are in the design and implementation of ethics education and contributing to the development of an advisory program. Having worked on healthcare research addressing bioterrorism, cancer control, and adoption and worked with governments on policy issues related to migration, I recognize the multifarious ways that ethics is involved in all aspects of our research process, from design to the dissemination of findings. Furthermore, teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, I have become aware of the need to integrate ethics into student training beyond basic IRB requirements. I would be keen to see discussions of ethics supplemented with practical implementation of education across the diverse AAA membership, especially as these programs are fundamental not only to our conduct as researchers, but also to the perception of the discipline as a whole. I look forward to an opportunity to serve the anthropological community as a COE member.

## Candidates for Committee on Ethics-Undesignated # 3 Seat

**CATHLEEN CRAIN**

(PhD, University of Cambridge, 1997)

**Positions Held:** Lecturer, Yale University (2004-current); Associate Chair South Asian Studies, Yale University (2004-2006); Principal Health Research Scientist, Battelle Memorial Institute (2002-2004); Visiting Scholar, Women’s Studies, Harvard University (2001-1002); Fellow, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard; **Interests and/or Activities:** migration, policy, publics, knowledge, power, difference, family, ethnicity, religion, South Asia, Europe; Metropolis network scholar; **Significant Publications:** Where are you From? Middle Class Migrants in the Modern World, University of California Press, 2003; “Who The Hell Do You Think You Are? Promoting Religious Identity amongst Young Hindus in Britain,” Ethnic and Racial Studies, 2000; “Strategic Ignorance, Deliberate Forgetting: the Coalescence of Nation and Family Memory for Partition Refugees in Delhi,” Social Analysis, 2000 (special issue on the Symbolic Capital of Ignorance).

## Candidates for Committee on Ethics-Undesignated # 4 Seat

**STEVE STRIFFLER**

(PhD, New School, 1998)

**Positions Held:** Associate Professor (2003-Present) University of Arkansas; **Interests and/or Activities:** Latin America, immigration, labor, food, U.S. militarism; **Significant Publications:** In the Shadows of State and Capital, Duke University Press, 2002; Chicken: The Dangerous Transformation of America’s Favorite Food, Yale University Press, 2005.

I have taught at the University of Arkansas since 1999. My research focuses on the impact of U.S. corporations on Latin America and immigration into the United States. Ethical questions and concerns inform both my teaching and research. How does one do politically meaningful, ethically responsible, and methodologically innovative research? And how do we get our students to confront ethical questions both at the level of methods but also in terms of creating research projects that tackle socially urgent questions and make a difference in people’s lives. I have followed the ethical debates within the AAA and would look forward to working on the Committee on Ethics in order to help find ethically sound, sane, and constructive positions/policies/practices on a range of issues.
Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology–Undesignated #2 Seat

KAREN AKROGER (PhD, Washington University-St Louis, 2000) Positions Held: Behavioral Scientist, Global AIDS Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2004-present); Senior Health Research Scientist, Battelle Centers for Public Health Research and Evaluation (2002-2004); STD Prevention Postdoctoral Fellowship, Washington University School of Medicine and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2000-2002); Interests and/or Activities: HIV/AIDS/STIs, vulnerable populations, including drug users and sex workers, especially in Asia; anthropology of risk; training/capacity building in qualitative methods; public health and program evaluation; Significant Publications: AIDS Rumors, Imaginary Enemies, and the Body Politic in Indonesia, American Ethnologist, May 2003,

I am running for a seat on the Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology because it presents an opportunity to collaborate with colleagues in academia and to represent the interests and concerns of women working as practicing anthropologists in government and other non-academic settings. Those of us who work in non-academic settings face multiple challenges; first, as practicing anthropologists, we remain marginalized within our own discipline. Second, many of us work in bureaucratic or organizational environments in which writing and publishing is a challenge or simply unrewarded. Third, and perhaps most important, many of us work in government or other non-academic settings where the primary methods of anthropology are frequently employed by those who have little training in or understanding of anthropological theory or paradigms, in the assumption that “anyone can conduct qualitative research.” The result of this misperception is that projects are often poorly designed and carried out, which reinforces the perception that anthropology as a discipline has limited utility. If elected I will work with colleagues to develop strategies to promote a more “holistic” understanding of anthropology in non-academic environments, as a system of inquiry into human behavior that has practical utility and is grounded in theory and methodological rigor.


I have worked in a couple of different departments of Anthropology (as well as in the Department of Community and Behavioral Health when I was at the University of Iowa), and I have therefore observed a wide range of issues that can affect female graduate students and junior female faculty. I am particularly interested in advocating for (1) female faculty who have come to symbolize diversity and are therefore sometimes burdened with excessive service duties when they are called on to participate in a broad range of committees and student mentorship, (2) women who are hired part-time, in “visiting” positions, and on a per course basis who are attempting to develop the scholarly record necessary for obtaining a tenure track job while also trying to establish families, and (3) junior female faculty who are trying to work towards getting tenure while also being primary care-takers for dependents at home.

Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology–Undesignated #4 Seat

KAREN KELSKY (PhD Cultural Anthropology, University of Hawai‘i-Manoa, 1996) Positions Held: Head, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (2003-present) Associate Professor, Anthropology, East Asian Languages and Cultures and Affiliated Faculty in Gender and Women’s Studies, and Women and Gender in Global Perspective Program, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (2002-present) Associate Professor, University of Oregon (2001-2002) Assistant Professor, University of Oregon (1996-2001); Interests and/or Activities: Japan and East Asia, women, gender, sexuality, lesbian communities, FTM and transgender, race and structures of racism, neoliberalism and the academy; Significant Publications: “Gender, Modernity, and Erotic Internationalism in Japan.” David Willis and Stephen Murphy-Shigematsu, eds., Being Others in Japan: Multicultural Experiences in Japanese Society. (NY: Routledge, 2007); Women on the Verge: Japanese Women, Western Dreams (Duke University Press, 2001); “Gender, Modernity, and Erotic Internationalism in Japan.” Cultural Anthropology 14(2)1999.

I have a long-standing commitment to improving women’s access to and success in the academic profession; I have focused my efforts on identifying and confronting many of the institutional and cultural obstacles to women’s full and equal participation in professional settings, particularly women of color or women from historically marginalized communities. As a faculty member and as a Department head, I have instituted “professionalization workshops” that assist female graduate students and younger faculty with identifying the gender norms that hold women back from assertive self-ad vocacy in our increasingly competitive and corporatized work environment. As a member of this committee I would seek to work on the disciplinary level, to identify and intervene in the structures of (white) male privilege that, despite women’s many gains in the discipline of anthropology, continue to block women’s—particularly women of colors’—access to the highest ranks and positions in the academy.


COSWA is a vital committee of the AAA that has played an important role in advocating for women in a discipline that has sometimes been reluctant to address entrenched gender inequalities. If elected, I would build on the committee’s past accomplishments to advance our mission by means of: 1) the establishment of guidelines to help members of gender equity task-forces (both university- and government-related) to gain insight into the structures, practices, and
discursive/ideological underpinnings of gender-based discrimination, in order to provide sound bases for remedial policies; 2) the development of workshops and other resources to help women graduate students successfully establish themselves in professional and academic positions; and 3) the development of workshops and other resources for mid-career academic and professional women interested in moving into senior positions.

In addition to serving as chair of my department, I helped to establish the first women’s studies program at my university, coordinated a campus-wide women scholars’ speaker series, and participated in official discussions with the president and vice-president concerning gender parity on campus. My on-campus work is a direct reflection of my research interests in the political economic and symbolic dimensions of gender inequality in relation to welfare policy design and implementation. I look forward to the opportunity to extend this research expertise to the mission and activities of COSWA.

**COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Committee for Human Rights-Undesignated #4 Seat**


If elected to the CIHR, I pledge to represent the AAA’s interests in dealing with violations of human rights in international and national arenas. I would bring my expertise in human rights studies—particularly gender, globalization, and consumerism—in helping focus attention on the numerous violations of rights that we continue to witness. First, with increasing globalization and consumerization of the world, I pledge to bring attention to the contexts in which indigenous and under-represented peoples are impacted by economic and cultural interests of dominant cultures, especially as corporate and governmental powers subjugate people in ways that are often hidden from public awareness. As well, I pledge to raise concerns about rights violations that have emerged in the post-911 and post-invasion-Iraq world, including those that are tied to a purported war on terrorism. Third, I will use my expertise to emphasize violations that are experienced by gender and sexual minorities. Last, I will apply my understanding of technology, politics, and pedagogy to contexts of information and knowledge of human rights. I believe that the AAA should provide resources for anthropologists and their students for reporting and resolving all human rights violations. Awareness and understanding should be tenets of human rights concerns.

**Committee for Human Rights-Undesignated #5 Seat**


Over the past two decades, I have directed and participated in campaigns to address a wide array of human rights issues including environmental racism, HIV/AIDS and prisoner healthcare access, threats to workers’ rights, and US military and economic policy. As a committee member, I would promote a broad definition of human rights, holistically approaching the economic, social, political, and civil aspects of issues like militarism, healthcare access, environmental degradation, and the effects of economic globalization on structures of work and public services.

I believe in the discipline’s effectiveness at illuminating such complex social issues and in engaging their policy implications. It is incumbent on anthropologists and the AAA to engage in what Paul Farmer has called “pragmatic solidarity,” seeking opportunities to use research and resources to advocate for the people whom we live among and upon whom we build our careers.

I envision working with committee members to organize across sections to increase advocacy-policy-oriented human rights sessions and publications. I would encourage work in conjunction with the AAA staff to turn research and policy into practice. Collaborating with staff members, the committee could create materials for use in classrooms, disseminate accessible statements about anthropological human rights work to the media, and support organizing campaigns locally and nationally.

I am an Assistant professor of Anthropology at Marquette University. I am currently engaged in research on fair trade coffee circulating between Mexico and the Midwest. This project, as well as my previous work on an environmental social movement in Oaxaca, Mexico, reflects my continuing preoccupation with problems of social equity and justice. I believe there is a compelling case to be made by anthropologists that global environmental problems cannot be solved without addressing basic issues of economic and political enfranchisement. I would be glad to have the opportunity to share perspectives from environmental anthropology, and to help shape the agenda of the AAA human rights committee over the next three years.

VICTORIA SANFORD (PhD, Stanford University, 2000) Positions Held: Associate Professor (2005-present) Lehman College, City University of New York; Senior Research Fellow (2003-2005) Institute on Violence and Survival, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy; Fulbright Teaching/Research Scholar and Visiting Professor (Fall 2004) Department of Rural and Regional Development, Faculty of Environmental and Rural Studies, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia; Assistant Professor (2000-2003) Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame; Peace Fellow (1999-2000) Bunting Fellowship Program, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University; Interests and/or Activities: I am currently engaged in research on fair trade coffee circulating between Mexico and the Midwest. This project, as well as my previous work on an environmental social movement in Oaxaca, Mexico, reflects my continuing preoccupation with problems of social equity and justice. I believe there is a compelling case to be made by anthropologists that global environmental problems cannot be solved without addressing basic issues of economic and political enfranchisement. I would be glad to have the opportunity to share perspectives from environmental anthropology, and to help shape the agenda of the AAA human rights committee over the next three years.


For the last seven years I have undertaken an ethnohistorical and historical study of the humanitarian organization Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders. At the same time I have taught courses on human rights and related issues to undergraduate and graduate students, many of whom have worked, or will work, for nonprofit organizations, with varying degrees of doubt and enthusiasm. The remarkable growth of both NGOs and communication technology has produced a new infrastructure for the transnational flow of information and advocacy. Yet the mobile structure and pace of many international organizations leaves little time for the patient acquisition of contextual knowledge, or sustained critical reflection. My general goal as a member of the committee would be to better connect the resources of academic anthropology to the world of human rights practice. I would thus support efforts by the AAA to assist anthropologists in playing consultative roles when their expertise permits, while also learning from the experience of practitioners. Expanding the society’s resource page into a more extensive database, searchable by topic and region, would be one possible initiative.


I have approached human rights both as an investigative and questioning researcher and as a practitioner, having been Director of the Central American Human Rights Committees in London and member of a technical committee developing United Nations policy on child soldiers in Sierra Leone. As Associate Editor of the Journal of Human Rights, I am encouraging interdisciplinary conversations between anthropology and cognate disciplines such as history, sociology and political science. I would draw upon this broad experience in order to consolidate and augment the work of the
Committee and especially its task group on human rights policy. There is a need both to encourage more empirical anthropological research on human rights institutions and movements, and to find ways of better articulating anthropological perspectives within human rights policy contexts. My present research project is on the use of social and historical evidence at international criminal tribunals and if elected I would facilitate anthropological inquiry into international justice institutions, as well as deepen our understand-
ing of the uses and abuses of anthropological knowledge by inter-
national courts. Finally, I will work to strengthen the Committee’s international scholarly networks, especially in Latin America, Africa, and Europe.

**COMMITTEE ON MINORITY ISSUES IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology-Undesignated**

**#1 Seat**

SIMON J CRADDOCK LEE (PhD, University of California-San Francisco & Berkeley, 2003; MPH, UC Berkeley, 1998)  
**Positions Held:** Cancer Prevention Fellow, National Cancer Institute (2004-present); Co-Chair, Culture & Qualitative Research Interest Group, National Institutes of Health (2005-present); Fellow, AHRQ Health Services Research, Institute for Health Policy Studies (2000-2001); Programs Coordinator, Funders Concerned About AIDS (1994-1997);  
**Interests and/or Activities:** health disparities, social/cultural context in biobehavioral health, ethics & social values in Catholic healthcare;  

Service on an AAA standing committee is one means to participate and represent the broader anthropological community. Obviously, representation is complex if not vexed. I am a medical anthropologist, grounded in socio-cultural perspectives, with a strong appreciation for our four-field history. That said, whether or not that legacy is sustainable, our discipline’s future may lie more in our ability to incorporate the breadth of perspective made possible by shifting demographics. I am struck by the COMIA’s first objective to promote full and diverse participation while explicitly recognizing the limitations of society’s racializing framework. Cultural diversity efforts are often superficial and risk reifying differences through a generalized racial, ethnic, and gender positions. Any meaningful work towards diversity, in my opinion, must more lie more in our ability to incorporate the breadth of perspective made possible by shifting demographics. I am struck by the COMIA’s first objective to promote full and diverse participation while explicitly recognizing the limitations of society’s racializing framework. Cultural diversity efforts are often superficial and risk reifying differences through a categorical enumeration of supposedly universal characteristics. There are lessons to be learned from the false starts of so many cultural competency initiatives in health science and medicine. Championing local knowledges is clearly important, not just in and of themselves but for what they can bring to coalition agendas. I am committed to dialogue and exchange between so-called “academic” and “practicing/professional” constituencies. I feel strongly that anthropology can be more strategic in its engagement with plurality and social hybridity (situational identity of many stripes), without disregarding the tactical utility of identity politics for marshalling access to resources and legitimacy.

**ENRIQUE RODRIGUEZ-ALEGRIA** (PhD, University of Chicago, 2002)  
**Positions Held:** Assistant Professor (2003-Pres) Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin Post-doctoral Research Fellow (2002-2003) Archaeometry Laboratory, Research Reactor, University of Missouri, Columbia;  
**Interests and/or Activities:** archaeology, the Spanish empire in Latin America, colonialism;  

In recent years, the AAA has increased its attention on issues of human rights, race and racism, and the involvement of our discipline in public policy and activism. I think the AAA should continue its efforts to make our work increasingly relevant in public policy, and education, and I would be glad to help in any way I can as a board member. I also commend recent efforts to make our work available to anthropologists in other countries and in historically Black and Native American colleges and universities, such as the recent move to make AnthroSource available free of charge to those communities. I applaud these efforts, and I think we need to continue thinking creatively about how to make our work available and relevant in today’s world. I will be glad to help also in these efforts in the future. Finally, I am interested in continuing to attract minorities into our discipline. Efforts to retain minorities, give them visibility, and reward their academic and social work should continue to increase. The participation of minorities, broadly construed, in our discipline can only make our academic work better, and it will also improve our ability to influence the world around us in a positive way.

**Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology-Undesignated**

**#6 Seat**

MIEKA BRAND (PhD, University of Virginia, 2006)  
**Positions Held:** Visiting Assistant Professor (2006-present), College of Wooster; Visiting Instructor (2005), University of Virginia;  
**Interests and/or Activities:** Politics of racial identity, cultural geography, history production;  

As an anthropologist whose research and teaching are shaped by a commitment to positive social change, and being an adult-immigrant to the U.S., I am particularly attuned to the kinds of discourses and practices that marginalize minority voices and reproduce existing structural power imbalances. In overcoming discriminatory practices and facilitating social and cultural diversity (both within the discipline and beyond), I envision “diversity” as political action that facilitates the legitimization of those who speak from marginalized racial, ethnic, and gender positions. Any meaningful work towards diversity, in my opinion, must broaden not only who has access to opportunities and resources, but also which worldviews, value systems and voices help shape those opportunities and resources in the first place. Too frequently (as Vijay Prashad notes) “diversity” is deemed acceptable only when difference is skin-deep – that is, when individual members of marginalized populations reflect hegemonic cultural and social values. This allows those in privileged positions to celebrate “diversity” without ever engaging the full meaning of the concept, questioning who continues to be marginalized, or shifting hegemonic value systems in any way. As member of the Committee on Minority Issues, I will work to change
these trends, collaborating with other committee members to help implement true and longstanding diversity at all levels of the AAA.


Many of my teaching, research and service activities reflect the stated aims and goals of the Committee on Minority Issues. Therefore, I am well poised to help the committee fulfill its annual responsibilities. I am actively involved in departmental and campus programs geared towards attracting minority students to the discipline as a mentor and research project advisor. My research specialty, broadly defined as biocultural anthropology, has an important role to play in illustrating the discipline’s relevance to public discussions about cultural diversity. I am committed to promoting an understanding of biological and cultural intersections in the examination of human experiences. This involves the important task of promoting an understanding of cultural and biological diversity outside of racialized frameworks.

As an undergraduate and graduate student, I was actively involved in establishing the student section of the ABA. As a professor, I have been an active member of SANA and ABA, as well as other sections. I have consistently presented papers at section and general meetings. Most recently, I have begun to successfully co-organize sessions for the meetings with colleagues. Among other things, I see myself contributing to the junior, minority and anthropological leadership presence within the organization.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY

Committee on Public Policy-Undesignated #1 Seat


The cross-cultural and multidisciplinary scope of anthropological scholarship is an important asset that has been under-utilized at the local, national and international policy-making levels. My goal as a member of the Public Policy Committee is to strengthen established bridges and build new connections between applied research and public policy outcomes that address social disparities. An important contribution of the AAA is to promote participation by academic and non-academic anthropologists in engaging policy-makers in strategic dialogues that produce recommendations that reflect community concerns and goals. The holistic and global orientation of anthropology makes our discipline well suited to contribute to resolving compelling issues that divide local stakeholders and policy experts who exert considerable power on community life. Health care disparities; ecological issues of climate change, subsistence, and food/water insecurity; displacement and recovery from natural and human-made disasters; and the transmigration of people and ideas are a handful of the factors that impact policy decision-making in our rapidly changing world, and that anthropologists are well posed to address. My experience conducting cross-cultural and international research within diverse communities has provided me with an excellent foundation of active scholarship that I can utilize to strengthen the role of AAA in shaping public policy to that advance social justice.


I have a strong desire to help other anthropologists acquire the professional skills it takes to influence public policy in effective ways and for a meaningful purpose. As individuals, anthropologists frequently have issues in the public arena about which we care passionately, and as professionals, we often see policies that might be wiser if they incorporated even some of what we know. There is no lack of motivation on our part to apply analytic power to effect positive change. As a discipline, however, we have yet to institutionalize ways to equip ourselves—in and out of the academy, across sub-disciplines, and at all stages of career—with the practical tools to have a significant impact on policymaking. My interest in serving with the Public Policy Committee is to help regularize opportunities for anthropologists to learn how to write in ways so that we are understood by others and not just consider ourselves “right” in our own minds, to convince people who do not necessarily share the same outlook that what we have to say is worth acting upon, and to
build up networks of civic-minded scholars who are influential in the right places at the right time.

**Committee on Public Policy-Undesignated #4 Seat**


What is the appropriate role that anthropological knowledge and anthropologists should play in the public policy arena? On the one hand, anthropologists want the knowledge we produce to impact public policy debates, especially given the dominance of quantitative and rational-choice approaches in policymaking and the insight into the nature of misunderstood social groups and processes that anthropologists can provide. On the other hand, we cannot control the ends to which our knowledge is put. The danger of anthropological knowledge being used for purposes to which we would object is all too real, especially since the widespread neoliberalization of governance often relies on the types of knowledge anthropologists produce—knowledge of communities and of culture, for instance.

Before becoming an anthropologist, I worked in government and in the nonprofit policy sector. My anthropological work focuses on urban public policy, in particular urban planning and economic development. My informants have included both policymakers and community or advocacy groups, forcing me to face the issue of how my research might impact policy debates, and to what ends. As a member of the Public Policy committee, I would bring this experience to bear to temper anthropologists’ rightful desire to have our research and knowledge improve peoples’ lives with a cautious consideration of the unintended consequences of engagement.

**PHILIP HERR** (PhD, Columbia University, 1988) Positions Held: Senior Executive Candidate (2006-present), Assistant Director (2000-2006), Senior Evaluator (1990-2000), Social Science Analyst (1989-1990), U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO); Research Associate, (1988-1989) Metis Associates; Evaluation Analyst (1985-1988), Office of Assessment and Accountability, New York City Department of Education; Interests and/or Activities: applied anthropology, evaluation, policy analysis; Significant Publications: At GAO, I have led teams that have produced over 50 reports and testimonies to support Congressional oversight of a range of international and domestic efforts, including foreign assistance programs in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe; reconstruction following natural disasters (2005 tsunami, hurricanes and earthquakes in Central America and the Caribbean); federal support for workers who lost employment due to trade globalization; and, U.S.-Mexico border region programs. Prior publications include 15 evaluations of state-federally funded programs in New York City public schools.

I strongly believe that anthropologists have significant positive contributions to make to public policy debates. However, I also believe that we miss opportunities to contribute to these debates because our arguments are sometimes targeted to other anthropologists rather than expressed so that policy makers and informed members of the public can easily understand them. I will work to bridge that gap and identify specific areas where our insights and expertise can be applied.

I bring 20 years experience as an applied anthropologist to this position, including in-depth work with globalization and education—key issues the Committee has targeted in its Long-Range Plan. As a Senior Executive Candidate at the GAO, I am actively engaged in the policy process in Washington, D.C., working with a range of constituencies and stakeholders from the Congress, academia, the private sector, and state and local government to provide analysis used to shape legislation and programs. I also led two NAPA-sponsored workshops at the AAA meetings to disseminate information on program evaluation methods and potential career options outside academia.

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**RESOLUTIONS FROM AAA BUSINESS MEETING**

1) Iraq

WHEREAS the U.S. Government led an invasion and occupation of Iraq in violation of Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter in March 2003; and

WHEREAS over the past 32 months more than 2,700 U.S. troops and an estimated 655,000 Iraqis (the vast majority civilians) have been killed in the subsequent violence; and

WHEREAS the U.S. military is holding in detention approximately 15,000 Iraqis without charge; and

WHEREAS U.S. military and intelligence personnel and U.S. Government subcontractors have tortured and abused detainees at Abu Ghraib and other Iraqi prisons in violation of the Geneva Conventions; and

WHEREAS much of Iraq’s historical, cultural, and archaeological heritage was looted or destroyed following the U.S.-led invasion while occupying forces made no effort to protect it; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Coalition Provisional Authority, under the leadership of Paul Bremer, created a set of edicts (codified into the Iraqi constitution in violation of international law) that has facilitated the plunder of Iraq’s national industries and natural resources by multinational corporations; and

WHEREAS the U.S. military presence in Iraq has undermined the political stability of that country and the Middle East region;

Be it moved that the American Anthropological Association condemns the U.S.-led invasion and occupation of Iraq and urges the U.S. Congress and President George W. Bush to:

Immediately withdraw all U.S. military personnel, intelligence agents, and subcontractors from Iraq; and

Cease all U.S. military operations and vacate all U.S. military bases in Iraq; and
Make payments for the removal and cleanup of depleted uranium, unexploded cluster bombs, and other residual waste left from munitions; and

Prosecute all individuals who have committed war crimes against Iraqis; and

Fund the creation of a United Nations peacekeeping force to assume peacekeeping duties in Iraq.

2) Torture

WHEREAS over the past 32 months, documentary and photographic evidence of widespread physical and psychological torture and abuse of prisoners in the Middle East, Central Asia, and Guantanamo Bay on the island of Cuba, at the hands of U.S. Military and U.S. Intelligence personnel and subcontractors has appeared; and

WHEREAS at least 98 prisoners have died while in custody of U.S. Military and U.S. Intelligence personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan, including 45 suspected or confirmed homicides; and

WHEREAS Moazzam Begg, Asef Iqbal, Shafik Rasul, Ruhal Ahmed, and others have alleged that they were tortured and abused by U.S. Military or U.S. Intelligence personnel while imprisoned in Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay on the island of Cuba, and detention centers in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has assembled an overseas network of secret prisons not accessible by the International Committee of the Red Cross or by other international bodies charged with monitoring compliance with the U.N. Convention Against Torture; and

WHEREAS U.S. Central Intelligence Agency personnel and subcontractors have used “waterboarding” (in which the prisoner is made to believe he is drowning) and other techniques violating the U.N. Convention Against Torture; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Government has, since 1988, been abducting foreign nationals for detention and interrogation as part of an “extraordinary rendition” program which violates the U.N. Convention Against Torture; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has, since the early 1990s, been abducting foreign nationals for detention and interrogation as part of an “extraordinary rendition” program which violates the U.N. Convention Against Torture; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Government has, since 1988, attempted to substitute its own legal definition of torture excluding sensory deprivation, self-inflicted pain, disorientation, and other forms of severe psychological abuse; and

WHEREAS in September 2006 the U.S. Congress passed into law the Military Commissions Act, which includes provisions that would in many cases grant retroactive immunity for government officials who authorized or ordered illegal acts of torture or abuse; and

Be it moved that the American Anthropological Association unequivocally condemns the use of anthropological knowledge as an element of physical and psychological torture; condemns the use of physical and psychological torture by U.S. Military and Intelligence personnel, subcontractors, and proxies; and urges the U.S. Congress and President George W. Bush to:

Comply fully with national and international anti-torture laws, including the Geneva Conventions and protocols, the U.N. Convention Against Torture, the 1996 U.S. War Crimes Act, and U.S. Criminal Code, Sections 2340-2340A; and

Ban all interrogation techniques—including physical and psychological torture—that violate the broad universal humanitarian standard outlined in the U.N. Convention Against Torture; and

Repudiate any attempts by any U.S. Government official to substitute any definition of torture for that broad universal humanitarian standard; and

Comply fully with the U.S. Supreme Court’s Hamdan v. Rumsfeld decision of 2006, in which the majority opinion states that even during times of war, “the Executive is bound to comply with the Rule of Law”; and

Repeal the 2006 U.S. Military Commissions Act; and

Terminate the “extraordinary rendition” program and halt the transfer of detainees to countries with a history of prisoner abuse and torture; and

Close all U.S. overseas prisons and release all prisoners being held without charge in U.S. prisons (including overseas prisons); and

Release the names of all prisoners being held in U.S. prisons (including all overseas prisons); and

Pay reparations to all victims who have suffered physical or psychological torture at the hands of U.S. Military and Intelligence personnel, subcontractors, and proxies; and

Grant the International Committee of the Red Cross and other international monitoring agencies full access to all U.S. overseas prisons; and

Prosecute all individuals—including current and former Bush administration officials—who have authorized or committed war crimes or who have violated laws prohibiting torture.

AMERICAN ETHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Candidates for President


If elected, I would work to promote the presence of anthropologists in the public sphere as critical commentators on issues of growing inequality, militarization, violence, human rights, and the erosion of democratic practice. My own research has focused on labor relations as constituted in global political economy, including inequalities of gender and race, in Peru, Brazil, Mexico and the U.S.(for example Threads: Gender, Labor and Power in the Global Apparel Industry, 2003 and Work Without Wages, 1990, edited with Martha

I am honored to be nominated to serve as President of the AES. I bring to the position experience of service as a section president (Association for Feminist Anthropology, 1993-95), as a member of the AAA Executive Board (1993-95) and as a member of the AES Board (Monographs Editor, 1994-97). As the oldest and largest section representing cultural anthropologists within the AAA, the AES has a major role to play within the larger body as well as carrying on the tradition of spring meetings, book prizes, and the production of American Ethnologist. Critical issues on the horizon include the impact of AnthroSource on section revenues and the changing meaning of section membership within the larger association. I look forward to working with the AES membership to strengthen our links to other sections within the AAA and internationally.

Candidates for Councilor


I became an anthropologist because of our discipline’s tradition of activist scholars, and I am happy to run for AES councilor at a time when anthropologists are thinking seriously about our roles as public intellectuals and educators. Recent actions by the AAA and its sub-sections— I am thinking, for example, of the 2006 resolution to condemn the U.S. war in Iraq, the vote of the Society for Anthropology of Work and other sections to support the global boycott of Coca Cola, and the formation of the AAA Labor Relations Commission— suggest a renewed spirit of activism and engagement in our organization. AES has been an important part of these developments, as it has been critical in shaping the theoretical grounding of anthropology. I would welcome the opportunity to be a member of the AES executive board, and to contribute to these and other efforts to make the AAA a public voice for social justice.


Anthropology has extraordinary opportunities to transform relations of power/knowledge by collaborative and interactive cooperation with social movements, indigenous intellectuals, international counterparts, and non-academic actors in a wide variety of fields. New insights, methods, and forms of analysis emerge from such interactions. My research on social movement strategies in Santiago, explored in Marketing Democracy: Power and Social Movements in Post-Dictatorship Chile, engaged grassroots health promoters in conducting their own ethnographic study and sought to be in dialogue with them in analyzing the particular contours of Chilean political democracy. My current research on tensions and cooperations between international aid agencies and indigenous movements in Ecuador seeks to understand the mutual construction of participatory democracy while exchanging ideas with indigenous intellectuals in certain political junctures. As AES Councilor I would seek to bring into public discussion such transnational and cross-sector interactions on major contemporary issues such as war and violence, citizenship and human rights, and constructions of identity.

Candidates for President

I believe that environmental issues are the most critical facing humanity now and in the foreseeable future. Health, welfare, social justice, and the fundamental anthropological challenge of understanding the course of human life on earth boils down to understanding the evolving relationships between human organisms, societies, and cultures and the “natural” environment, broadly conceived. The future of a broadly synthetic science of humanity, that is, *anthropology*, is best served, I believe, by a vigorous cross-disciplinary (and cross-subdisciplinary) program of research and critical analysis of the past, present, and future of the human role in nature. I helped establish a vigorous graduate program in environmental anthropology at the University of Washington ten years ago, which has drawn to anthropology exceptionally gifted and highly motivated students from ecocentric backgrounds and with a rich mix of applied and theoretical interests. I would hope that the AAA would actively promote similar programs, whether institutionally based or collaborative efforts by a range of academic and professional organizations. I would hope our section would foster stronger cooperation between the AAA and organizations with parallel interests and would encourage anthropologists to speak out more effectively with regard to the human dimension on issues of public environmental policy.

I have been a member of A & E since it began in the early 1990s and I have benefited tremendously from the scholarly connections and collegial relationships it has afforded me and from the things I have learned from A & E members during our sponsored AAA panels. As president I will continue the fine work done by previous presidents and officers and contribute in the following ways. First, I will work with our membership to design a plan for more environmentally friendly meetings and meeting venues and present this plan to the AAA executive board. Second, I will work with the membership to locate our section at the forefront of disciplinary and association discussions about open access rights to anthropological publications since many of us work with colleagues in parts of the world where library resources are limited. Third, I will find new ways to increase our membership so that we continue to have numerous sponsored and invited sessions at the AAA meetings. Fourth, I will attempt to create a mechanism within the section for mentoring junior scholars. Finally, I will work with the membership on issues of interest that I have not covered in this statement.


My major goals as a board member of A & E would be (1) to assist in the development and implementation of policies established by the membership and the board; and (2) to promote the visibility of environmental and ecological anthropology through increased engagement with educational, governmental, and non-governmental agencies and organizations. The relevance of anthropology to contemporary environmental concerns and problems is not as well known, understood, or established as could be the case. I consider the major challenge facing A & E to make ourselves more visible and thus relevant to society, from local to global scales. I would bring to the board considerable experience in that regard, having served recently on committees of two fishery management councils (South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico), one marine fishery commission (South Atlantic), and having also participated recently in the development of a social science component for research on harmful algal blooms (National Coastal Ocean Service), in a NOAA-sponsored workshop to develop a Southeastern Consortium Coastal Initiative for research and policy strategies for the southeastern coastal states, and in a Smithsonian Institution workshop to develop an educational agenda for conservation biology. If elected, I would encourage a broadened and expanded outreach.


Anthropology offers critical insights to inform understandings, policy and practice at the intersection of environmental conservation and social justice. Anthropological approaches to conservation as a social process – shaped by institutional cultures and cultural contexts of specific locations – can contribute to environmental issues...
at multiple levels. At a policy level, anthropological perspectives are important to understanding the ways environmental problems and solutions are framed and to enlarging the space for conservation approaches grounded in links between cultural and biological diversity. In specific places, anthropological knowledge of interactions of people and their environments, impacts of changes in resource access and use, and the perspectives and interests of different actors contributes to ensuring that conservation initiatives are more effective, equitable and collaborative. My own work spans these levels and spheres, from field research on community-based natural resource management in Asia, to support for community conservation initiatives to my current, primary focus on conservation social policy development and implementation. As a member of the Anthropology and Environment Section board, I would work to facilitate more active links between anthropologists and conservation practitioners, to enhance dialogue on approaches to conservation with equity as well as research and practical collaborations supporting resilient social and ecological systems.

Candidates for Junior at-Large Board Member


I have been an active participant in Anthropology and Environment meetings, conferences, listserves and social events for the past five years and I have been impressed with how the section has worked to serve the needs of its growing and diversifying membership. In particular, the mentoring provided through the Graduate Student Rappaport Panel has received rave reviews from all participants, and the Lourdes Arizpe Award has made an important step in the direction of celebrating the accomplishments of applied anthropologists. If elected, I will work to continue these programs and to develop others that would reach out to graduate students at earlier stages in their programs, support early-stage scholars as they strive to publish their findings, and increase the visibility of anthropological perspectives in policy and development arenas. As someone who as worked as an environmental practitioner in multiple policy-oriented NGOs, as an environmental journalist, and most recently as an academic, I think the greatest strength and the greatest challenge of the section is to continue to be inclusive, encouraging both critical perspectives and policy interventions. Finally, I will work to increase the visibility of members’ concerns and priorities within the American Anthropological Association.

Candidates for Student Member


I am honored to apply for the Anthropology and Environment Student Board Member position because I am deeply passionate about enhancing this field of interest and communicating it to others. I want to be more involved in networking student participation in this sector. My interests in Anthropology and the Environment heightened at University of Hawaii where I received a Masters in Ecological Anthropology and a certificate in Conflict Resolution under the supervision of Dr. Leslie Sponsel. Currently, I am pursuing a doctorate in Environmental Anthropology and a certificate in Human Dimensions on Global Environmental Change. My advisor, Dr. Emilio Moran awarded me a research assistant position at the Anthropological Center for Training and Research on Global Environmental Change (ACT). For the past years, my work at the
research center has focused on land use decision making in the Brazilian Amazon. My qualifications reveal talents in communicating, developing, directing and working in teams, as well as, supervising and designing both professional and academic research projects. It would be an honor to be part of the Anthropology and Environment section since I truly support the goals of the American Anthropological Association.


If selected as student representative, my main activity would be to keep the section on the cutting edge, in terms of the anthropology that we do and the institutions of which we are a part. We have the opportunity to make an impact, because our work becomes ever more relevant. This is true in part because other fields are adopting material from our repertoire as environmental anthropologists. More importantly, of course, we are relevant because the things we study are critical for the future of life on earth.

One way we can keep the section at the forefront is by incorporating students fully into the activities of the community. I’ve been active in the section since 2002, as part of many of the activities that deal with student members – the Rappaport Student Prize, the Lourdes Arizpe Prize, the EANTH-L discussion list that I moderate, business meetings, etc. I propose that we build on these successes in new directions, devising new settings such as workshops, panels and internet venues that would empower student involvement. Bringing students all the way on board is one step towards making the section a community in which academics and practitioners can continue to learn from and support each other.

**ARCHEOLOGY DIVISION**

_Candidates for President-Elect_


Large populations live in desertified landscapes; social inequality is increasing with rapid urbanization, and ethnically-based nationalism, factionalism, and warfare are on the rise. Each of these modern concerns has ancient roots. Archaeology, with its unique tools for capturing such long-term processes, has much to contribute and much to gain by connecting the past with the present in the public mind. The Archaeology Division of the AAA is an ideal forum in which to develop resounding messages about the importance of the deep past. The AAA has the potential to exert significant social influence, yet it is a challenge to contribute properly to wider social dialog. Archaeologists might follow the lead of astronomers and geographers, who systematically convey findings and controversies to the public. We also need to pursue the paths blazed by ecologists in creating knowledge bases that make project results broadly comparable and permanently accessible. If elected, I will work to increase the resonance of archaeology’s public messages and seek to harness the power of the organization to stimulate public investment in our discipline. I will also strive to maintain the annual meetings as a place where archaeologists can enjoy symposia and distinguished lectures of the highest quality.


I have 16 years of experience in service roles for national, regional, and state organizations, and now a year as Interim Chair for a department with 35 anthropologists. Organizational skill and conscientiousness enable me to succeed with routine operations, while idealism motivates me to seek better ways to conduct business. I respect the intellectual heritage linking archaeology and anthropology and value any theory and practice that fosters and enhances this mutual dependency. I believe that archaeology embraces anthropology more than anthropology embraces archaeology, and view the AD as the major institution for ameliorating this bias. To that end I would strive to increase: (1) AD membership, (2) representation of archaeology in American Anthropologist, and (3) involvement of archaeologists in AAA governance.

_Candidate for Treasurer_

I have been an active member of AAA since 1971 and am committed both by education and research to the four-field approach in anthropology. I am particularly motivated by my conviction that archaeology must reside firmly within anthropology and more specifically cultural anthropology. This demands that archaeology be grounded in anthropology, not only pedagogically but also with respect to the organizational side of anthropology as a whole. This becomes even more crucial as more intensive and sophisticated scientific methods are utilized in archaeology resulting in the unintended effect of shifting the focus of archaeology away from anthropology. It is essential that archaeologists not only remember their roots in anthropology but more importantly remind the rest of the anthropological community that we are also anthropologists and that our voices must be represented along with theirs. If elected I will commit myself to increasing our voice and impact within the AAA, insuring that our colleagues recognize us as cultural anthropologists and equals rather than an alien discipline with little in common with what they consider anthropology. I would be committed to increasing our impact within the AAA and to assure that Archaeology remains a high visibility subdiscipline within the organization.

Candidate for Publication Director


The Archaeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association is an important and valuable place to publish because it is guaranteed widespread distribution among high caliber anthropological archaeologists. The “built in” readership of the Archaeology Division thus deserves a series that publishes timely, thought-provoking, and significant works. As editor of the series, I will (1) seek out intellectually stimulating manuscripts of broad theoretical, methodological, and substantive interest with clear potential to remain salient for many years; (2) work with authors and editors to ensure the series publishes well-researched, well-argued, well-written papers; (3) work with the publishers to make sure that successful, high-demand volumes remain “in print” in addition to their being available electronically.

Candidates for Member-at-Large


As an archaeologist who conducts research in the non-profit private sector, I also hold an adjunct position at a local university and am engaged in a variety of community archaeology and advocacy projects. A primary focus of my work in all of these contexts is to explore the connections between archaeological knowledge and the contemporary use of it. I attempt to find ways to use archaeology and anthropology to engage larger societal issues in an overt and activist fashion – in particular, to use the public archaeology of African America to dismantle white privilege and address still-prevalent racist attitudes and assumptions about both past and present. Therefore I am interested in connections – between archaeology and anthropology (including applied anthropology), between archaeology and other disciplines, and between archaeology and multiple publics. As Member-at-Large serving on the Executive Committee of the Archaeology Division, I would work towards a heightened awareness of the active use that archaeology can have in contemporary society, and would provide a perspective which bridges academic, non-academic, and public communities.


Over a 30-year career in historical archaeology I have worked in business, museum, and academic settings. I served for many years on the boards of the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology (CNEHA) and the Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC) and am currently a board member of Historic Rittenhouse-Town, the site of the first paper mill in America. My diverse interests and wide professional network are particularly well suited to the AAA, which brings together so many subfields of anthropology. My most recent work in urban archaeology has made me aware of the need for interpretation that targets different audiences, and as a member-at-large I would be interested in working with others to identify ways to communicate the results of our research more effectively. Among our publics I include historians who I think we need to make a special effort to reach.

Candidates for Program Chair-Elect


Archeology has turned a corner in the 21st century. Our discipline continues to develop sophisticated methods and rich theoretical frameworks for interpreting the past, but it also has taken to heart concerns about colonialism, descendant communities and stakeholders, ethics, connections between local contexts and global processes, and the entanglement of reconstructions of the past in the
politics of the present. This concern with the present further tightens archaeology’s connection to a broader anthropology, just as its contributions to understanding human history, whether dating back millennia or centuries or decades, enrich both scientific and humanistic studies in anthropology and well beyond. As Program Editor, I will help insure that the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association richly reflects this diversity in archaeological practices and themes. My vantage point derives from the trajectories of my own research. I have focused on both past and present as meaningful elements of contemporary archaeology, especially with regard to collaborative projects with Native peoples and the legacies of colonialism, and I have spent my career thus far crossing disciplinary and temporal boundaries (for instance, the “history/prehistory” divide) with my research on the historical archaeology of indigenous people in the Americas.


I am a southwestern archaeologist with broad interests in archaeological method and theory. I regularly present papers at annual meetings and have been a member of several divisions of the association. If elected I have three goals: (1) to increase meeting participation by archaeologists; (2) to solicit cutting edge theoretical invited sessions; and (3) to assist the AD Publications Director and Executive Committee in identifying and recruiting exciting symposia for AP3A Monographs. I have experience organizing conferences (e.g., Mogollon conference, The Southwest Symposium) that involves developing theoretical themes, soliciting symposia, and preparing meeting programs. I have also organized and participated in AAA and SAA symposia that were developed into edited volumes. To increase participation in meeting, I would encourage archaeologists to submit papers and symposia whose topics transcend anthropological subdisciplines (e.g., religion, Native American studies, ecology, gender, violence). Because I am a strong advocate for cross-cultural studies that integrate the subdivisions of anthropology, I particularly look forward to soliciting invited sessions that focus on the theoretical contributions archaeologists are making to the development of anthropological theory in the fields of material culture, oral tradition, social complexity and inequality, and human ecology.

ASSOCIATION FOR AFRICANIST ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidate for Secretary


As secretary, I would engage with my administrative duties in order to facilitate communication among the increasingly diverse officers and constituencies of the association. I would aid communication and coordinated activity by disseminating reports on association activities, meetings and plans. I am especially interested in serving the interests of the graduate student membership and of international liaisons as AfAA builds collaboration with European and African scholars. The organization is at a point at which it seeks to mobilize support and active engagement throughout multiple generations, nationalities and intellectual/linguistic communities of Africanist anthropological scholars. It is also considering its relationship to other organizations such as the Association for Black Anthropologists which has some concurrent interests with AfAA including scholarship on the African diaspora and on global processes. Having research and work experience in Senegal, South Africa, and the US, I am sensitive to the distinct opportunities and constraints placed by diverse institutional contexts on scholarship. I believe that the recognition and coordination of diverse strengths and weaknesses in terms of access to resources, research infrastructures, academic freedom and professional visibility can build a multigenerational, multinational organization, a goal which seems feasible for AfAA in the near future.

Candidates for Program Committee


As a founding AfAA member and two-term Membership Chair, I enjoyed working with AfAA officers and members as the Association was created, and I look forward to helping develop AfAA programs that will create an even stronger presence for Africa at the AfAA Annual Meetings. I especially want to help increase our membership, work closely with the Board to enhance several initiatives currently in the planning stages, and add to our healthy financial situation. I have considerable experience in international collaborations, upon which the AfAA Board now places increased emphasis. I am presently working on fundraising for Project Hope, Nnjikom, a Cameroon organization dedicated to helping AIDS victims obtain anti-retroviral drugs. Since 1986 I have been working with UNESCO and the Cameroon government on the resettling of survivors of the Lake Nyos disaster in Cameroon and since 1987 I have been Coordinator and Newsletter Editor of the North American Association of Cameroon Scholars. In addition to several Fulbright grants, numerous conference presentations, and published scholarly books and articles, my work as editorial consultant for many scholarly journals and my appearances on BBC (2007) and German Public Radio (2006) have honed other useful skills that I can bring to the AfAA Program Committee. As well as fieldwork in Cameroon since 1981, I have conducted research in Ireland and the U.S., a background that underscores for me the importance of having AfAA collaborate with other AAA sections to co-sponsor panels that cut across boundaries.

ASSOCIATION FOR FEMINIST ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidates for President-Elect


As a long-time member of the Association for Feminist Anthropology, I am committed to ensuring that AFA retains and strengthens its vitality and vision. In my two years as a member of the AFA Executive Board and two years as Program Co-Chair, I have participated in board meetings, debates and decisions, and would like to facilitate these continuing conversations as President. I believe that AFA is at a critical juncture where we could benefit from some thoughtful strategic planning to reflect on our past and plan for our future: How do we tap into and support the research, teaching, and political interests of our members in all the sub-disciplines of anthropology? As feminists, how do we navigate the dynamics of theory and practice, of academics and activism? How can we learn from younger generations of feminist anthropologists, and ensure that their voice and vision is reflected in the activities and agendas of AFA? I am committed to a broad definition of “feminist,” an open and inclusive membership, and continuing efforts to link our resources and ideas with those of other AAA sections such as SOLGA, ABA and SUNTA, who share our vision of a progressive, politically engaged anthropology.


I am honored to have been asked to run for this office, following in the footsteps of presidents who have been dedicated to combining their scholarship with their commitment to social justice. In my own work, I have been involved with neighborhood-based grassroots movements since the 1980s, when I was employed as a community
organizer in south Chicago. Since my return to graduate school in the 1990s, my research has focused particularly on the critical roles played by low-income women in forging local-level movements aimed at bettering conditions in their beleaguered communities. One distinguishing characteristic of AFA is our belief that scholarship and activism can be intimately intertwined without either endeavor losing its integrity in the process. My past service to AFA includes serving as a board member, as program chair and as editor of our journal, *Voices*. As President of AFA I will continue to strengthen our links with other progressive sections of the AAA, including ABA, SANA, SUNTA, ALLA, SAW and SOLGA and will work to ensure that the smaller sections retain a strong voice in shaping the future direction of the AAA. In addition, I would also like to expand our dialogue with grassroots activists through innovative conference sessions and in *VOICES*, in ways that allow us to act as allies to and share our resources with women engaged in struggle.

**AFA Bylaws Amendments**

**Article II Purposes, 1:**
…on issues related to gender differences and to gender-based discrimination to within the discipline and the public society;

**ARTICLE III. Powers**
2. The Section shall have an elected *Chair President*, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and other elected or appointed officers as set forth in these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IV. Membership**
1. ...stipulated by the Executive Committee Board of the Section.
3. ...the Executive Committee Board, subject to appeal to the Members at the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE V. Dues**
1. The Executive Committee Board shall set the annual dues of Members and may establish rates

**ARTICLE VI. Officers**
1. The officers shall be a *Chair*, Chair-elect, and Secretary-Treasurer, President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The Chair President shall be the presiding officer of the Section, and its first representative on the Board of Directors of the American Anthropological Association, and its representative on the Executive Committee Board of the American Anthropological Association.
3. The Chair President-elect shall assume the duties of the Chair President in the event of absence, death, resignation or incapacity of the Chair President, and shall succeed to the office of Chair President at the expiration of the term as Chair President-elect...
4. ...the Executive Committee Board of the AAA ...
5. The Secretary will take minutes of all Executive Committee Board and Association Meetings, ...for the Executive Committee Board, and undertake any other secretarial tasks delegated by the Chair President.
6. The terms of office of all officers the President and President-elect shall be two years, and the terms of Secretary and Treasurer shall be three years, ... .

**ARTICLE VII. Executive Committee Board**
1. There shall be an Executive Committee Board consisting of the officers, three four members elected at-large from the membership of the Section, and any additional representatives elected by the Section to the Board of Directors of the American Anthropological Association.
2. ...the Executive Committee Board shall ... 
3. The Executive Committee Board shall meet at least once annually, at the time of the Annual Meeting, and may meet additionally at the call of the Chair President or a majority vote of the Executive Committee Board.
4. At-large members of the Executive Committee Board shall be elected for two three-year terms, by the membership. Two at-large members shall be elected in even-numbered years and one in odd-numbered years, except that in the initial election, associated with the establishment of the Section, all three at-large members shall be elected, with one of them elected for a one-year term. If the Section should be entitled to more than two representatives to the Board of Directors of the American Anthropological Association, the third, fourth and fifth representatives shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among the at-large members.
5. The Executive Committee Board shall make all non-elective appointments...

**ARTICLE VIII. Annual Report**
1. At the time of each Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee Board shall report its activities...

**ARTICLE IX. Meetings**
3. New legislation or resolutions proposed by Members for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer …the Executive Committee Board votes.
5. The Executive Committee Board shall appoint a Program Chair...
6. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee Board ...

**ARTICLE X. Quorum**
2. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee Board ...

**ARTICLE XI. Nominations and Elections**
1. Candidates for any elective office may be nominated by the Executive Committee Board ...
2. A Nominations Committee of three (3) Members shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee Board.
3. The Nominations Committee shall nominate two (2) persons for each vacant office, except that a nominee for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may run unopposed. These nominations shall be made known to Members at least one hundred twenty (120) days before the Annual Meeting. The Nominations Committee will solicit nominations from AFA members at the annual business meeting. The Nominations Committee will finalize the slate and it will be presented to the AFA membership via ballot provided by the AAA.
4. Five (5) percent of the Members in good standing may nominate an additional candidate for any office, provided the nomination is presented to the AFA membership via ballot provided by the AAA.
5. The candidate receiving the most votes for a contested office results to the Executive Committee.
6. Article XI, items 1-5 shall not be effective in establishment of the slate of candidates when the Section is initially organized and holds its first election.

**ARTICLE XII. Balloting**
2. AFA will follow all procedures for elections set forth in the AAA bylaws. Ballots shall be secret and enclosed in a signed envelope. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to examine the eligibility of any voter.
3. Thirty (30) days shall be allowed for the return of ballots. Ballots must be received by the Secretary (or an appropriate delegate at the AAA Headquarters) not later than the stated return date to be counted.
4. A service agency may be engaged to tally the votes and certify the results to the Executive Committee.
5. The candidate receiving the most votes for a contested office shall be elected; the Executive Committee shall hold a run-off election within ninety (90) days to resolve all ties.

**ARTICLE XIII. Referenda**
1. A referendum may be conducted by mail ballot at any time upon initiation of the Executive Committee Board ...
ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICAL AND LEGAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidates for President-Elect


I have been active with APLA since 1998, and my initial connections with the organization were absolutely crucial to my own entrée into professional anthropological work: I published my first article in its journal; I began work as an editorial board member and peer reviewer for PoLAR etc. If I am elected president, I will focus my attention on three areas: 1) I will continue to promote the association’s commitment to developing realms in which junior scholars are brought into an array of professional activities; 2) I will give priority to the association’s journal, PoLAR, particularly as we continue to straddle both print and digital formats; 3) I will work with interested APLA members, and the AAA, to explore avenues to fashion intellectual collaborations around theory, pedagogy, research design, or reading ethnographies. Making anthropology, political and legal anthropology. Many of our scholarly discussions advance ideas that would make important contributions to public debate and, in some instances, policy-making and political action. I would work with interested APLA members, and the AAA, to bring our ideas into public discourse through media—new and old. Anyone for APLA podcasting?

Candidates for Junior Board Member-at-Large


APLA has consistently provided an intellectual home where I could think through the layers of the political in new ways. However, like all AAA sections, APLA is now wondering how to maintain and expand its membership in an Anthrosource world, where membership and journal subscription are no longer linked and finances are uncertain. As a junior faculty member, as well as faculty at a liberal arts college, I bring to my candidacy for the APLA executive committee a strong desire to continue, promote, and build upon the sense of community and mentorship that APLA has long fostered. I would work to further these goals through continued programming that encourages an active and involved membership. Activities at the AAA Annual Meeting are one way to do this; thematic mini-workshops and lunch roundtables have been fertile complements to panels and policy panels. Pre- or post- meeting activities or group blogs – among the lines of the popular Savage Minds site – may be other ways to fashion intellectual collaborations around theory, pedagogy, research design, or reading ethnographies. Making anthropology, political/legal anthropology, and APLA relevant within and beyond our disciplinary borders requires commitment to be on the cutting-edge of research innovation. I am eager for the opportunity to join the APLA board to work on these and other efforts.

Political and legal anthropologists have much to say about the current moment, as demonstrated by colleagues’ recent scholarship on topics including media in the Middle East, Latin American elections, intellectual property, American military action, and indigenous rights. APLA has the organizational and publishing capacity to anchor anthropological discussion on such critical matters, but only if we reach out to the discipline and a broader public as never before. This demands action on our part, which could include: more PoLAR grouped articles or special issues; roundtable discussions at the AAAs; support for members interested in penning op-eds; and collaborative work with anthropological filmmakers, bloggers, and others who work with diverse media. The goal is not a narrow vision of “relevance” or “exposure”; rather, as a board member I would seek to strengthen APLA’s forums for scholarly exchange by further deepening their intellectual rigor while simultaneously extending their reach.

Candidate for Treasurer


I wish to contribute to the operation and growth of APLA by serving as Treasurer. I believe that electronic publishing is an important investment in the scholarly future of Anthropology because it lends itself to expanded domestic and international exposure for publications and authors in a way that print never did. More importantly, Anthrosource creates new avenues for international scholarly collaboration, debate and alliance building. Anthrosource also has the potential to create cash flow to publishing sections once the business is established, which will allow publishing sections to expand their other scholarly activities. However, in order to stay the course and thrive through the development phases of establishing a new business, publishing sections must continue to actively engage in short and long term financial planning, particularly as the development of Anthrosource is posing unexpected and sometimes serious financial challenges. I am currently serving a second term as Secretary-Treasurer for a smaller section that is successfully transitioning its publication (Culture and Agriculture) to Anthrosource. Thus, I am acquainted with UCP and AAA accounting processes for publishing sections and the current challenges of Anthrosource. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to APLA through my skills, experience and participation as Treasurer.

Candidate for Secretary


Over the last five years, we have increased significantly the viability and visibility of APLA and PoLAR, our associated journal. I am most proud of our welcoming atmosphere for graduate students and junior faculty. I currently serve as Secretary and would like to continue in this role to help enhance ALPA’s contribution to the discipline. I am particularly excited about our efforts to integrate the “political” with the “legal.”

ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ANTHROPOLOGISTS

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer


Although I have never served in the capacity of secretary-treasurer in an organizational capacity, my 11 years of administrative experience, graduate training in finance and ownership of my own company provides me a solid foundation for such a position. I would bring to the position a willingness to serve and to go the extra mile to ensure ABA business takes top priority and is managed in a professional and timely manner.
ASSOCIATION OF LATINA AND LATINO ANTHROPOLOGISTS

Candidate for President


It has been a great honor to serve as ALLA’s Program Coordinator in collaboration with former and current presidents. This responsibility provided me with an excellent educational opportunity to assess the vibrant and engaged production of Latina/o scholars. Since our understanding that our sessions and fora should highlight and contribute to the multiple goals of our section. I strongly believe that ALLA plays and should continue playing a key role in promoting Latina/o scholarship, mentoring the younger generations of scholars, and advocating Latina/o causes in our professional association, in academia, and in society at large. Our Latina/o community faces tremendous challenges, and we should become actively involved in debating the political issues affecting us today. As ALLA president, I would like to continue with our section’s commitment to address policy issues and encourage fruitful conversations among anthropologists, politicians, advocacy groups, and other interested parties on Latina/o issues. Within the American Anthropological Association, I hope to contribute to a constructive dialogue among the various constituents of the organization by bringing to their attention the concerns, needs, and expectations of our section members. To achieve this, I would work with ALLA’s committee members and membership at large to develop consulting mechanisms to address issues requiring our participation. To further the dissemination of our colleagues’ contributions to Latina/o scholarship, I will encourage the creation of an ad hoc committee to assess the feasibility of a digital publication for our section.

Candidates for Treasurer

I MICHAEL J MONTOYA (PhD, Stanford University, 2003) Positions Held: Assistant Professor, Departments of Chicano/Latino Studies and Anthropology, UC-Irvine (2004-present); Affiliate Fellow, Molecular Sciences Institute, Berkeley, CA (2004); Associate Director, Institute on Race and Ethnicity, University of Wisconsin (2002-2004); prior to graduate school, ten years in non-profit human service program development and management in housing, health care, anti-hunger, education and literacy; Interests and/or Activities: race, diabetes, bioethics, the politics of health research, science studies, community based research, social inequality; Significant Publications: “Bioethnics, Conscription: Genes, Race and Mexican/a Ethnicity in Diabetes Research,” Cultural Anthropology, Feb (1) 2007; “Racialized Genetics and the Study of Complex Diseases in Perspectives,” Biology and Medicine Spring 2007; “Nodes and Queries: Linking Locations in Networked Fields of Inquiry, in American Behavioral Scientist, 450-463(14) vol. 43, No. 3. November 1999 (with D. Heath, E. Koch, and B. Ley).

As a newly elected at-large member of the ALLA board, I accepted the position as Acting Treasurer until this election cycle. I will happily serve if elected; however, I certainly appreciate the opportunity to revert back to my elected position as a non-officer board member.


I am committed to ALLA in its mission to stimulate dialogue in academic and other circles about Latino communities and would welcome the opportunity to serve as its treasurer. In the interest of advancing the Association’s goals, I would assume the responsibilities of treasurer and of other tasks consistent with the objectives of the Association, including but not limited to assisting in the planning for increasing revenues for ALLA by actively working to increase memberships, or pursuing endowment opportunities. I value the prospect of forming affiliations and coalitions with other professionals and professional groups with similar interests in the fulfillment of these tasks.

Candidates for Executive Board, Student Representative

AIIDE ACOSTA (PhD Student, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) Positions Held: ALLA Executive Board Student Representative, 2006-2007; Interests and/or Activities: Latina/o (im)migration to rural communities of the Midwest, globalization, neoliberalism, immigration, race

As the current Student Representative of the Association for Latina and Latino Anthropologists (ALLA), I have developed strategies with other graduate/undergraduate anthropology students to increase student participation within ALLA and the AAA’s more broadly. Such strategies have included organizing student panels, student luncheon, and the formation of a student listserv. If I continue as Student Representative, I will develop further strategies and expand the opportunities for student participation in collaboration with ALLA members. This includes dialoging across sections within the AAA and with potential new members. Occupying the position of student representative is a critical endeavor in the expansion of ALLA and the discipline more largely. With this understanding, I seek to continue crafting creative venues for increasing student participation as well as the recruitment and retention of Latina/o students to the discipline of anthropology.

AIMEE VILLARREAL GARZA (MA, Bicultural/Bilingual Studies, University of Texas- San Antonio, 2001; MA Anthropology, University of Colorado-Boulder, 2007) Positions Held: Coordinator/Instruction, Chicano/a Studies Program, Colorado State University at Pueblo (August 2006 – present); Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Regis University (2005 – 2006); Professional Educational Researcher, Department of Education, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (2003 – 2006); Coordinator of Student Support Services, Mountain View Community

As a graduate student and college instructor, I am dedicated to higher education and diversifying the field of anthropology. I am running for the position of student representative for ALLA because I believe that students are the reason professors exist (myself included). It follows that students should be an integral part of ALLA as an organization. As student representative, I plan to advocate for more student leadership opportunities such as participation in the organization of panels at the AAA meetings as well as networking and mentorship opportunities with Latina/o professors within ALLA. Since many Latina/o students are working in isolation from their communities of origin and often have a difficult time finding mentors who are supportive of their work as “native anthropologists” it is vital, ALLA should provide students with this kind of support. I will strive to organize more opportunities for students to share their experiences with each other and with professionals in our field. My hope is that ALLA can serve as an advocate for student success – we need more Latina/o anthropologists! Helping students navigate through the system is an integral part of accomplishing this goal. Thank you for considering me as your student representative.

Candidate for Executive Board Member at-Large


My current research interests integrate the often discursively conflictive and practically complementary areas of biomedical and religious healing in Latina/o identified practices and belief systems. I am particularly interested in the burgeoning area of psychiatric genetics as a ripe field for inquiry into the negotiation of biologically defined mental illness concepts with those experientially defined in religious states of altered consciousness. Through my participation on NIH genetics projects focusing on Latina/o populations, HapMap and the Genetics of Bipolar Disorder in Latin Populations, I have directly witnessed the complicated nature of ethical engagement of research participants in bioscientific attempts to gain community consultation and engagement. Using an evaluative approach, I critically analyze the construction, negotiation and resistance of Latina/o identity labeling practices in bioscience discourse that can make biomedical research and clinical practice ineffective. I envision ALLA as uniquely situated within the AAA to address this lacunae and to develop structural guidelines about the ethical inclusion of Latina/o groups in bioscientific research. My role in ALLA will serve to develop these proposed guidelines as well as to foster ongoing relationships with other minority groups.

BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY SECTION

Candidates for Member at-Large Executive Committee


Anthropology is an integrative discipline, and draws its strength from the degree to which it can shed light on the evolution of the human condition by integrating and synthesizing information from a wide range of disciplines. Anthropologists of all persuasions and, particularly, biological anthropologists need to be more vocal and public about what their field has revealed to the world about the wondrous nature of the human condition, namely that humans have evolved as a result of a complex interplay of biological and cultural forces. This interplay not only affected our past, but is affecting our present and future. Of all disciplines, anthropology has potentially the most to contribute to the public dialogue on the nature and history of the concept of race, the future of human communication and information technology, the future of biomedicine, the relevance of genomics to human lives, and the roots and implications of global climate change. As a Member-at-Large of the Biological Anthropology Section of the AAA, I would strive to bring anthropology and the full story of human evolution into the homes and lives and every American.

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, as well as my belief that a broad anthropological perspective serves to richly contextualize all sub-disciplinary research. Such a philosophical and scientific perspective allows us to view our past, present, and future through a unique and illuminating lens. My primary areas of research involve behavioral ecology of the genus Cebus, the examination of infant/juvenile social development across primates, and social and biological variation and complexity. I have conducted fieldwork in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, and most recently, Suriname. I am excited at the prospect of taking a more active role in the Biological Anthropology Section of the AAA. In a time of increasing subfield myopia, I feel strongly that biological anthropologists need to be more numerous and active in the AAA, and our positions on various complex contemporary issues increasingly need to be heard. I ask for your support, and if nominated for the member-at-large board position, I will do my very best to uphold the objectives of the BAS.

### CENTRAL STATES ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

**Candidate for 2nd Vice President**


CSAS has been fortunate over the past years to have superb leadership. Nevertheless, in a time of dwindling university resources, CSAS faces the challenge of attempting to increase membership and attendance at the annual meetings. While there is much merit in making the annual meetings a venue for undergraduate and graduate students to present papers in a supportive environment, we must also work towards the end of more faculty involvement and more intellectually rigorous sessions. In a time of fragmented affiliations, CSAS meetings present the nearly unique opportunity for faculty and students across the sub-disciplines to present their research. We need to better publicize this opportunity, inclusive of CSAS sponsored sessions at the AAA meetings. I will work in short to advance the profile and rigor of CSAS while remaining committed to CSAS as a student friendly organization.

**Candidates for Executive Board**


CSAS has provided a supportive environment for students hoping to gain experience presenting their ideas to a professional audience, and it offers a comfortable venue for professional colleagues to experiment with new approaches. While the Society should continue to serve these functions, it will persevere and thrive only to the extent that it also offers a stimulating intellectual environment for critical thinkers and disciplinary leaders. We must find ways to expand our involvement in cutting-edge scholarship while maintaining the positive characteristics that already set us apart from other anthropological associations.


For the last 14.5 years I have served as the anthropological half of a two-person department of sociology and anthropology at a small liberal arts college. My duties involve extensive teaching on a wide variety of anthropological subjects (14 courses) and a heavy service load on college committees and task forces. My experience here is not unique; many of us work in small departments that make extensive demands on our time and offer little support for research. On a positive note, these positions foster a wide appreciation of anthropology and considerable experience in working well and effectively with committees. CSAS members with this type of background need to be represented and can contribute significantly to the society. The CSAS is a wonderful organization for someone in my position. The society offers accessible conferences, affable and productive relations with one’s peers, and encouragement for participation in anthropology at a variety of levels. Under “significant publications” I have decided to list the scholarly contributions that I have made directly to CSAS in the last couple of years. I hope that I will also be allowed to bring my perspectives and experience to serve CSAS at an organizational level.
Candidates for Nominations Committee

E PAUL DURRENBERGER (PhD, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, 1971) Positions Held: Professor (1997-Pres) Penn State; Professor (1982-1997), Associate Professor (1976-1982), Assistant Professor (1972-1976) University of Iowa; Interests and/or Activities: Economic anthropology, class, historical processes; Significant Publications: Anthropology Unbound: A Field Guide to the 21st Century (with Suzan Erem), Paradigm, 2006; Labor in Cross Cultural Perspective (with Judith Marti), AltaMira, 2006; Class Acts: An Anthropology of Urban Service Workers and Their Union (with Suzan Erem), Paradigm, 2005.

I will work with other CSAS colleagues to find and nominate qualified candidates to collaborate in the operation of our organization.

Candidates for Board of Directors


For at least the last 15 years, I have been a loyal, and, in fact, an avid member of CSAS, attending and participating in nearly every annual meeting during this time. I am also responsible for bringing dozens of students (and a few colleagues) to CSAS as participants, a few of whom have gone on to become anthropologists and members of CSAS themselves. I cherish my membership in CSAS and the many friends I have made through this association. Truly, I consider the several mentors whom I have experienced (and continue to experience) through CSAS to be major influences upon my career as well as upon the rest of my life. I am happy to serve in any way to support and ‘give back’ to this worthy organization.

COUNCIL FOR MUSEUM ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidates for Board of Directors

KIMBERLY CHRISTEN (PhD, University of California-Santa Cruz, 2004) Positions Held: Assistant Professor, Department of Comparative Ethnic Studies, Washington State University (present); Interests and/or Activities: contemporary articulations of indigeneity through alliance-making; intellectual property rights, systems of accountability and heritage movements within indigenous communities; Significant Publications: “Tracking Properness: Repackaging of Culture in a Remote Australian Town,” Current Anthropology, 2006; “Ara Iritijja: Protecting the Past, Accessing the Future…” Museum Anthropology, 2006; “Gone Digital: Aboriginal Remix and the Cultural Commons,” International Journal of Cultural Property, 2005

It is an exciting time to be joining the Council for Museum Anthropology. As the journal moves into AnthroSource and begins to review materials online, the journal and CMA are poised to enter the lively debates concerning open access to scholarly materials, the place of digital museum museum collections, best practices concerning sustainability, and guidelines for digital/new media scholar-ship in tenure and promotion. During this time of transition, it is incumbent upon CMA to focus on practical ways of moving forward in terms of digital publications, access, and our ethical commitments to the communities and museums we work with and for. As a member of the Council I am particularly interested in initiatives that focus on collaborative productions and standards leveraging digital technologies while also balancing the needs of multiple constituencies. The current Museum Anthropology blog is an exciting new initiative that has the potential to not only generate new readership, but also to reach out to scholars, museums and the multiple publics involved in the active production of museum displays.
I welcome the opportunity to work with the Board and the membership of the Council for Museum Anthropology as we move in these new and exciting directions.

RACHEL GRIFFIN (PhD, University of California-Berkeley, 2003) Positions Held: Museum Specialist and Collections Research Assistant, National Museum of the American Indian (2003-present); Interests and/or Activities: Indian art market and collecting community, Southwestern United States; current research focused on the entirety of the collections held at NMAI and encompassing the Native Peoples of the Western Hemisphere.

I am interested in issues surrounding the Council’s accessibility and growth via website development and maintenance, continued development of the Museum Anthropology journal, and projects in support of museum research and the museum accreditation process.

DANIEL C SWAN (PhD, Oklahoma, 1990) Positions Held: Associate Curator for Ethnology, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History and Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma (2006-present); past Director, White Hair Memorial-Osage Cultural Resource Center; past Curator of Ethnology, Science Museum of Minnesota; past Senior Curator, Gilcrease Museum; past Director, Chucalissa Museum; Interests and/or Activities: ethno-history of the Peyote Religion and its associated expressive culture; also initiatives in research, exhibition and publication emphasizing community collaboration; Significant Publications: Osage Art (with Garrick Bailey), University of Washington Press, 2004; Peyote Religious Art: Symbols of Faith and Belief, University Press of Mississippi, 1999.

Museum Anthropology is well positioned to address many of the current opportunities and challenges facing the larger museum community and the discipline of Anthropology. As Anthropologists working in diverse and interdisciplinary museum settings I believe that we should continue to develop innovative programs that demonstrate the relevance of Anthropology to contemporary society and communicate the insights of its research to diverse constituencies and audiences. The recent revitalization and expansion of material culture studies, within broad, interdisciplin ary contexts, has produced innovative theoretical and methodological approaches that have the potential to inform both the exhibition and interpretative processes we employ and the audiences that they impact. The practice of Anthropology in museums should continue its prominent role in facilitating professional and community discourse with respect to a range of contemporary issues and themes, including those of representation, intellectual property, trans-nationalism and emerging technologies. As a member of the Board of the Council for Museum Anthropology I will work to strengthen our connections with other professional organizations and to expand interest and membership in our organization.


I would be honored to serve as a Member-at-Large in CAE. Given the growing interest in “studying” the effects of rapid globalization, immigration, and cultural and diasporic communities in general, I believe CAE can play an instrumental role in rethinking the conceptual and methodological tools at work in current research in non-dominant communities. I am committed to an anthropology that advances rigorous, thoughtful, complex, and respectful work in all communities, particularly non-dominant communities. Central to this goal, I would encourage CAE to adopt a humanist/equity-oriented research agenda and vision—one that pushes us toward complexity, while making visible the ethical and moral demands and contradictions inherent in conducting such work. A first order question for us should be: Are the communities in which we conduct our work better off from our participation therein? CAE, its projects and publications, should challenge current empirical studies of non-dominant communities that in their methods, representations, and conceptualizations perpetuate deficit and one-dimensional portraits of cultural groups and their practices. At the same time, I would argue against any orthodoxy that delimits the possibilities of a robust research agenda. I also believe CAE should assume a more prominent role in the educational policy and public arena and take on a more proactive role in establishing a new discourse of hope and possibility in education, as well as an historicized view of the unequal power relations between dominant and non-dominant communities. I would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively in the tradition of CAE, especially in the mentorship and support of young scholars and new communities.

CAE Bylaws Amendments

ARTICLE II. Purposes

Mission

The mission of the Council on Anthropology and Education is to advance anti-oppressive, socially equitable, and racially just outcomes to educational problems through research using anthropological perspectives, theories, methods and findings. The Council advocates for research that is (1) responsive to oppressed groups and (2) promotes practices that bring anthropologists, scholars from other disciplines and educators together to promote racial and social justice in all settings where learning takes place.

Purpose

1. The purpose of the Council shall be to advance and to stimulate interest and research in the coordination of anthropological perspectives, theories, methods and findings with educational problems, policies, practices, and institutions. To advance the coordination of anthropology and education, the Council shall: (a) encourage anthropological studies of schools and other forms of education as social and cultural systems; (b) aid in the development of the teaching of anthropology in elementary and secondary schools; (c) advance the training of teachers and other educational specialists and professionals in anthropological theories, methods,
and findings; (d) publish and promote the publication of research results, curriculum studies and teaching activities related to anthropology and education; (e) serve as a bond among those interested in anthropology and education, and aid in drawing upon the discipline of anthropology in the understanding and practice of education. The mission requires strategic responsibilities and actions in research, collaboration and advocacy, including commitment to racial and social justice inside the organization itself.

1. Research
The Council shall:
(a) promote anthropological studies of education in local and global contexts
(b) advance and encourage rigorous and methodologically sound anthropological studies
(c) publish and promote research results, curriculum studies and teaching activities related to racial and social justice in anthropology and education

2. Collaboration
The Council shall:
(a) integrate anthropological theories, methods, and findings aimed at racially and socially just processes, structures and outcomes into the professional development experiences of educators
(b) aid in the development of the teaching of such anthropology
(c) encourage engaged research, teaching, and curriculum development for teacher researchers in ways that foster thoughtful dialogue, promote thematic and multi-disciplinary connections, and nurture shared commitments across issues in partnerships with university faculty

3. Advocacy
The Council shall:
(a) pay particular attention to the relationship between racial and social oppression and the health and well-being of racialized, marginalized and oppressed communities through scholarship engaging schools, communities, youth development, and other forms of education as social and cultural systems
(b) support public policy and awareness of anti-oppressive, racially and socially just policies, structures and outcomes
(c) Promote research, policies and practices that are:
   i. Close to the voices of the participant communities
   ii. Sensitive to participant experiences and social contexts
   iii. Attentive and responsive to community advocate concerns
   iv. Community-based and participatory when appropriate and feasible
   v. Richly textured through multiple methodologies
   vi. Action-oriented toward policy and practice for racial and social justice

ARTICLE VI. Organization

1. The officers of the Council shall consist of a President, Past-President, and a President-elect, who shall also serve as Vice-President and Program Chair, and an appointed Secretary and appointed Treasurer.

2. Terms of Office:
   a. President-elect: The President-elect shall be elected by the membership for two years. He or she shall advance to the office of President two years following election to office.
   b. President: The President shall serve for one year.
   c. Past-president: The Past-president shall serve for one year.
   d. Secretary
   e. Treasurer
   f. Members at Large
   g. AEQ Editor
   h. AN Contributing Editor
   i. Student Representative

7. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the President-elect, the Past-president, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII. Duties of Officers

3. Past-president
   a. The Past-president shall serve on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

4. Secretary

5. Treasurer

6. Editor

7. Members-at-Large

8. Board of Directors

CULTURE AND AGRICULTURE

Candidate for President


I have administrative and organization experience with large and small organizations and groups, and just completed a three-year term and chair of the AAA’s Committee on Ethics (COE). The C&A president will deal with finances, membership, AAA sessions, linkages, Anthropology News-AN, and Culture and Agriculture-C&A. At issue for C&A is its availability on Anthrosource and paid section membership. C&A is well-served by current editors/host institution, and its maintenance and AAA sponsorship is a section concern. I will facilitate C&A’s AAA sessions—there were eight in 2006. The AN contributing editor column should focus on domestic farm debates and international issues, as well as section news. I will continue C&A’s mandate to link academics, practitioners and activists.

I am an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Minnesota-Morris. Since joining the UMM faculty in 1995, my research has focused on the impact of agricultural transformation on rural, sugarcane producing communities in Mexico. In particular, I examined the diverse community responses to sugar mill closings associated with market opening in six different communities, with particular emphasis on one community’s six-year-long struggle to reopen its sugar mill and to create an alternative, cooperative production system. With the support of a Faculty Summer Research Fellowship in 2006, I examined the entry of agribusinesses involved in blackberry production in Michoacán, Mexico and changes in gender roles as women entered agriculture in large numbers to pick blackberries. While women express positive assessments of their new extra-domestic earning capacity, not only do they receive substandard wages, but are periodically exposed to hazardous agrochemicals. A gendered ideology regarding women’s berry work rationalizes their secondary position within the agro-production system. As a long-standing member of Culture and Agriculture, I have an enthusiastic appreciation for the important role and work of this section. My conviction is that the food we eat and the way it is produced is a matter of urgent concern throughout the world. As member-at-large, I would dedicate myself to strengthening the goals of our organization and promoting the importance of culturally relevant agricultural systems both within C&A and the AAA at large.

Candidate for Board Member at-Large

DONNA L. CHOLLETT

Candidate for Board Member at-Large


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Candidate for Board Member–Student


I am a PhD Candidate (ecological anthropology) at the University of Georgia. My academic and research interests include human dimensions of land-use/cover change, smallholder agriculture, mountain societies, and institutions. I am currently writing and revising my dissertation based on the fieldwork I conducted in Lamjung district, Nepal. I have been a member of the Culture and Agriculture (C&A) Section since 2003 and now want myself to be proactive in promoting the mission and objectives of this section. As Student Representative, I will obviously represent students concerns in C&A, but also want to work with senior scholars in utilizing new media and proven networking tools to ensure effective presence of C&A among students and young anthropologists.

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

RYAN THOMAS ADAMS (ABD, Indiana University Bloomington) Positions Held: Student Representative, Culture and Agriculture (2007-2008), Nominations Committee Chair (2004-2006), National Association of Student Anthropologists; Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty Meetings (2003), Anthropology Department, Indiana University; Interests and/or Activities: Agribusiness, Environmental Anthropology, Brazil; Significant Publications: Moran, Emilio, Ryan Adams, Bryn Bakoyéma, Stefano Fiorini, and Bruce Boucek (2006) “Human Strategies for Coping with El Niño Related Drought in Amazonía,” Climatic Change Vol.77 (3-4)

I am a Ph.D. Candidate at Indiana University. My current project, Elite Landowners in Santarém: Ranchers, Gaúchos and the arrival of soybeans in the Amazon, funded by a grant from the Fulbright, examines changes in the social position of large-scale landowners in Santarém following the arrival of mechanized agriculture. This research is based on a year of ethnographic fieldwork in Santarém, Pará State, Brazil. Rather than forming a single unified landowning elite, the differing cultural and economic lives of ranchers and farmers have led to a fractured landowning elite in Santarém with implications for development and environmental conservation strategies in the region. As the incoming Student Representative for the Culture and Agriculture Section, I worked to gain an understanding the budgetary and financial concerns of the Culture and Agriculture Section as we transition through the Anthrosource and work to improve the participation in our section. I see many possibilities for accomplishing both of these tasks and would like to work toward these goals as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Beyond serving on the board and program committees, I have little experience with duties like those of EAS President; hopefully one can learn on the job during the first two years as president-elect of EAS. My top priority would be to keep our membership growing to increase our session time at the meetings. I would like to see most of our graduate students who submit high-quality abstracts get slots for talks and if possible some help with travel costs. I would broaden our membership to include more primatologists, geneticists, and paleoanthropologists, so long as they are interested in human behavior and adaptation. A long-term goal would be to have a real impact on the AAA overall. Whenever the AAA addresses an issue, such as race, ethnocentrism, the family, inequality, or conservation, topics upon which our evolutionary perspective has light to shed, it should be difficult to ignore us. I would continue with our current efforts to have our sessions become books or special issues in journals such as Human Nature, Evolution and Human Behavior, Evolutionary Anthropology, and perhaps one day even American Anthropologist.


I would be honored to continue my service to the Evolutionary Anthropology Society (EAS) as President. I am one of the society’s founders, and I have served the EAS from its inception. Currently, I am completing a four-year term on the EAS Board of Directors. EAS is a young society, established four years ago, given full section status last year. We have a strong foundation, a growing membership, and great promise. In recent years, the ranks of evolutionary anthropologists have expanded, yet a large number were no longer members of the AAA, until EAS was established. I am committed to expanding our presence within the AAA and its membership.

The initial history of the EAS has been extremely positive. We’ve experienced excellent growth, we have raised our profile within the AAA with impressive sessions, and we have become known as a vibrant organization bringing together anthropologists sharing an interest in evolutionary perspectives. It seems to me that over the next few years we need to continue to build our base. There are still many like-minded anthropologists who would be excellent members, and we should continue the terrific efforts that the founders have made. The EAS is associated with an excellent journal, Human Nature, of which I am Associate Editor, and we should continue to pursue these sorts of connections. The fine efforts that have been made to attract and support students should be continued and intensified as much as we can. Lastly, we should strive to produce even more noteworthy sessions for the AAA meetings and to attract media and public attention. I think 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. We can play a major role in promoting Darwinian thought within education and the public sphere.


Evolutionary theory should be an integrating theme for anthropology across its subdisciplines. My long-term research involves topics of decision-making and institutional formation that are basic to Evolutionary Anthropology. I also have experience with AAA governance, including former memberships on the Associations Executive Board, the Archaeology Division Executive Committee, and two AAA Governance Commissions. I hope that my research interests and experience will help our Section grow, as I want to help it become a larger player in anthropology generally and archaeology specifically.


I’d like to see EAS develop a high profile within AAA and the discipline. I think EAS will be a great service to its members. The board should work to develop more opportunities for students and junior scholars to present their work at the meetings. To achieve that goal, I’d be willing to help develop informal, “offsite” symposia or poster sessions during the AAA meetings to help offer a larger venue for EAS members, which might encourage more of us to attend the annual meetings.


My goal as Board Member would be to assist the Executive Committee in raising the profile of EAS within and beyond the Association, build the membership at all levels, facilitate development of applied perspectives within the EA and to foster, support and expand opportunities for training and publication in evolutionary anthropology, broadly defined. I can offer previous AAA administrative experience as past Secretary-Treasurer of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition and past Member of the Presidential Program Executive Committee in addition to significant experience with collaborative research and training project management and budgeting, teaching and field training in the US, Africa, Europe and Central America, participation in various institutional and international expert committees, and enthusiasm for the work of the Board of Directors.

Evolutionary anthropology belongs within the American Anthropological Association. Despite recent internecine theoretical and methodological conflicts within our discipline, all anthropologists are philosophically united in our opposition to the “social progress” explanation for human cultural and biological diversity that, unfortunately, most of Western society accepts without question. Evolutionary theory as proposed by Charles Darwin remains among the most significant alternative explanations for diversity and change. Darwinists increasingly address the other explanations for diversity championed by anthropologists, including culture, social organization, and history, through studies of cultural inheritance, social learning, psychosocial stress, and cultural consensus. Anthropology is therefore more unified in purpose than it often initially seems. As a board member of the Evolutionary Anthropology Society I would like to promote two related agendas. First, to showcase this unity of purpose by promoting sessions that will attract interest from outside our section and across the spectrum of anthropological specializations. Second, to encourage anthropologists to make our work more relevant to public debate. “Social progress” informs the plans and policies of politicians and international aid and development projects, frequently with grave consequences for the peoples with whom we work. Politicians, planners, and the public at large are not hearing us.

Candidates for Student Board Member


The Evolutionary Anthropology Society has come a long way in these last couple of years. It’s an exciting time to be involved and I’m looking forward to the opportunity to serve the student members of EAS as we continue to grow. If elected I will work hard to:—Encourage student participation and presentations at conferences—Establish a listserv to facilitate communication among student members of EAS—Represent student concerns to the EAS Board at large—Expand student membership, especially among members of our less-represented disciplines such as archaeology, linguistics, population genetics, and paleoanthropology. About me: I am a doctoral candidate in Biocultural Anthropology at the University of Washington. I have recently returned from southeast Indonesia where I conducted my dissertation research on food-sharing in the fishing and whaling village of Lamalera. I am now entering the writing stage of my dissertation.

Candidates for Secretary


My employment and academic history reflect a blend of experience from the public and private sectors which provide strong support for my candidacy as the NAPA secretary. Perspectives gained through experience in the private sector and in various roles in academia have given me a rich and deep understanding that informs my approach as an applied anthropologist. I am currently completing an interdisciplinary doctoral program that integrates anthropology and organization and management studies. In my experience understanding phenomena through research, methods and theory is greatly enhanced by applying the on-the-ground experience gained in actual situations. In other words, “It is not the same thing to talk of bulls as to be in the bullring.” A willingness to reach across disciplinary domains while acknowledging the immense but often overlooked contributions made by anthropologists is common in the NAPA leadership and among...
In order to serve on the NAPA Governing Council and extend the mission of NAPA, I offer my experiences as both a practicing and academic anthropologist, my connections to anthropology and design communities, and sense of the future of anthropology represented by the practice of design anthropology and the rebranding of the field. For the position of Secretary, I offer my editorial capabilities as a blogger on issues of practicing anthropology. Like most NAPA members, I’ve moved between practicing and academic orientations. After completing my Ph.D. on Ethiopian tourism, I worked in high-tech consulting at Sapient Corporation and then marketing at Arc Worldwide. In 2005, I returned to academia as the first anthropologist hired as a full-time, tenure track professor in an American school of design. My position of Associate Professor of Design Anthropology at UIC represents an emerging academic orientation. After completing my Ph.D. on Ethiopian tourism, I worked in high-tech consulting at Sapient Corporation and then marketing at Arc Worldwide. In 2005, I returned to academia as the first anthropologist hired as a full-time, tenure track professor in an American school of design. My position of Associate Professor of Design Anthropology at UIC represents an emerging practice for anthropology. As a councilperson, I would help NAPA build alliances with design organizations such as AIGA, the professional association for design; and IDSA, the Industrial Designers’ Society of America. My leadership of the Rebranding Anthropology Project will support NAPA’s mission to create a perception of anthropology aligned with the diversity of its practices and governmental, economic, and social value.

**Candidates for Member at-Large**


As the NAPA local practitioner liaison for the past five years, it has been very gratifying being on hand as several new local organizations have sprung up around the country, despite a lack of growth in many years prior. Having also served on the NAPA Communications Committee and assisted with the initial development of the NAPA website, I see the leadership’s interest in developing an association that truly serves the needs of its members. In addition, for the past few years I have coordinated the NAPA booth at the AAA meetings, which has been a wonderful opportunity to learn what diverse, interesting, and giving individuals the members are. Practically, matters notwithstanding, there is still much to do, and NAPA has the will to do it. As a member of the newly organized membership committee, I look forward to contributing to this key component of NAPA. Being an elected board member would further enhance my efforts and ensure that both NAPA members and members of local organizations are heard by the leadership.

**Candidates for Member at-Large**


NAPA represents practicing and applied anthropologists whose work is centrally important for the present and future vitality of our discipline. Having worked with NAPA’s Board during my tenure as Chair of the AAA’s Committee on Public Policy, I came to better understand the commitment and energy its leadership and membership have in promoting the work of our practitioner community. My interest in serving on the Board is to help sustain the existing work to ensure professional representation and identity for the practitioner community, as well as facilitate opportunities for students. In addition, practicing and applied anthropologists alike have particularly keen interests and experiences in policy arenas that can be built upon to serve the discipline as a whole. My policy work involves a strategy combining research with advocacy through the media, public speaking, legislative testimony, expert witness work in the courtroom, work with non-profit organizations, and collaboration among community groups. NAPA is uniquely situated to help build a stronger organizational foundation for elevating anthropological contributions to policy matters at multiple levels. I look forward to the possibility of doing my part.

**Candidates for Member at-Large**

**CATHLEEN CRAIN** (MA, McMaster University, 1978) **Positions Held:** Managing Partner, LTG Associates, Inc. 1984 – present; Director, Refugee Services, American Council for Nationalities Services (now Immigration & Refugee Services of America (IRSA), 1983 – 1984; Director of Refugee Services and Associate Executive Director, Catholic Social Services of San Francisco, CA, 1980-1983; Director of Research and Evaluation, Health Project for Incarcerated Persons, San Francisco, CA, 1979-1980; Clinical Anthropologist, Chedoke Regional Hospital substance abuse treatment programme, Hamil-
As a professional anthropologist I have been an active member of NAPA for 20 years. I was a founding chair, along with Madeline Iris, of the NAPA Mentor Committee, in which we matched graduate students with mentors from the NAPA membership. Dr. Iris and I served as co-chairs for many years, believing that it is only with personal support that students will flourish into excellent anthropologists. I have also served on various ad hoc NAPA committees over the years. Niel Tashima and I initiated and ran an annual professional practicum on ethics, sponsored by NAPA, for almost ten years, bringing together professional, academic and student anthropologists to discuss ethical dilemmas experienced by professionals in the field. I believe that NAPA is helping to shape the field of professional anthropology and to position anthropology as an essential discipline for addressing human problems. In my role of Managing Partner in LTG Associates, I work on a daily basis with the application of anthropological methods and perspective to solving problems in the world and in bringing vulnerable and disadvantaged communities into the policy discussions that have an impact on their daily lives. I believe that it is critical that anthropology and professional anthropologists finds means to train and actively mentor students into the field of policy and health and human services. I am actively engaged with those issues and will bring knowledge and focused interest to NAPA’s activities. I will also bring a passion for the mentoring of young people into the profession and into the body of NAPA and its governance.


Since graduate school, the practice of anthropology has been an important part of my work. This has included collaborating in projects on health care and on planning, teaching applied anthropology, and developing an applied anthropology M.A. program at Cal State East Bay. My contributions to the NAPA board would focus on what I see as three major challenges ahead. First, I would like to help the discipline move toward mainstreaming the teaching of applied anthropology in major Ph.D. granting institutions in the U.S. This would entail changes in curriculum, faculty hiring priorities, and tenure/promotion policy. Second, while the situation has gotten much better, we need to continue working to make the practice of anthropology more visible, more recognized in public arenas and institutions. Third, I have recently become involved in solar power research in California. I believe that NAPA can benefit from exploring further possibilities for anthropological work on global warming and alternative energy; it would be particularly gratifying to me if more students became involved in this area of practice.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ANTHROPOLOGISTS

Candidate for President-Elect


I am running for the position of President-Elect for NASA for several reasons. First, as the Undergraduate Representative I have had an opportunity to work with the current NASA officers and have gained an understanding of what the role entails. In addition, as a member of the Program Committee and organizer of the NASA/AAA Mentoring Workshop I have been exposed to many concerns and topics that interest fellow students. My goals as President-Elect include working with the current leadership in aligning the future of NASA with that of the students of the AAA who make up its membership, including non-traditional and first-generation students. I would like to continue to play a part in the leadership of NASA once my position as Undergraduate Representative-at-Large ends in 2007.

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer


As a graduate student in cultural anthropology at The New School for Social Research, I am interested in promoting the involvement of both graduates and undergraduates in the AAA, particularly within NASA. I am currently the Contributing Editor of NASA’s column in Anthropology News and hope to continue my involvement with the section in the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Serving as an editor helped me become familiar with the concerns and interests of students. Now I hope to become more familiar with the business-end of the section, something that I think will help me become a more informed and more effective member of the student community. I am excited to continue my involvement with NASA, since I find it to be a great forum for student discussion — one that encourages student involvement and helps convey the unique perspective of student anthropologists.
Candidate for NASA Newsletter Editor


I am interested in the position of NASA Newsletter Editor because as I approach the final years of my PhD program in Anthropology at the University of California Berkeley. I would like to contribute to the promotion of anthropology amongst current and future students. As NASA Newsletter Editor, I would encourage the public discussion of student issues in Anthropology by actively soliciting contributions from a diverse range of students, finding and publishing various opportunities for research, work, or study relevant to the field of Anthropology, and maintaining NASA’s presence in Anthropology News as a platform for students to raise subjects pertinent to the experience of being a student of Anthropology. Additionally, as a member of the NASA Executive Committee, I hope to continue conversations on how to increase NASA’s public presence within the anthropological community and how to raise membership and student interest in NASA activities and opportunities. I believe the Newsletter Editor has the additional responsibility of using Anthropology News to promote NASA’s important place within the AAA as an organization committed to assisting and informing Anthropology students. Lastly, I also hope to gain experience in cooperative leadership through participation in NASA’s executive affairs.

Candidate for NASA E-Journal Editor


The term “Anthropology 2.0” may be used in referring to the current stage in the evolution of anthropology, as a discipline being impacted by computers and the Internet. Similar to computer software upgrades from the original version of 1.0 to the new and improved 2.0 version, the current stage of the Internet’s evolution is popularly called “Web 2.0.” The term Web 2.0 also implies that creating, collaborating and disseminating information is not only easier and more widespread, but should be encouraged. Enter Anthropology 2.0: a democratizing force for information where anthropological knowledge is no longer locked away in paper vaults, but is instead accessible, readable, and timely by being published online. The NASA E-journal will be molded not only in your image, but also by you. It will be a forum to publish your work, express your ideas, and with your involvement shape our discipline through a transparent and ethical manner online. I look forward to working with you and contributing to this process with your nomination as the NASA E-journal editor.

Candidate for Graduate Representative at-Large (1st Seat)


As NASA Graduate Representative at Large I will advocate for student-faculty mentoring, student-student connections, and student writing. NASA currently provides opportunities for student-faculty mentoring and student-student networking at the AAA conference each year, but I believe this could be expanded, and I will work to find ways in which to preserve institutional memory, and pass on the advice of members at the end of their student careers to those just beginning as anthropology students. I will also work to create and foster student interactions and support student expression and publication. I am a strong candidate for this position; I have experience working in similar organizations and I am ready to work hard to continue to build NASA. I am also well poised to take on the duties of this office. If elected I will not be in the field during my term and will thus have the time to fulfill my duties.

Candidate for Undergraduate Representative at-Large (1st Seat)


As long as I can remember I have been a “leader”. From group projects in elementary school, to newspaper editor in high school, and now to president of my sorority in college, I have always found ease in taking charge. This is not to say that I am not comfortable with following, either. I always have an open ear and am willing to listen, sit back and let someone else take the reins. As long as I am able to work with people I am both comfortable and happy. In my role as a Resident Assistant, I consistently deal with and address the needs and concerns of my residents, who are also my peers. And while they understand that I have some authority over them, that I am really just another college student and I am there for them on the same level. It is for this reason that I would like to nominate myself for the position of Undergraduate Representative at Large. I feel as though my expertise in relating with peers would make this an
opportunist position for me to take. I enjoy getting to know other students and would take great joy in getting them either initially or further involved in NASA.

Candidate for Nominations Committee Chair

KERI CANADA (MA, California State University-Fullerton, 2007) Positions Held: N/A; Interests and/or Activities: Organizer/Chair for a panel on Organizational Anthropology at the Southwestern Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in April 2006, presented a poster on reproductive success at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in November 2006, recently completed field research on sexual risk-taking and health-seeking behavior; Significant Publications: Book review of Judith A. Houck’s Hot and Bothered: Women, Medicine, and Menopause in North America, in press (to be published February 2007) for Anthropology and Aging Quarterly.

Having had the opportunity to chair and organize a panel for a regional anthropology conference, I understand the level of responsibility and organization necessary to fill the position of NASA Nominations Committee Chair. I believe that NASA provides a great service to student anthropologists, and I am prepared to commit as much time as is necessary to keep this group running smoothly. As Nominations Committee Chair, I hope to increase my involvement in NASA and other professional organizations; I hope to encourage my peers and colleagues to become more involved as well. It is important to me that members are involved in every aspect of the process of choosing their elected representatives, and I will do everything necessary to stimulate NASA member involvement. I welcome and encourage input from my fellow student on how this position can evolve to better suit the needs of NASA members.

Candidate for Nominations Committee Member (2nd Seat)


Candidate for Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair


As NASA Program Committee Chair, I will strive to work with students to create an interesting and scholarly program for the AAA meetings. In particular, I will encourage co-sponsored sessions and roundtables with the intent of drawing larger audiences and networking among participants, audience members and NASA officers. The Program Committee is responsible for creating an important resource for students, not only through promoting a student presence at the meetings, but also by providing a welcoming environment in which to work through organizing and creating panels. As a member of the Program Committee for 2006 and 2007, I have been able to learn the AAA regulations and guidelines for section sessions. I would like to continue my work with the committee, as its Chair.

Candidate for Annual Meeting Program Committee Member (1st Seat)


Candidate for Annual Meeting Program Committee Member (2nd Seat)

YOLANDA MICHELE CHAPMAN (MA Anthropology, Georgia State, 2007) Positions Held: Candidate for Annual Program Committee Chair (2008); President, Minority Graduate Student Alliance (2007-present); Member, SPEAK (August 2006-present); Member, Social and Recruitment Committee, Graduate Student Union (November 2006-present); Interests and/or Activities: Brazil, African-American women, hair, self-esteem, race, gender; I will present a paper titled Identity and Study Abroad at the 2007 Society for Applied Anthropology conference.

Candidate for E-Journal Committee Member (1st seat)


Candidate for E-Journal Committee Member (2nd seat)

MADELINE KERINS (BA, Anthropology & Print Journalism, Hofstra University, 2008) Positions Held: Archon (President) (2007-2008) Phi Sigma Sigma National Sorority, Epsilon Kappa Chapter, Hofstra University; Co-Senior Editor of Entertainment
Candidate for Web Development Committee Member (2nd seat)


Candidate for NASA TRAVEL AWARD Committee Chair


As a graduate student in cultural anthropology at The New School for Social Research, I am interested in promoting the involvement of both graduates and undergraduates in the AAA, particularly within NASA. I am currently the Contributing Editor of NASA’s column in Anthropology News and hope to continue my involvement with the section in the position of NASA Travel Award Committee Chair. I am excited to continue my involvement with NASA, since I find it to be a great forum for student discussion — one that encourages student involvement and helps convey the unique perspective of student anthropologists.

Candidate for CARRIE HUNTER TATE AWARD Committee Chair

KERI CANADA (MA, California State University-Fullerton, 2007) Positions Held: N/A; Interests and/or Activities: Organizer/Chair for a panel on Organizational Anthropology at the Southwestern Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in April 2006, presented a poster on reproductive success at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in November 2006; recently completed field research on sexual risk-taking and health-seeking behavior; Significant Publications: Book review of Judith A. Houck’s Hot and Bothered: Women, Medicine, and Menopause in North America, in press (to be published February 2007) for Anthropology and Aging Quarterly.

As a student, I understand the importance of awards and other funding for research purposes. I will make it my goal, as the Chair of the Carrie Hunter Tate Award committee, to fairly evaluate and assess each applicant, to encourage diversity among recipients, and to ensure the recipients of this award are likely to make a significant contribution to the field of anthropology. I understand the level of responsibility and professionalism necessary to fulfill this position, and I am prepared to both meet and exceed these requirements.

SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidates for Executive Board Member #1


I offer wide experience of academic leadership. I have served on the executive of the European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA), as Chair of the Manchester Anthropology Department, and am currently on the executive of the ESRC Centre for Research on Economic and Socio-Cultural Change (CRES). In CRES I coordinate an interdisciplinary research programme on ‘politics and cultural value’ and co-edit a Routledge series. In these international and disciplinary border crossings I am committed to ethnographic research as the basis for powerful theoretical research as the basis for powerful theoretical understanding — and the method of choosing the research of others I appreciate.
interests lie in the politics of knowledge and value, in how material and conceptual entities are constituted in practice and over time, and in the conditions of possibility for communication and collaboration across difference. Specific projects include research in Peru and Europe on language and power, and on information and communications technologies (from internet to road building). In all these projects the unsettling effects of collaboration – in the field and in the academy – have been of fundamental importance.


Contemporary anthropology’s expansive, let-the-dogs-off-the-lean approach to knowledge production is arguably our field’s greatest strength. It certainly is what makes being an anthropologist so much fun. But our tendency to roam widely in search of fresh topics and turns of thought also carries certain risks. In venturing into territory long dominated by historians, philosophers, media theorists and political scientists, can anthropologists generate insights that are distinctively new? Long known for its adventurous approach to the discipline, the SCA is in a perfect position to cultivate the self-awareness that the current moment calls for. As a board member, I would support the initiation of conversations on the place of anthropology among the disciplines, with an eye towards exploring the deeper histories and assumptions that have shaped our practice. Now is a good time for anthropologists to think creatively not only about the ethics and politics of research in the context of a changing global order, but also about the implicit epistemologies that underlie our claims. By approaching our own discipline with the same care and curiosity that anthropologists have devoted to the study of other sciences, we may find ways to speak more courageously to interlocutors from beyond our institutional homes.

Candidates for Executive Board Member #2


Globalization and cultural flows are extending a sense of world connectedness, but this has brought neither understanding nor compassion. On the contrary, culture is becoming an increasingly fraught term in politics worldwide, from ideas of “clash of civilizations,” to right-wing complaints about “cultural decline,” to US government fear-mongering with images of terrorists who seek to destroy “our way of life.” Cultural anthropology has a vital role to play in today’s world by bringing more nuanced understandings of culture into debates about widening inequalities, recurring cycles of militarism and violence, and questions of ethics within and across national borders. The Society for Cultural Anthropology provides an exciting forum for engaging with the critical issues that animate our field, at the same time as we endeavor to expand cultural anthropology’s visibility and relevance in the public sphere. I admire the work done by the SCA, in terms of innovative scholarship and through conscientious reflection on the political implications of our activities, I would devote my energies to deepening our communication within the field, and to promoting anthropology’s much-needed voice in the world at large.


As a beginning graduate student studying anthropology, 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. Anthrosource presents an obvious financial challenge, but also a potential opportunity. Better electronic distribution allows for the possibility of wider and less predictable readership, and extends both the shelf life and field of connections surrounding any article. The work of many SCA members addresses topics of contemporary interest with ethnographic depth. Despite the translation issues involved, the society could ultimately benefit from this experimental moment. I likewise 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.”

SCA Bylaws Amendments

Article I. Purpose
Section 2. The purpose of the Society is to advance the scholarly study of cultural forms and processes in anthropology and related disciplines through scholarly meetings, publication[s], and related activities. The Society is devoted exclusively to scholarly issues, but does not exclude discussion and debate on political and ideological matters insofar as these relate to the study of culture,
Article III. Powers
Section 9. The Society shall participate in the AAA Section Assembly, and shall submit nominations to the AAA Nominating Committee for open AAA positions.

Article VII. Officers
Section 2. The President shall be appointed by the Executive Board for a term of Office of two (2) years. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Society and chairperson of the Executive Board. The President shall exercise all the duties and responsibilities commonly associated with this office. Acting with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, the President shall appoint necessary committees and define their duties, and appoint representatives of the Society to other societies or agencies. The President shall be the representative to the Board of Directors of the American Anthropological Association, and, should the Society be entitled, serve on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. The President or an SCA member appointed by the President shall represent SCA in the AAA Section Assembly; the same representative may serve for up to four years, as stipulated in the AAA by-laws.

Section 3. The Secretary will be appointed by the Executive Board for a term of three (3) years, with an option for a further one-or two-year term with the approval of the Executive Board, and shall serve as Secretary to the Executive Board. The secretary shall perform the duties and have the responsibilities customarily associated with that office, including being responsible for the maintenance of proper records, which shall be open to inspection by the Executive Board. The secretary will additionally be responsible for all non-journal communications with the membership and with the American Anthropological Association, although the responsibility for maintaining the Section’s web site may be delegated to a member of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Treasurer will be appointed by the Executive Board for a term of three (3) years, with an option for a further one-or two-year term with the approval of the Executive Board, and shall serve as Treasurer to the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall serve as Treasurer to the Executive Board and be responsible for the maintenance of proper financing, which shall be open to inspection by the Executive Board. The Treasurer works directly with the President in liaison with the Controller of AAA to prepare the annual budget of the Society.

Section 5. The Editor of the Society’s journal, Cultural Anthropology, will be appointed by the Executive Board for a term of four (4) years, with an option for a further one-or two-year term with the approval of the Executive Board. The Editor is responsible for the editorial office of the journal. Coeditors may be appointed at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 7. The term of office of all members of the Executive Board and all officers shall commence at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. The Editor’s term will begin on January 1 of the year prior to the year in which the Editor’s first issue shall appear.

Article VIII. Nomination and Elections
Section 1. The Executive Board will be elected for a term of five years by the society’s membership from a slate of candidates either proposed by the Executive Board or nominated by a signed petition from at least twenty members in good standing. The Society shall endeavor to nominate at least two candidates for each open position on the Executive Board.

Article IX. Referenda
Section 1. Any matters of business of the Society may be decided by means of a referendum by mail [or secure electronic] ballot.

SOCIETY FOR EAST ASIAN ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidate for President


I am especially interested in promoting synergy, by which I mean working with colleagues, students, and the public and private sectors to identify critically significant and serious global phenomena manifested in East Asia (such as, for example, militarization, class dynamics, techno-aesthetics, etc.). These can become the basis for forging creative and proactive linkages with the other AAA sections that would include theoretical and methodological considerations and innovations. I would also like to see the SEAA develop outreach strategies to help promote and shape the teaching of Asia in K-12, junior college, college and university curriculums, and to establish a higher profile in the mass media through opinion editorials and the like.
ANN MARIE LESHKOWICH (PhD, Harvard University, 2000)  
**Positions Held:** Assistant Professor of Anthropology (2000-Pres), College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA);  
**Interests and/or Activities:** gender, cultural politics and political economy of late socialist Vietnam, fashion and globalization;  

As a Vietnam specialist, I am both enthusiastic about SEAA’s success in increasing the profile of East Asians and motivated to expand its reach. By fostering intellectual exchange that draws attention to the ways rich ethnographic work in this region contributes to theoretical understandings of globalization, neoliberalism, socialism, history and culture, consumption, gender, religion, and ethnicity, the SEAA has well served anthropology and East Asians. At the same time, my focus on Vietnam has led me to consider the potential for SEAA to reach out to scholars working with populations that might seem outside the conventional boundaries of East Asia, yet who are, and have been, participants in many of the same cultural, social, economic, and political dynamics that characterize the region’s core societies. As Treasurer, I would work to enhance the fiscal and intellectual vitality of SEAA by recruiting new members focused on “peripheral” East Asian countries such as Vietnam and on diasporic and transnational contexts. Continuing SEAA’s exploration of these links through panels, conferences, and newsletter columns will enrich our understandings of the region and provide yet another way that East Asians can contribute to a critical 21st century anthropology focused on cultural change, connection, and contestation.

**SANDRA TERESA HYDE** (PhD, University of California-Berkeley & San Francisco, 1999)  
**Positions Held:** Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Social Studies of Medicine (2002-Present), McGill University, Canada; NIMH Postdoctoral Fellow (1999-2001), Department of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School;  
**Interests and/or Activities:** cultural politics of infectious diseases, post-socialism and governmentality, gender and sexuality;  

East Asian Studies (EAS) in Anthropology offers wonderful opportunities for promoting East Asian studies research by furthering new directions in anthropological fieldwork and theoretical debates in the field. As treasurer, I would work to support the financial management of EAS, as well as promoting Asia-wide issues and key anthropological debates by fostering links to other sections of AAA and smaller North American regional conferences. I strongly support making EAS a more central figure in the AAA structure and would work to build stronger mentorship between anthropologists and graduate students pursuing new research across East Asia. I would also work to foster greater visibility of East Asianists in the AAA through increasing the number of sessions focusing on Asia, and by encouraging regional outreach across North America including Canada.

Candidates for Treasurer

Candidates for Councilor #2

Candidates for Treasurer

RALPH LITZINGER (PhD, University of Washington, 1994)  
**Positions Held:** Associate Professor, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University (2001-Present); Director, Asian/ Pacific Studies Institute, Duke University (2002-Present); Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University (1994-2001); Secretary, American Ethnological Society (1999-2005);  
**Interests and/or Activities:** politics of the environmental movement in China and East Asia; relationship between Chinese state and processes of globalization; principle investigator for the Global East Asian Studies Center (funded for second consecutive term by Title VI grant from Department of Education); winner of Mellon-Sawyer award for year-long seminar, “Portents and Dilemmas: Health and the Environment in China and India, A Comparative Study”;  

The anthropology of East Asia has witnessed remarkable growth in recent years. The proliferation of web and blog sites, ethnographic and theoretical work, and the transnational movement of anthropological ideas, fieldwork strategies, and intellectual and activist networks within and beyond East Asia are transforming our understandings of East Asia and its place in the world. As a councilor, I will be committed to promoting new forms of interaction, exchange, and organizing among anthropologists in North America, East Asia, and the Pacific region. This is necessary not only to provincialize North America (and Europe) as the center of East Asian anthropological writing, but also to open up new spaces of dialogue across national and regional boundaries. I am also committed to seeing the anthropology of East Asia continue to engage and push in new directions social and cultural anthropological theorizing. I bring to this position over twenty years of fieldwork and archive experience in the People’s Republic of China. I also serve as the Director of Duke’s Asian/ Pacific Studies Institute, which has forced me to think hard about the institutional practices and political economy of how knowledge about East Asia is produced in an increasingly global world.

**ANRU LEE** (PhD, CUNY-Graduate Center, 1999)  
**Positions Held:** Assistant Professor (2003-present) John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY; Assistant Professor (1999-2003) California State University, Sacramento; Secretary (2005-2008) Society for the Anthropology of Work (SAW); SAW Anthropology News Contributing Editor (2002-2005);  
**Interests and/or Activities:** gender and sexuality, urban anthropology; anthropology of transportation, city and citizenship, political economy, Taiwan;  
**Significant Publications:** *In the Name of Harmony and Prosperity: Labor and Gender Politics in Taiwan’s Economic Restructuring* (SUNY Press, 2004); *Women in the New Taiwan: Gender Roles and Gender Consciousness in a Changing Society* (ME Sharpe, 2004; co-edited with Catherine Farris and Murray A. Rubinstein).
SEAA is a young but thriving organization. Not long ago I witnessed the efforts of senior East Asia anthropologists that made the birth of SEAA possible, and now am enjoying the fruit of their endeavor. I feel it is time for me to pick up the baton and continue to make the SEAA a place for East Asia anthropologists to share experiences and exchange ideas. Specifically, I would like to see that the SEAA serves as a platform to bring together East Asianists and our colleagues working in other cultural areas for dialogues (e.g., organizing trans-regional/comparative panels for AAA annual meetings or inviting scholars with other area specialties to present at SEAA annual/biannual conferences). I always thought that East Asia’s expansive tradition of civilization, its different pattern of engagement with European colonialism (as opposed to direct colonial rule in Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America), and the recent economic growth and socio-political transformation in the region all made it a unique place to examine many existing anthropological theories. As a councilor, I would work closely with other members on the executive board to extend opportunities for scholarly cross-fertilization.

**Candidates for Councilor #2**


As a student councilor I would have three general goals. First, I would hope to further the SEAA mission of promoting dialogue and exchange among anthropologists of East Asia. Having had experience organizing and participating in conferences and workshops I bring the necessary skills to not only get the word out but also generate substantive programming. Next, as an interdisciplinary student who is also deeply committed to the study of history I would like, if possible, to help the SEAA outreach to East Asians outside of Anthropology with the intention of creating more diverse and robust debates within our discipline and without. And finally, on a more professional developmental note, I would hope to use my tenure to become more deeply involved in the anthropological community outside of my home university and cultivate ties with other young academics as well as established scholars which I have not yet had the opportunity to do to a great extent.


After graduating from Oberlin College in 1989 (BA, History), I arrived in Kyoto, Japan to study the traditional music for the *shakuhachi* (Japanese bamboo flute) and teach English as a second language. Although not consciously, I was essentially conducting field study through my training in the traditional repertoire of the *shakuhachi*. What struck me most was that in several of the genre I was studying, the “traditions” were actually fairly recent phenomena. During my studies at the University of Hawaii (ethnomusicology), I learned from reading Hobshawm and Ranger that this is a widespread pattern, and I began to focus my interest in how identity can be constructed rather than ascribed. This led me to the topic of hip hop in Japan for my MA thesis. Using authenticity discourse as a point of entry, I analyzed how “Japaneseness” was constructed by drawing upon the margins of Japanese society, “gangsta” (*yakuta*) identity in particular. By this time, my interests had expanded beyond the scope of music in its formal aspects. Cultural Anthropology was the obvious choice, and I started my PhD at Boston University in September, 2006. I look forward to the possibility of serving as SEAA Student Councilor for my own development and for what I have to offer in terms of my focus in popular culture and “tradition.”

**Candidates for Board Member**


My current research centers on the Zapatista movement as a form of alternative development. I have done field work in the tropical rainforest region of Chiapas, Mexico, particularly on settlement relations with NGOs, as well as alternative development projects. I am carrying out in-depth study of Zapatista efforts at self-development, especially environment, gender and decision-making processes, self-government, health, education, ideology and identity.

**HJORLEIFUR JONSSON** (PhD, Cornell University, 1996) Positions Held: Associate Professor of Anthropology, Arizona State University; Interests and/or Activities: state-minority relations, sports, identity, and the politics of culture; Significant Publications: Mien Relations: Mountain People and State Control in Thailand (Cornell University Press, 2005), Mien Alter-Natives in Thai Modernity (Anthropological Quarterly, 2004), and French Natural

I am strongly committed to sustaining anthropology’s entanglements with humanistic concerns, in relation to the kinds of research we do as much as for ways of contextualizing and representing people, places, and histories. Humanistic anthropology may be less noticed by administrators as a low budget affair, but we need to insist on the relevance of creativity and moral optimism to our students and colleagues, as we make our work speak to the concerns of our multiple communities.

Candidates for Board Member-Graduate Student


I have served a term on the SHA Board as one of two Graduate Student representatives, adding my developing voice to many who already recognize the importance of promoting professional inquiry in a context of human value. I value the promotion of multicultural understandings and the reworking and challenging of assumptions that often block cross-cultural communication. I wish to expand venues for developing creative approaches to the way we represent the complex webs of human interaction we call culture. One way this happens is when we go beyond without abandoning social scientific discourses of objectivity, and engage qualitative accounts of the subjective or poetic realms of human experience. The SHA has helped me to further my interests in Anthropology as a “moral science of possibilities.” I see my role on the Board as providing colleagues with opportunities to express a humanistic spirit in the context of a critical, ethical, and historicist anthropology. I would like SHA to publish “The Best of SHA Poetry Contest Winners” as well as highlight in one volume excerpts from the many Turner Prize Award winners. Such endeavors can contribute to our central goal, helping people to ask themselves “what does it mean to be human?”


I am new to SHA, though I have long known of its reputation in promoting and supporting the highest quality scholarship within humanistic anthropology. As our discipline continues to grow, and as the professionalization of new scholars becomes more complex, we must become increasingly aware of the voices of graduate students. As a student who is statistically somewhat older than average, and a single mother besides, I bring an awareness of the difficulties facing many graduate students in anthropology—and academia more generally—today, as well as an appreciation of what graduate students have to offer. I served as a faculty-student representative within the anthropology department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where I received my M.S., and have also served as graduate student representative on the executive board of the Russian, East European & Eurasian Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I currently serve as co-contributing editor to the Central States Anthropological Society column in Anthropology News. As my dissertation research path leads me ever more deeply into the humanities and the arts, I would very much like to become involved with SHA, which has done so much to foster the humanistic spirit within anthropology.

SOCIETY FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidate for President-Elect


I have served on the Executive Board for the Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology since 1995. With each passing year I have witnessed the movement of the Executive Board from an organization of dedicated scholars focused on outreach and inclusion of all scholars of Latin America to a Board that must balance this commitment with intensive financial and administrative obligations. We are at a critical juncture in maintaining the financial health of our Society while continuing to grow as one of the leading journals on and active societies within LA and the Caribbean. My experience and sound relationship with the AAA are important attributes and I am committed to our Society and our mission of serving the scholars and our communities throughout the world. I will work with the Executive Board in resolving the financial and logistical issues we currently face without jeopardizing our future; I will work toward an active and continuous conversation with all of our members; and I will continue with our expansion and inclusion of scholars of LA and the Caribbean wherever they may be located in order to accomplish our goal of being a truly international Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology.
Candidates for Member at-Large


I would very much welcome the opportunity to serve the Society of Linguistic Anthropology as Member-At-Large. I am particularly eager to discuss ways that the SLA can help communicate to non-linguistic anthropologists all that our subdiscipline has to offer scholars in other subdisciplines of anthropology and beyond. One of the most effective means SLA has employed for achieving this goal is the establishment of the Edward Sapir Book Prize for the best monograph written in linguistic anthropology over a two-year period. As Invitations to Love received Honorable Mention in the 2002 Sapir Book Prized competition, I would be especially interested in helping to judge future submissions. I would also work hard to make sure that the competition is well publicized, both to encourage submissions and also, once the prize has been awarded, to attract attention to the prize winners. Other possible ways of increasing the awareness of research by linguistic anthropologists include supporting and expanding the new Linguistic Anthropology blog (http://linganth.blogspot.com) and providing more opportunities for dialogue between linguistic anthropologists and scholars in other anthropological and non-anthropological (sub-)disciplines. I would enjoy working on any such projects that help to raise the profile of linguistic anthropology.


One of the SLA’s strengths is our interdisciplinarity; we are members of multiple AAA sections, and have training in and work in multiple disciplinary contexts both within and outside the academy. I believe that we can capitalize on this interdisciplinarity to both increase declining membership in the organization, and to develop more channels to increase public and professional access to linguistic anthropology resources. If elected as member-at-large, I will work on outreach efforts to increase membership in the SLA (for both intellectual and budgetary benefit) and to strengthen SLA interaction with other AAA sections through utilizing the networks of our members and promoting co-sponsored sessions and open calls for panels that are widely circulated within and outside of SLA circles. In addition, I will work to strengthen efforts to provide free access to current and accurate linguistic anthropological knowledge for fora that are already widely accessed by people looking for such information, such as the SLA website, Wikipedia (where significant work has already been done by SLA members), and linguistic anthropology blogs. Finally, I would like to open discussion about how the Society can play a larger public role by using its voice in public policy debates about language.

Candidates for Executive Board


Networking with colleagues with whom we otherwise would have little contact is the biggest benefit of membership in a professional organization. SMA has exciting possibilities to expand our connection-making role. Developing links with foreign and non-academic medical anthropologists and organizations is a priority. In her presidential address last fall, Marcia Inhorn’s plea for traditional area studies recognized that local language and cultural studies continue to be central to health research, policy, and activism. Facilitating international contacts is one of the most useful roles SMA can play. Similarly, we need better ties with colleagues outside academia, including those for whom AAA dues may be a barrier to participation.

SMA’s website is an excellent resource and location from which to reach out and expand our networking and information services beyond U.S. academic borders. The recent move to include resources in languages other than English is a step in the right direction. The next priorities should include developing more connections outside U.S. academics, facilitating more international and applied anthropologists’ participation in SMA panels and information exchanges, and developing web resources on non-academic career opportunities.
My recent research has focused on the process of the medicalization of reproduction in Greece. I have been particularly interested in the role of technologies such as fetal ultrasound in shaping women’s experiences of pregnancy as well as the distinctive features of Greek maternal care more broadly. I have also worked as part of an inter-disciplinary team comprised of U.S. and Mexican researchers studying the increasing rates of diabetes among Yucatecan Mayans in Mexico. My latest project explores how the increasing reliance of many Greek women on the domestic labor of immigrant women from neighboring Balkan countries influences their reproductive decision-making as well as their understandings of themselves of mothers, daughters and wives. I look forward to participating more actively in the SMA and taking part in decisions that will influence its future.

Candidates for Executive Board

GELYA FRANK (PhD, University of California-Los Angeles, 1981) Positions Held: Professor, Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy and Anthropology, University of Southern California (1982-Present); Member, Editorial Board, ETHOS: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology (1989-Present); Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology (2006); Fellow, Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics (1999); Director, Tule River Tribal History Project (2004-Present); Interests and/or Activities: Disability and chronic illness; Collective identity and health in indigenous communities; Interventions using culturally meaningful activities (occupations) for social transformation; Significant Publications: Defying the Odds: One California Tribe’s Struggle for Sovereignty in Three Centuries, first author, with Carole Goldberg. UCLA School of Law (Yale University Press, Forthcoming); Venus on Wheels: Two Decades of Dialogue on Disability, Biography and Being Female in America (University of California Press, 2000); Lives: An Anthropological Approach to Biography, second author, with L. L. Langness (Chandler and Sharp, 1981).

In her recent 2006 SMA Presidential Address, Marcia Inhorn observed that “medical anthropology is expanding outward and interacting in many productive ways across disciplinary boundaries.” Interdisciplinary initiatives will define some of the most important opportunities for medical anthropologists for years to come. The intersection between medical anthropology and occupational science/occupational therapy is a case in point. In the United States and globally, there is a critical shortage of occupational therapists to address problems of living with chronic illnesses and disabilities. The U.S. Department of Labor predicts a 27% surge in jobs for occupational therapists, driven in part by biomedical, functional and social structural challenges of aging. More broadly, occupational therapists have a mission to offer culturally-relevant approaches to enhance health and well-being for individuals, families, and communities. The demand for doctor-level faculty who are capable of NIH-funded research is acute. Scores of academic positions in occupational therapy departments at major institutions are open. Medical anthropologists could ideally fill these positions, especially after gaining a two-year clinical entry-level masters degree. These opportunities will continue to grow. I will work with SMA on post-doctoral and other initiatives to support academic research and professional education at this exciting site for interdisciplinary exchange.

Candidates for Executive Board


My work explores the cultural and political workings of the medical sciences in contexts of crisis and the political economy and ethics of drug development. I am committed to integrating medical anthropological knowledge across the disciplines, and I look forward to contributing to the SMA’s continued growth and development. As inequalities in the global health burden continue unabated, medical anthropology has the crucial role of conveying the links and gaps between complex lived experience and public health strategies and interventions. I believe that the SMA is poised to provide critical leadership in the theory and practice of global public health, and that it can greatly contribute to the training of a new generation of socially-minded scholars and professionals. As an SMA Executive Board Member, I will advocate for the expanded visibility of medical anthropology in global health research and policy debates with the goal of making an effective difference in the lives of the most vulnerable. I will support a stronger integration of medical anthropology in undergraduate and graduate curricula and in diverse medical and public health settings. I look forward to working within the SMA to increase interdisciplinary research opportunities for our members and to establish productive international partnerships.

Candidates for Executive Board


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Over the past 40 years, medical anthropology has grown from a minor specialty into a major subfield of the discipline of anthropology. Many factors have contributed to the vitality of medical anthropology, among them: the extraordinary richness of medical anthropologists’ topical and applied interests; the considerable diversity of theoretical and methodological orientations employed in tackling health-related problems, all contributing to our understanding of the many complicated aspects of health and illness; the importance of health issues throughout the world with so many emergent crises that require anthropological input; and the skilled and dynamic leadership of SMA. Medical anthropology’s links to all the subfields of the discipline are robust, but they should be strengthened.

Our publications are first rate, but we need to find ways to improve the global availability of the results of our research in a timely manner. We need to explore ways of enhancing international cooperation among medical anthropologists and between medical anthropologists and other health specialists. If elected, I would be honored to contribute to the achievement of the Society’s objectives of promoting the production and dissemination of medical anthropological knowledge and its application to the myriad of contemporary critical health issues.


Much of my career has been spent in designing and directing studies for evaluating program impact or to assess the nature of local experience in explaining social interaction. I have trained fieldworkers for data collection to work in local languages in more than 15 countries in Africa. Most of the time I have been a full-time researcher, and often work on research topics with UNICEF and WHO. Macro International publishes reports from my studies and makes them available on the Measuredhs web site. I want to represent applied anthropology on the Society for Medical Anthropology Executive Board to stimulate discussions of research methodology, to promote interdisciplinary approaches to understanding experiences with illness and treatment, and to encourage the study of the social context of interaction. I would like to see more sessions at meetings devoted to methodological issues so that we become clearer about our own methods and can make them understood to other disciplines. I would like to promote opportunities for anthropologists to work in international organizations and aspects of survey research, and enrich my presentation of anthropological skills and SMA concerns to international audiences.

Candidates for Executive Board-Student Seat


Students of Medical Anthropology throughout university campuses find themselves in membership of a specialized discipline that is in dynamic and prominent growth in the field of Anthropology. The greatest assets for up-and-coming medical anthropologists are: mentorship, training, funding, and peer and professional networks. I envision an approach that promotes local programs on university
efforts would have the overarching aim of enriching student train-
peers and faculty from their own and other universities—all such
present original research and receive productive feedback from
possibly regional student orientated conferences where students can
participation could forge an impetus for SMA projects designed for
ideally invite more dynamic and representative student involvement
as chapters of MASA. The development of such chapters would
department's research and变迁, as a means of preparing momentum for larger scale inter-
stitutional student programs. MASA can disburse guide resources
for students on how to organize medical anthropology groups on
their campuses as a venue for faculty and students to engage in dis-
course regarding student research agendas, grant and fellowship
applications, IRB application and research protocols, and original
research synthesis and write-up. These groups could potentially act
as chapters of MASA. The development of such chapters would
ideally invite more dynamic and representative student involvement
in SMA events. The potential of expanded student membership and
participation could forge an impetus for SMA projects designed for
the student of medical anthropology, such as: specialized field training
programs, expanded forums in SMA/SF AA conferences, and
possibly regional student orientated conferences where students can
present original research and receive productive feedback from peers
and faculty from their own and other universities—all such efforts would have the overarching aim of enriching student train-
ning and research in medical anthropology.

SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidates for President


Ever since my graduate school days at UCSD and my subsequent move to UCLA, my professional career has been centered in the heart of psychological anthropology. I am deeply committed to the field, and I feel a strong responsibility to further its growth and development. We have been able to do this at UCLA by keeping psychological anthropology at the core of the department’s research and teaching agenda and by building bridges to other disciplines and subfields, including medical anthropology, cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, psychology, psychiatry, social work, the neurosciences, and those working on evolutionary explanations of human behavior. If elected President, I would bring with me this “big tent” mentality, and I would continue SPA’s outreach efforts to other scholars in Anthropology and neighboring disciplines.

I am particularly concerned that we make the SPA a comfortable home, intellectually and otherwise, for our junior colleagues and students. Although our membership numbers have remained relatively stable over the last several years, we have not been growing as fast as we should have to maintain ourselves as a healthy, vibrant society. As President, I would be enlisting all of you to help me and the Board find new and creative ways of reaching out to our junior colleagues.

Candidates for Board of Directors


Psychological anthropology holds a distinctive and vital place within anthropology because it engages the varieties of individual experience within a cultural framework, attends to life course processes of human development, concerns the mundane as well as the structural or the extra-ordinary, and remains open to discovering sites of commonality as well as diversity. Multiple contemporary forces—including concern for displacement and social trauma, recognition of mental health as a major global challenge, impact of the neuroscience revolution, and a rush to incorporate “ethnicity” across the social and biomedical sciences—also position psychological anthropology to inform public discourse, policy, and practice. The challenge is to balance our urge to seize present opportunities to engage these forces and act upon a larger stage, against the need to sustain a core commitment to psychological anthropology on its own terms. Enlivening and enriching this dynamic situation is the ongoing need to nurture and embrace a fresh generation of scholars entering the field.

If elected, I would provide leadership for meeting these opportunities and challenges, including by creating fora to engage poverty and inequality as well as the global challenges to mental health, building dialogue with cognitive and behavioral neurosciences, and expanding discussions of our priorities.

JENNIFER COLE (PhD, University of California-Berkeley, 1996) Positions Held: Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Human Development, Associate Member, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago (2004-present); Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (2003-2004); Assistant Professor, Committee on Human Development, University of Chicago (2001-2004); Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University (1998-2001); Interests and/or Activities: social processes of memory and forgetting, youth and intergenerational transformation, globalization, sexual economies, Pentecostalism, Madagascar and Africa; Significant Publications: Generations and Globalization: Youth, Age and Family in the New World Economy (edited with Deborah Durham), Indiana University Press 2006; “Malagasy and Western Conceptions of Memory: Implications for Post-Colonial Politics and the Study of Memory” Ethos, 34(2): 211-243; Forget Colonial-
Psychological anthropology can bring unique insights to many pressing issues in the contemporary world; its unique person-centered focus also has much to offer contemporary debates within cultural anthropology. Yet all too frequently, our insights remain separate from larger disciplinary conversations. Recent leadership within the SPA has recognized the importance of bridging the potential gap between psychological and cultural anthropology, while retaining our unique perspective. I would like to further develop these kinds of conversations, which are central to our continuation as an important subfield within the discipline. I have served on the Condon Prize Selection Committee, and published several times in ETHOS. I am particularly interested in fostering further generations of SPA members.


I have been a member of the SPA since I was a graduate student, and most of the panels I have organized for AAA meetings have been sponsored by SPA. I served on SPA’s Condon Student Paper Prize Committee for the past three years. If I am elected as a board member, I will work to maintain the enthusiasm, solidarity, and intellectual coherence that have made SPA such a strong community. At the same time, however, I would try to attract a broader membership among anthropologists who work on issues relevant to psychological anthropology but may not (yet) be SPA members. I would try to publicize SPA activities and publications to a broad range of anthropologists by advertising them on the websites and listservs of other sections and organizations in addition to those of SPA itself. I would also try to build stronger bridges between SPA and related organizations, perhaps by trying to arrange joint meetings and co-sponsored activities, and by avoiding schedule conflicts between SPA activities and the activities of other organizations that tend to share membership with SPA.

Candidates for Board of Directors


My career as an academic researcher has consisted of working between the two disciplines of Anthropology and Psychology to study the role of culture in children’s developmental processes. My own work in this area has focused on Yucatec Maya children of Mexico, where I have maintained an active field site for almost 30 years. SPA has always been an important organization for me because it is one of the few places that nurtures an interdisciplinary dialogue. I believe that one of its most important functions is to serve as an intellectual home for those of us whose work on the borders between these two disciplines. Most importantly, it respects a plurality of theoretical and methodological perspectives and thereby fosters conversations and collaborations that could not otherwise take place. Specifically, SPA has served historically as an important meeting ground for those who are interested in the intersection of culture and child development. I would like to use my position on the board to continue and even to strengthen this tradition by encouraging even greater numbers of child researchers from a variety of disciplines who take culture seriously to become active in the organization.


I firmly believe that psychological anthropology is at the same time both the most fundamental and the most cutting edge subdiscipline within anthropology. Holding in tension the precepts that “all anthropology is psychological” and “all psychology is cultural” (Bock 1999), I have directed my work at considering how individuals cultivate embodied practices and experiences as an avenue to make sense of themselves, their relationships, and the world around them within different (sometimes competing) moral frames. This has entailed an engagement with gender and human development and the intersections of human existential questions with on-the-ground social and cultural realities. I have been most intrigued by the ways in which subjective experiences may be systematically targeted for change through the cultivation of different forms of body discipline (e.g., in a convent or an eating disorders treatment center) and how institutions shape, but do not entirely dictate, these processes. I have been an active member of the SPA since 1992 and consider it my intellectual and professional home. I served as student member to the SPA board for 2 years (1996-1998) and would be honored to return to the SPA board to serve our membership with enthusiasm and dedication.
Candidates for Executive Committee Members at-Large: Anthropologist Position


I have very much enjoyed my work with SAC over the past twelve years and hope to continue serving the Society. In the past, I have served as a Board Member, Section Program Editor, Member of the Editorial Board of AoC, Book Review Editor for AoC, and SAC President-Elect, President, and Past-President. If elected to the Board, I will continue to advocate free expression of diverse ideas at our meetings; I will continue to explore ideas to increase our membership base; I will continue to critically oversee the relationship between the University of California Press and our journal; I will continue our strong presence as the annual meeting with Invited Sessions, Distinguished Lecturers, and Best Article awards; I will continue to support our members professionally by encouraging them to submit papers to the AAA annual meeting and to our Spring meetings; I will encourage members to submit papers and write reviews for AoC. While we are a relatively small section of the AAA, we are an important one. I believe that there is no other section that is more open to new ideas, has as diverse a membership, and is more supportive of its members. In the spirit of our Past President — John Baker — I will strive to make SAC an organization where every member feels welcome, accepted, and respected.

BETHE HAGENS (PhD, University of Chicago, 1972) Positions Held: MA/Doctoral Faculty, School of Public Policy and Administration, Walden University (2005-Pres); Core Doctoral Faculty, Union Institute & University (1987-2005); Professor of Anthropology and Geography, Governors State University (1972-1994); Interests and/or Activities: sound and artifacts to initiate creative (violin, bullroarers, indigenous instruments); sustainability and public policy; geometry and consciousness; Significant Publications: "Plato’s Cosmic Container," Parabola, Fall 2006; "Blood Lightning and the Planetary Grid," Proceedings of the Planetary Collegium [University of Plymouth, England] 2006; "The Divine Feminine in Geometric Consciousness," AoC, 2006.

SAC has been on my radar screen since its inception, and (inspired by the long-time contributions one of my former students, Lisa Mertz), I served as temporary production editor of AoC during the transition to ANTHROSOURCE (issues 15-1 through 17-1). A number of AoC board members have served as adjunct faculty members on doctoral committees I have chaired. Working as a generalist anthropologist in an interdisciplinary “distance learning environment” for nearly 20 years has brought me the opportunity to meet consciousness researchers in many disciplines, departments, and countries. As a SAC board member, I would in particular like to work with new AoC editor Bonnie Glass-Coffin to interface more effectively with the AoC board and with attendees at annual SAC and AAA functions who are not members of AAA but are potential contributors to and shapers of our journal. AoC is poised to be the primary interdisciplinary scholarly consciousness forum.


Over the last 15 years I have served in nearly every official capacity in the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness—president, Anthropology of Consciousness editor, Anthropology Newsletter column editor, executive committee member, and annual conference program chair. I would like to remain on the board to assist the president, secretary-treasurer, and new AOC editor in the transition to the next generation of leadership in the society. I believe passionately in this society and what it has to offer to anthropology. I would like to help make that dream a reality.

Candidate for Executive Committee Member: Student


As an Executive Board member I will bring to the direction of the Society enthusiasm, creativity, and drive. I have served as Assistant Editor of the Society’s journal for a number of years, helping it through several transitions. If elected to the Executive Board I plan to bring the same level of professional commitment and enthusiasm to help the Society grow and develop. One of my central goals will be to encourage as many new young professionals to join and become active members. I will also continue working with issues centering on the journal and AnthroSource. I believe that consciousness and its study plays a central role in resolving interactions that have arisen as anthropology grapples with postmodern, post-colonial, and other 21st century theoretical and methodological
issues. As an Executive Board member I will continue making the anthropology of consciousness an important, and central, component of the field of anthropology and humanity in general.

**SAC Bylaws Amendments**

**ARTICLE VI. Officers**

2. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Society, and serve as the Society’s Representative on the Section Assembly for periods not to exceed four (4) consecutive years as specified in the Bylaws of the American Anthropological Association. The Executive Committee may designate another Society officer or Executive Committee member as a Section representative to the Section Assembly if the President has already served four (4) consecutive years on the Section Assembly, and shall serve on the Executive Board of the American Anthropological Association in appropriate rotation.

**ARTICLE VII. Executive Committee**

6. In each election there shall be an At-Large membership reserved for a student member who must be a student at the time of the election.

8. The *Anthropology of Consciousness Quarterly* Editor shall serve on the Executive Committee as a non-voting ex officio member.

**ARTICLE XI. Nominations and Elections**

6. All effective nominations shall be made known to Members at least 42 days before the deadline for voting for the office or as otherwise required by the American Anthropological Association.

**ARTICLE XII. Balloting**

2. Ballots shall be secret and returned to the American Anthropological Association by mail ballot, electronic mail or any other means of electronic transmission approved by the AAA Executive Board. In a signed envelope, The SAC Executive Committee shall have the authority to examine the eligibility of any voter.

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**Candidate for Secretary-Elect**

**Candidate for Treasurer**

**Candidate for Program Committee Chair-Elect**

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My research interest in the Czech Republic serves as a guide for how I would approach this position. Lying, as that country does, at the self-styled “Heart of Europe,” it provokes questions of definition, change, connection, and history. It is my intent to feature these issues of connection and meaning prominently in the content of the SAE Anthropology Newsletter column, and create a space where the broadest range of Europeanist research can be featured. My experience working on the SfAA’s journal Human Organization and my administrative background have provided the practical skills to accomplish these tasks. This vision and these skills will help maintain the Society’s long tradition of binding together the community of anthropologists of this region and enhancing these linkages in new and interesting ways.

Jennifer R. Cash

PhD, Indiana University, 2004

**Positions Held:**


Since joining the SAE in 1998, I have enjoyed the society’s rich program of events at the AAA meetings, resources for researching and teaching Europe, and fresh journal publications. I would like to see these existing activities continue, flourish, and evolve to meet the needs of current and prospective members. Over the next few years, SAE will need to make very sound financial decisions to continue offering its existing programs. In 2006, I was approved by the Executive Committee as interim treasurer, and during the last five months, I have been working closely with our board and treasurers from other societies to find creative financial solutions to our current difficulties. As treasurer, I will continue to support decisions that facilitate the SAE’s continued vitality.

Vasiliki Nefotistos

PhD, Harvard University, 2003

**Positions Held:**


Having conducted research on identity politics in the Balkans (Macedonia, Bosnia, and Kosovo), I have firsthand knowledge of some of the tensions that spring from ethnic belonging on the one hand and the desire to become part of Europe on the other. Also, I am interested in the interface between anthropology and the design of foreign and social policies in the context of post-conflict stabilization in Eastern Europe. If elected to the Society of the Anthro-
JENNIFER PATICO (PhD, New York University, 2001) **Positions Held:** Assis-
tant Professor (2006-present), Georgia State University; Visiting Assistant Profes-
sor (2002-2006), Haverford College; Mel-
on Postdoctoral Fellow (2002-2004), Haverford College: Visiting Assistant Pro-
fessor (2002), Duke University; **Interests and/or Activities:** Russia and pos-
ternalism; consumption, globalization, and social change; gender, romance, and marriage in cross-cultural perspective; **Significant Publications:** Mercedes Logic: Consumption, Globalization and Social Change in a Post-Soviet Middle Class (forthcoming book); “To be Happy in a Mercedes: Culture, Civili-

The panels and roundtables sponsored by SAE at AAA each year provide excellent opportunities for anthropologists of Europe not only to learn about one another’s work, but also to build evolving understandings of the regional, thematic, and theoretical foci that draw us together as scholars. As Program Chair-Elect, I would devote my energies to recruiting and featuring a broad range of scholars (junior and senior, working in Western, Eastern, and Cent-
tral Europe alike), with special attention to panels that integrate per-
pectives from across Europe. Furthermore, SAE could be a good home for a few more panels/roundtables each year in which the meanings of “Europe” are ethnographically explored and/or theo-
retically interrogated – whether or not all papers focus exclusively on field research conducted within Europe. Such programming could highlight the broad theoretical/topical interest of Europeanist research to the membership of AAA at large as well as sustaining SAE as a vibrant site of collegial and intellectual exchange. Finally, my first experience with SAE was as a student paper prize-winner, and I would look forward to encouraging the active participation of a new generation of student-scholars.

**Candidates for Publications and Project Committee Chair**

KATHLEEN ALLISON COSTELLO (PhD Candidate, Indiana University- Bloomington) **Positions Held:** Future Faculty Teaching Fellow, Indiana University- Purdue University Indianapolis; Asso-
ciate Instructor, Indiana University Bloomington (1999, 2001, 2006); Indiana University- Bloomington Skomp Fellowship Holder (2005); Minnesota Department of Corrections Community College Education Director (2002-2003); **Interests and/or Activities:** United Kingdom, community membership, research on the role of neighborhood networks in supporting asylum claims.

The Society for the Anthropology of Europe is an organization I have benefited from during my time as a graduate student. The H-
SAE list-serv, conference panels, and journal created for me a sense of scholarly and professional community that I look forward to sup-
porting as the Publication and Projects Committee Chair. I have worked as a tutor of graduate writers, taught research and writing in the disciplines, and organized graduate and undergraduate confer-
ence panels. These are on-the-ground experiences in creating and supporting disciplinary knowledge that prepare me to do the same with Publications and Projects on an organization-wide level.

**THOMAS TAAFFE** (PhD, University of Massachusetts-Amherst 2006) **Positions Held:** Full Time Visiting Instructor, Franklin Pierce College (2005 – Present); Book Review Editor, Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe (2001-2006); Editor, UMass Graduate Voice (1996-2005); Board President and Acting Executive Director, Coalition for the Arts and Humanities of Staten Island (1991-1995); Editor, Ictus Review (1992-1995); **Interests and/or Activities:** Media/Visual anthropology, race/ethnicity/class, violence and discourse; **Significant Publications:** Good Friday, Northern Ireland!: Spin, Soundbites, Politics and Speed, in Communicating Cultures, LIT Verlag, 2004; Images of Peace: The News Media, Politics and the Good Friday Agreement, in Peace at Last? The Impact of the Good Friday Agreement on Northern Ireland, Berghahn Books, 2003; “Claiming the King’s Highway: Assertions of Power, Domination and Territory during the Marching Season in Northern Ireland,” The Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe, 2001.

As the publication and project chair of SAE, I would work with the SAE board and its members to elevate the visibility of Europeanist anthropology within our discipline and without. As someone with over 15 years of editing and publishing experience behind me, I understand the importance of journals, websites and other commu-
nications systems for advancing the interests and concerns of those communities they represent. I will continue the work of the outgoing chair and the development of SAE’s book series with Berghahn. I support the creation and development of new publications, jour-
nals and other communications systems, such as websites, to further advance the interests and concerns of European anthropology. These may best be done in collaboration with other organizations and institutions, including EASA. While AnthroSource has created new opportunities for research and publishing, it has also created challenges and problems for AAA publications, sections and inter-
egroup members. I will work with the board and all AAA members to resolve these problems for the benefit of section diversity, the inter-
est and needs of the AAA’s membership base and the greater needs of our discipline.

**Candidates for Member at-Large**

NERINGA KLUMBYTE (PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2006) **Positions Held:** Visiting Scholar (2006-2007) University of Illinois at Chicago; Research Associate (2006-2007) University of Pittsburgh, Vytautas Magnus University; Teaching Fellow (2002-2003) University of Pittsburgh; **Interests and/or Activities:** political and economic anthropology, Eastern Europe; **Significant Publications:** “Symbolic ‘States’ in Village Spaces of Lithuania” J. Friedman and S. Samp-

As someone who has a native experience of a European culture, I am interested in promoting dialogue between European and Ameri-
can scholars to advance the anthropological study of European soci-
eties and cultures. I would bring to the position my own experience of an academic life and ethnographic research in Eastern Europe. I would be committed to encouraging interest in smaller countries within Europe such as the Baltic societies which still have received
little attention from Europeanists. If elected, I will contribute with all my knowledge and experience to the executive board and other work within the SAE.


The SAE has played a vital role in providing collegiality, intellectual stimulation, and career development for anthropologists interested in Europe. Now that Europeanist anthropology has gained legitimacy within the field, members and potential members have more options and more competition for their time and their publications, which I have seen reflected in the declining participation in events at AAA and low submission rates to JSAE. As Member-at-Large, I would like to work with others on the Board and among the membership to rethink the current role of the Society, to revitalize the group and to encourage new cohorts of anthropologists to become involved.

LEVENT SOYSAL (PhD, Harvard University, 1999) Positions Held: Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the Department of Radio, Television, and Cinema (2003-present); Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2001-2003); Free University-Berlin, Assistant Professor (1998-2001); John W. Draper Interdisciplinary Master’s Program in Humanities and Social Thought, New York University: Interests and/or Activities: city, spectacle, transnationalism, youth, and migration; current research is entitled WorldCity Berlin and the Spectacles of Identity; Public Events, Immigrants, and the Politics of Performance; principal researcher in TIES (The Integration of European Second Generation) research training network, Marie Curie Actions, European Commission; Significant Publications: “The Migration Story of Turks in Germany: From the Beginning and to the End” in Cambridge History of Turkey, vol. IV, forthcoming; Plausible Vielfalt. Wie der Karneval der Kulturen denkt, lernt und Kultur macht, co-editor (with Michi Knecht, PhD), Panama Verlag, 2005; “Rap, Hiphop, Kreuzberg: Scripts of/for Migrant Youth Culture in the WorldCity Berlin” New German Critique, 2004.

Located in Istanbul and Berlin, I take Europe as a supranational cultural and political entity, taking shape in the discontinuous geography of the European Union and its margins, and shaped by the unfolding politics and economies of regional, national, and global order. As a member-at-large, I would like to work with fellow executive committee members to strengthen the SAE’s ties with the newly burgeoning anthropological profession at the margins of Europe. As a member of both organizations, I would also like to foster closer relations between SAE and EASA. I believe as anthropologists of Europe we have much to benefit from cooperation, in the form of joint projects, exchange of ideas about teaching, and furthering anthropology as a profession.

SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF FOOD AND NUTRITION

Candidate for President-Elect


As Vice-president elect of SAFN, I hope to fulfill the obligations of the office by overseeing the quickly-evolving SAFN website, and by assisting the president where necessary. In addition, like the other officers on the executive board, I will aim to reflect the interests of SAFN members, and to represent the interests of SAFN as an organization to the wider anthropological community. I have been a member of SAFN for over a decade, and have held other appointed and elected positions on its board, so I feel prepared to serve now as Vice-President.

Candidate for Vice President-Elect


SAFN is an organization in transition. Growth in interest in food studies combined with public recognition of the increasing importance of nutrition to public and environmental health promises our subsection an exciting future. Because of growing academic acceptance of studies of food and nutrition, SAFN is poised to grow in membership and influence if we work to raise our profile within the AAA and among other organizations. If elected, I intend to work with the board and members to increase membership, develop greater outreach to other food and nutrition societies, and to establish a strong public policy presence for SAFN.

SAFN Bylaws Amendments

Article II. Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this society is to encourage research and exchange of ideas, theories, methods, and scientific information relevant to understanding the biological, evolutionary, socio-cultural, behavioral, and political economic factors related to food and nutrition; to provide a forum for communication and interaction among scientists and others sharing these interests; and to promote practi-
Article IV. Membership
Section 2. All members in good standing are entitled to Nutritional Anthropology, the publication of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN); the right to vote at the annual meeting and by mail ballot; and all other privileges of SAFN.

Article V. Dues
Section 1. There shall be annual dues in an amount fixed by SAFN at the annual meeting. Such dues shall cover the cost of the annual meeting, committee work, the website, Wilson and Past-President for terms of one year according to the discretion of the Executive Committees; the purposes of the meeting, committee work, and publications.

Article VI. Officers
Section 3. The President-elect, Vice President, in the absence or disability of the President, shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the six officers, and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, Chairpersons of Ad-Hoc Committees, and the Contributing Editor to the AAA's Anthropology News. The management of the affairs of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition, in the interim between annual business meetings is delegated to the Executive Committee. Other duties are specified in the Bylaws.

Article VII. Executive Committee
Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the six officers, and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, Chairpersons of Ad-Hoc Committees, and the Contributing Editor to the AAA's Anthropology News. The management of the affairs of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition, in the interim between annual business meetings is delegated to the Executive Committee. Other duties are specified in the Bylaws.

Article VIII. Committees
Section 1. The following standing committees shall be constituted:

- (1) Nominations;
- (2) Meetings and Programs;
- (3) Curriculum and Research Awards;
- (4) Research and Funding;
- (5) Policy and Liaison.

Section 2. Ad Hoc committees may be constituted for specific purposes at the discretion of the Executive Committee; the purposes of the committees and the term of the committees must be clearly stated in the minutes of the annual Executive Committee meeting.

Article XIV. Publications
Section 1. The official publication of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition is Nutritional Anthropology, the publication of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition. The Executive Committee with the approval of a majority of the regular members present and voting at the annual meeting or by mail ballot may establish additional publications.

Section 2. The Vice President, in conjunction with AAA, is in charge of the publication and distribution of Nutritional Anthropology.

Section 3. The Vice President as Editor of Nutritional Anthropology may appoint one or more associate editors, with approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Contributing Editor is in charge of SAFN’s contribution to the AAA’s Anthropology News. The contributing editor may appoint assistants as deemed necessary, with approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The official publications of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition shall appear regularly on the section web site, and shall include information on section Executive Committee Business, the annual meetings, and information of scholarly interest to members. The maintenance and content of the web site shall be managed by the Vice President with coordination by the SAFN President and executive committee.

Candidates for Member at-Large

JOHN HARTIGAN JR (PhD, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1995) Positions Held: Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas (2002-current); Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas (2001-2002); Assistant Professor, Institute of Anthropology, University of North Texas (1999-2001) Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Knox College (1996-1999); Postdoctoral Fellow, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution (1995-1996); Interests and/or Activities: dynamics of racialization in health disparities research; comparative analysis of race-based genomic databases in Mexico and U.S.; Latin American constructions of whiteness; Significant Publications: Odd Tribes: Toward A Cultural Analysis of White People (Duke, 2005), Racial Situations: Class Predicaments of Whiteness in Detroit (Princeton, 1999); “Saying Socially Constructed is Not Enough,” Race—Are We So Different? A Project of the American Anthropological Association (2005).

PATRICIA ZAVELLA (PhD, University of California- Berkeley, 1982) Positions Held: Professor in the Latin American and Latino Studies Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz; Interests and/or Activities: Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies, feminist ethnography, and theories of transnationalism. My work analyzes social meanings in relation to macro processes that include globalization, transnational migration, and/or discourses related to gender, racialization, class, and heteronormativity; Significant Publications: Women and Migration in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: A Reader (co-edited with Denise Segura 2007); Chicana Feminisms: A Critical Reader (co-edited with Gabriela Arredondo, Aída Hurtado, Norma Klahn, Olga Nájera Ramírez, 2003); Perspectives on Las Américas: A Reader in Culture, History, and Representation (co-edited with Gutmann, Matthew C., Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, Lynn Stephen 2003); Telling to Live: Latina Feminist Testimonios (co-authored with The Latina Feminist Group 2001).
In this post 9/11 globalized world, it is important to rethink regional political affiliations, how the interests of capital, workers, migrants, consumers, and those concerned with the environment conflict, and the myriad processes of transnational identities, social formations and means of enacting oppositional consciousness. I look forward to critical dialogues about these issues as well as forming collaborations that work toward social justice, integrating scholarship and self-reflexive praxis.

Candidates for Treasurer


As a member of a new generation of anthropologists working in North America, I have personally and professionally benefited from work done by the founding members of SANA and subsequent cohorts of the organization’s leaders and members. SANA’s quick growth, organizational strength, and critical perspective have been crucially important in providing young anthropologists studying North America with professional recognition and validation and intellectual stimulation and support. A sound financial basis has been critical to SANA’s success thus far, especially in an environment that is at times inhospitable to both critical and North American work. Financial stability has permitted SANA to organize outstanding annual meetings like our successful 2006 meetings in New York, for which I served as Conference Chair; to be able to choose innovative forms and themes and diverse and important locations for our meetings, as in the case of our upcoming meetings in post-Katrina New Orleans; to create new book prizes; and to support young scholars and students. As SANA treasurer, I would work to insure that our resources are used wisely and efficiently so that these activities can continue and so that we can take on new tasks like strengthening links between anthropologists of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, reinvigorating SANA’s syllabus project, and expanding our membership.


I am excited to have been put forward for the post of treasurer of SANA since North American anthropology is going through important redefinitions. I am not interested exclusively in processes of globalization that make North America resonating with multiple elsewhere, but also in how buried and forgotten histories can remerge, even more powerfully, in Atlantic forms (see for instance Catholic histories). North American anthropology is very well positioned to grasp some of these echoes because of the diversity of anthropologists who institutionally compose it from within. Tensions and creative encounters between ‘first’ and ‘fourth’ world anthropologies is to me one of the greater strengths that SANA can further develop, as anthropology of North America engages dialogically with different and multiple, ‘national’ disciplinary schools. It is by being a forum for reflection on the irreducibility of a North American anthropology to any one given overarching school that SANA is a kernel to capture and give voice to a multiplicity of anthropological narratives that can never be exhausted by a single school of thought – and therefore resists the temptation of early closures.

Candidate for Secretary


I remember the founding of the Society for the Anthropology of North America and was proud to serve on its Board as Member at Large. SANA is a thriving section of the AAA and has a proud tradition of support and collaboration with many of the smaller sections of the AAA including: ABA, SOLGA, AFA, ALLA, SUNTA, SAW, as well as CASCA and UADY. As an activist anthropologist with a keen appreciation of the important role anthropology and anthropologists can play as advocates for social justice, I look forward to working with the SANA Board and members to strengthen and further these collaborative efforts.

SANA Bylaw Revisions

ARTICLE VI. Officers

8. The terms of office of all elected officers shall be two years, with the exception of At-Large Executive Board members, whose terms of office shall be three years. All terms commence commencing at 9 o’clock p.m., on the third day of the Annual Meeting of the Association.
ARTICLE VI. Officers
1. The officers shall be a President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two At-Large Executive Board Members.

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 as a board member for the past two years. In 2006, I led the committee that developed our new Clifford Geertz Book Prize, and I am currently chairing the inaugural competition. As a board member during the next two years, I would like to focus on establishing both the logistical procedures and the public awareness of the prize, laying a firm foundation for its development as an important institution in the academic study of religion. In addition, I would like to help develop the services which the Society provides for members. Currently, most of our section activity revolves around meetings, and during the rest of the year most of our members have little contact with the organization. As a large and active community of scholars, however, I think we can provide much more than that. Through our website, listserves, and publications, we can build the SAR as a resource for members as they plan research, develop courses, and look for connections to other anthropologists.


On the eve of its tenth anniversary, SAR has matured into an organization with all the basics of a healthy AAA section in place. The phenomenal growth in membership, healthy financial situation, new book prize and student paper prize, and enthusiastic participation in annual meetings and AAA sessions testify to both the accomplishments of SAR’s leadership to date and the continuing relevance of scholarship on religion. With this solid grounding, we can look inward to ask how better to serve members’ needs, and look outward to ask how to make connections beyond our current focus. SAR’s website is a major resource that we should work to expand to offer more information and useful links. Resources for teaching are a key area to develop, and the Syllabus Project to post course outlines will be a valuable addition. We should think about other online resources as well, such as a database of films on topics in religion, ideas for teaching strategies and activities, and information about graduate programs in the anthropology of religion. A database on members’ research interests, and website links to foreign anthropologists and scholarly organizations in other countries and in languages other than English, are further directions for growth.


A glance at current events or at recent academic texts suggests that the world remains faced with concerns about competition between secular paradigms (from “science” to “democracy”) and religious paradigms (from “faith-based” to “fundamentalism”), and the potential imperilment or improvement of religion by modernity. Embedded in these concerns are such basic ideological distinctions as sacred versus secular, authentic versus innovative, and universal versus particular, each conceptualizing religion as occupying a special, unique place in human society. Yet in everyday life, religion is not a discrete form of experience but is articulated with other forms of cultural practice and social relationships. Given anthropology’s humanist concerns with understanding relations of power, pre-established notions of what religion ostensibly is (or ought to be) are best eschewed in favor of ethnographic explorations of how and why religion can exert compelling force in specific contexts; what historical conditions, cultural templates, and epistemological operations allow for the processes by which certain phenomena qualify as “religion,” why such qualifications matter, and to whom. Our task, thus, is to encourage more productive study of specific religious phenomena on the ground as the basis for more productive theory-building about the constitution and significance of religion in human experience.

KAREN RICHMAN (PhD, University of Virginia, 1992) Positions Held: Director, Border and Inter-American Affairs, Institute for Latino Studies, and Concurrent Associate Faculty, Africana Studies (2006-2009) University of Notre Dame; Assistant Professor (1997-2006) Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame; Mellon Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship, College of Social Science (1993-1997) University of Chicago; Interests and/or Activities: Religion,

I am pleased to be nominated for the executive committee of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. The analysis of religion and ritual has been a constant in my intellectual life, an interest nurtured by my teachers Karen McCarthy Brown, Johannes Fabian, and Victor and Edith Turner. My first book, Migration and Vodou, is an exploration of how transnational migration has affected Haitians’ religion and how religion influences their consciousness and experience of long-term displacement. My current book project explores linkages between religious conversion and migration. As a member of the board of a Society that is only one decade old, I would work to enhance the programs and profile of the Society both within the American Anthropological Association and to a broader community; there could not be a more urgent moment to further understanding of religion and religions. With the Association, I would work further to promote the participation of the Society’s panels at the annual Anthropology meetings. I would also look forward to energetically participating in the programming of the Society’s Annual Conference as well as the advancing the book series with Palgrave Press.


The role of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion must be to coordinate the discussion of research on religion in world societies in order to maintain creative vitality for the discipline and for society more generally. New themes emerge constantly as secularism vies with fundamentalism, the specter of terrorism is used to demonize whole faiths, and eclecticism disrupts conservatism. Understanding these developments and offering good analyses of them to our students, colleagues and to the public is an important and necessary contribution. The Society has already established the mechanisms of sponsoring panels at the AAA, convening its own meeting and fostering discussion groups. I would look forward to working with the current executive committee to identify important topics for debate and to find new channels for disseminating research.


I would like to be of service to the Society for the Anthropology of Religion in the position of Treasurer. Previously, I served as the Treasurer for the Association of Africanist Anthropology, and I was able to leave that position with the membership and executives aware that we were not only solvent but with a better understanding of our finances and how best to utilize them. As the SAR is already in good financial shape, I will maintain the high standards of my predecessor and will work hard with the other SAR executives to ensure our financial stability.

ANN KINGSOLVER (PhD, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1991) Positions Held: Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia (2002-present); Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia (1996-2002); Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz (1993-1996); Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Lawrence University (1991-1993); Interests and/or Activities: ethnography of interpretations of globalization, neoliberal policy, livelihood, equity, identity, and place; research in U.S., Mexico, Sri Lanka. Executive Board Member, Society for the Anthropology of North America, 1998-1999; Program Editor, Society for the Anthropology of North America, 1999; AAA Ethics Committee member, 1998-2001; Executive Board member, Association for Feminist Anthropology, 1999-2002; General Editor, Anthropology of Work Review, 2005-present; 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 (ed.), SUNY Press Series in the Anthropology of Work, 1998.

Work-related concerns are a common thread between all members of the American Anthropological Association and those in the world with whom we collaborate in our research and teaching. The Society for the Anthropology of Work is a forum for focusing on these concerns and contributing to resources for research, teaching, and activism on work-related issues. “Work on work” is necessarily collaborative, between national contexts; academic, community, governmental and NGO (e.g., union) contexts; between disciplines; and between students and professional anthropologists. As President of the Society of the Anthropology of Work, I would work with others in and beyond the section to diversify the voices and topics in that ongoing conversation about work. Whether we are talking about the labor conditions of production of AAA publications and working conditions for graduate students within our discipline or the effects of neoliberal capitalist policies and political and environmental conditions for workers in the global south and north, these conversations need to be connected. The SAW is a forum for such connections.
SAW Bylaws Amendments

ARTICLE VI. Officers

1. SAW shall have five elected officers on its Executive Board: a) President, b) General Editor, President-Elect c) Secretary, d) Treasurer, and e) Past-President, and f-g) two Student Representatives.

2. The President shall be the presiding officer of the annual SAW Annual Business Meeting, any special SAW meetings, and any meetings of the Executive Board. The President, or someone who designates for the purpose, shall organize one or more scientific sessions at SAW Annual Business Meeting to appoint one or more Program Editors to evaluate proposals and help arrange sessions and other events for the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association (“AAA”) or another professional anthropological society. After having served one year as President-Elect (see Article VI-3), the President shall assume AAA Board responsibilities at the conclusion of the AAA annual meeting, take office at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association (“AAA”) when the term of the preceding President ends. The term of office of the President shall be three years, running from the end of one Annual that SAW Business Meeting to the end of the third thereafter. Ordinarily, a President shall not serve two consecutive three-year terms.

3. The General Editor shall superintend all publications and editorial activities of SAW and serve as editor of the AWR. She shall submit a draft budget for approval to the Executive Board not less than thirty (30) days before the Annual Business Meeting. The term of office of the General Editor shall be for three years, running from the end of the Annual Business Meeting at which she is elected through the third one thereafter. The General Editor shall be elected one year after the President. The General Editor may serve more than one consecutive term. The President-Elect shall take office at the end of the SAW Business Meeting at the first annual AAA meeting after her/his election, one year before the term of the current President ends, and assist her/him in whatever activities are mutually agreed upon. The President-Elect shall take office as President one year later, at the end of the SAW Business Meeting at the annual AAA meeting, when the term of the current President ends.

4. The Past-President shall be the immediate past-president of SAW and shall serve three years concurrently with that of the President during the first two years of her/his successor’s term. The Past-President shall assist the current president in whatever activities are mutually agreed upon, including presiding in her/his absence.

5. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget for SAW, oversee AAA maintenance of the membership list and Section finances, and generally have responsibility for instruments incurring Section liabilities. The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years, running from the end of the Annual SAW Business Meeting at which she is elected at the first annual AAA meeting after her/his election through the end of the third one thereafter.

6. The Secretary shall keep and circulate minutes of all Annual SAW Business Meetings and Executive Board meetings. She shall also maintain the records of correspondence and other incidental documents of the organization. The Secretary shall be elected at the same time as the General Editor, for a term of three years, running from the end of the Annual SAW Business Meeting at the first annual AAA meeting after her/his election through the end of the third one thereafter.

7. The two Student Representatives shall be elected in alternate years and serve two-year terms, each running from the end of the SAW Business Meeting at the first annual AAA meeting after her/his election through the end of the second one thereafter. Candidates shall have completed all requirements for the Ph.D., except the defense of the dissertation or the equivalent.

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ARTICLE VII. Executive Board

1. Executive Board shall consist of the five elected officers plus the General Editor of the AWR and any other appointed officers.

SOCIETY FOR URBAN, NATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL/GLOBAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Candidates for Secretary

I would be honored to serve as a SUNTA Secretary. If elected I will strive to continue the successful communication among the members of the Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology already in place as well as promoting student awareness of and involvement in our section. As part of my commitment to SUNTA, in addition to attending SUNTA business meetings and reviewing proposals abstracts as part of the SUNTA Tampa Program Committee, I organized a student and faculty SUNTA section poster session for the 2007 SfAA meetings. Moreover, to facilitate students’ awareness of the contributions anthropologists can make toward the understanding of global issues, I supervised graduate and undergraduate students studying and conducting research on ethnic relations as director of the 2001 CSU London Semester program, and developed an annual ethnographic field school in Oaxaca, Mexico. Oaxaca – a state experiencing rapid urbanization and exponential rates of US-bound migration – provides ample opportunities for student learning regarding educational and employment opportunities that stimulate cityward and international migration, including housing, health care, education, family reunification, poverty, politics and mobilization, social mobility and gender effects of economic development. If elected, I will work closely with other officers and members to increase the visibility and relevance of SUNTA within the AAA and to the public.


My interest in urban, national, and transnational/global anthropology focuses on ethnography of ‘the intimate’ and subjectivity within global and transnational formations and social processes. I am currently involved in a SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) (2004-2007) funded about the complex formation of sexual subjectivities and intimate relations arising at the intersection of global tourism and the local community in a Costa Rican town. My doctoral fieldwork (2000-2001) examined contradictions of global tourism, and the uneven flows of people, as consumers and producers of Himalayan mountaineering, and ideas about mountaineering as a world sport and ‘Everest’ as a global place between Nepal and Canada. I have done fieldwork (2002-2003) with women film viewers at mountain film festivals in Canada to document people’s mediations of gendered and racialized subjectivities through the global adventure tourism/sport imaginary. My goal as a secretary for SUNTA would be to continue to emphasize the everyday lives of people as the scope of urban, national, and transnational/global anthropology and perhaps to expand this scope into some new areas as well. I would also try to encourage cross-border linkages between anthropologists in Canada and the United States working on these issues.

Candidate for Treasurer


The members of SUNTA represent a huge range of geographical specializations, theoretical approaches, and research concerns, and truly our greatest strength comes from the ability of this organization to join together people whose interests range from grassroots activism in US cities to global-level theorizing. Through conference panels, a journal, email list-serves, and columns in the Anthropology Newsletter, SUNTA enables us to share our most recent findings, obtain new information, push our current ideas further, and develop new questions. These opportunities require planning, money, and attention to numerous fiscal and administrative questions. I have become even more aware of the numerous decisions and policy concerns since becoming treasurer in January 2005. I have been honored to help facilitate the work of the section and the AAA, and I would value having the opportunity to continue in that role. I see my contribution as treasurer taking several forms: helping to plan the activities of the section, assisting in decision-making in the AAA as a whole, maintaining the theoretical and geographical breadth of the Board, and keeping track of the financial resources to implement our goals. The treasurer is essential to the functioning of the section and I would be honored to continue acting as SUNTA’s Treasurer.

Candidates for Councilor


As a long-time member of SUNTA, and former co-chair of the SUNTA Task Force on Poverty and Homelessness, I look forward to actively re-engaging with the organization and promoting its interaction with other AAA sections through the recently re-activated SUNTA Working Group on Poverty, which I am co-chairing with. SUNTA Past President, Susan Greenbaum. The SUNTA Working Group on Poverty seeks to enhance awareness of research about poverty, increase connectedness among researchers in this area, and influence public policy and opinion about this pressing/growing societal problem.
In addition to supporting ongoing SUNTA activities, I will promote youth and communities, the politics of culture and representation, history of anthropology, Brazil, Latin America; I am currently a research assistant on an NSF-funded study of federal policy on public housing and relocation; Significant Publications: “Street Education, Ethnographic Methods, and Projeto Axé: Social Inclusion of Children and Adolescents in a Street Situation in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil,” poster to be presented at the 67th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Tampa, Florida, March 2007.

I am interested in the politics of education and social development in the context of urban poverty, and my current research focuses on the potential of non-formal educational projects to effect social transformation through the political organization and activism of marginalized youth. For my doctoral research, I plan to conduct a multi-site, comparative ethnographic study that investigates the interactions of local communities, state governmental entities and institutions, NGOs, and discursive practices surrounding human rights, citizenship, and social justice.

Having lived in five different regions of the United States, as well as abroad (Brazil), I realize the importance of an anthropology that studies the influence of national and transnational forces on human life. I think the world needs a critical and activist 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 rethink local issues within a global framework, and recruit student anthropologists from outside the U.S. to become members of SUNTA.

MOLLY HURLEY-DEPRET (M Phil, CUNY-Graduate Center, 2004) Positions Held: Communications Officer (2006-Present) Social and Cultural Geography Research Group of the Royal Geographical Society; Term Instructor (Fall 2004, Fall 2005), George Mason University; Departmental Assistant for weekly colloquia (2002-2004), CUNY Graduate Center Department of Anthropology; Student representative, First Comprehensive Exam committee, CUNY Graduate Center Department of Anthropology (2002-2003), Anthropology Club President, University of Alabama at Birmingham (1999-2000); Interests and/or Activities: Space, place, memory & history, violence, community, transnational migration, urban anthropology, commodities, tourism, the U.S., Northern Ireland, Ireland; presented papers at AAA, SANA, European Association for Social Anthropology, and Queen’s University Belfast; Significant Publications: “Troubles Tourism: Debating History and Voyeurism in Belfast, Northern Ireland.” In The Business of Tourism, University Pennsylvania Press, 2006; “Wounded Nation, Broken Time” (with fellow student James Trimarco) In The Selling of 9/11: How a National Tragedy Became a Commodity Palgrave MacMillan, 2005; “Marketing Memory: Vendors, Visitors and Police at New York City’s Ground Zero” (with fellow student James Trimarco), Critique of Anthropology, 2004.

I am a Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Center of CUNY, and I am currently conducting fieldwork in Belfast, Northern Ireland (2006-2007) on issues of ‘shared space,’ community, belonging and exclusion. This project focuses on one neighborhood that has witnessed recently significant changes, such as increasing numbers of im/migrant residents from newer EU countries, a decrease in affordable housing, and community policing initiatives. I am investigating how people are conceptualizing and practicing community, and where community ‘happens,’ or fails to happen, in this post-peace agreement period, with special attention to people’s perceptions of space and place.

My past and present research, such as my earlier project on commodities and tourism at New York’s ground zero (2002), has consistently concerned urban issues, as well as national and transnational questions. I have been publishing articles and giving presentations since the beginning of my graduate studies, and have also been actively involved in my department. I am interested in becoming more involved in SUNTA, and I feel that I would have much to contribute as a Student Councilor. If elected, a primary goal would be finding new ways for SUNTA’s student members to contribute to SUNTA and, likewise, for SUNTA to better reach out its student members, possibly through new uses of the web site.

Candidates for Student Councilor

LANCE ALLEN ARNEY (MA Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida, 2007) Positions Held: President (2006-2007) Social Activist Anthropology Student Organization, Univ. of South Florida; Treasurer (2004-2006) Applied Anthropology Graduate Student Organization, Univ. of South Florida; Interests and/or Activities: policy studies and program evaluation, participatory action research with youth and communities, the politics of culture and representation, history of anthropology, Brazil, Latin America; I am currently conducting fieldwork in Belfast, Northern Ireland (2006-2007) on issues of ‘shared space,’ community, belonging and exclusion. This project focuses on one neighborhood that has witnessed recently significant changes, such as increasing numbers of im/migrant residents from newer EU countries, a decrease in affordable housing, and community policing initiatives. I am investigating how people are conceptualizing and practicing community, and where community ‘happens,’ or fails to happen, in this post-peace agreement period, with special attention to people’s perceptions of space and place.

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In addition to supporting on-going SUNTA activities, I will promote two particular areas. First is interdisciplinary research, often called for but seldom produced or rewarded. I would move forward with the “member profiles” section of the SUNTA webpage and encourage linkages among its quite diverse members around particular topics. One such topic could be the interrelationships between new media and human agency, glocal practices which are redefining how “life” itself is defined. I hope we can envision ways that different genres of action and analysis – cultural, political, economic – can be seen to be overlapping yet distinct. The second area is how glocalization impacts academe. I think it likely that educational institutions will serve, increasingly, as forums for debate on issues glocal in scope. Myriad, shifting coalitions will make themselves heard as they recognize, rightly, that decisions taken by even the smallest of groups have widespread ramifications. In this regard SUNTA could offer a unique perspective on concerns such as curricula, access, and town-gown relations. Moreover SUNTA should consider endorsing those aspects of academia which best extend the intertwined values of tolerance, translation (in all its senses), and human dignity (empowerment). I believe SUNTA can contribute to a world that is characterized less by S. H. Huntington’s ‘clash of civilizations’ than by what R. G. Collingwood calls ‘peace and plenty.’

I am an advanced PhD student in cultural anthropology at Syracuse University. My interest in serving as the SUNTA student councilor stems from my demonstrated passion to contribute to efforts to show the relevance of anthropological knowledge to various issues of urban, national as well as transnational nature. While studying forced migration and refugees in my capacity as a temporary migrant from Turkey, I focus on questions of cultural belonging and exclusion, identity formation in Diaspora, and the relationship between collective memory and transnational identities. My fieldwork will involve a comparative ethnography of Bosnian refugees in two urban contexts in Central New York, and regional dynamics that facilitate and/or impede refugee population – host society relations.

Spanning across two countries and various disciplines, my background allows me to approach my research foci through a decidedly interdisciplinary perspective. I hold a BA in Translation Studies, hold an MA in History, and taught International Relations for three years at Syracuse. As SUNTA student councilor, I will strive to help raise awareness that anthropology is unique among the social sciences to understand and tackle with the challenges posed by processes of global scope (such as massive human displacements), sometimes with disastrous social consequences on an urban and national scale. Thank you for your consideration.

SUNTA Bylaws Amendments

Article V Duties of Officers

Section 6 Leeds Prize Committee Chair. The Leeds Committee Chair serves under the direction of the Board of Directors for a three-year, renewable term of office and is subject to the provisions of these Bylaws. The Chair is the officer of the society who is responsible for maintaining the mission of the prize. The Board of Directors selects the Chair from among the prize or honor book winners. The Chair shall have full charge of the administration of the Leeds Prize selection process, including mentoring new committee members (prize winners), receiving and distributing nominated books to the committee, working with the committee to develop a consensus on the prize and the citation, and for arranging the cash prize(s) and plaque(s). The Chair shall not vote on the committee selections, but shall actively facilitate the communication between the committee members. The Chair shall provide timely information about the prize (announcement, prize citations) to the Secretary of the Society, the discussion list editor and the society’s webmaster. The Chair shall also communicate with Elizabeth Leeds to inform her of the awards the Society makes in her husband’s name. The Chair shall render an annual report to the Board of Directors, which upon approval shall be presented at the Annual Business Meeting (reading of the citation(s) and presentation of the prize(s)). The Leeds Committee Chair shall, subject to review by the Board of Directors, appoint any necessary replacements to the Committee from among former prize and honor book winners.

Section 7 The Board of Directors.

Section 8 Removal or Resignation from Office.

SOCIETY OF LESBIAN AND GAY ANTHROPOLOGISTS

Candidates for Co-Chair


SOLGA needs to continue as a welcoming place both for LGBTQ students and professionals and for researchers on gender and sexuality. I will look for more ways to increase its effectiveness by creating supportive networks for the more isolated members and by fostering more collaborative work across subdisciplines and world areas. We can strategize to increase respect for research on queer topics as serious scientific enquiry that addresses fundamental issues at the center of anthropology. We can also assist and push AAA to take a more public stance in the culture wars, as with their recent statement on marriage, perhaps by critiquing and denouncing the pseudo-scientific studies often cited in right-wing attacks on homosexuality. Expanding on our continuing alliances with other AAA interest groups, such as AFA and ABA, will help us move in those directions.

Although I am relatively new to engagement in SOLGA, I am committed to our goals within the AAA of promoting and practicing queer anthropology in all of its forms. If elected co-chair of SOLGA I would reach out to researchers in anthropology and allied fields who are committed to all manner of queer projects. I would also bring these alliances to our AAA conference proceedings, and hopefully to our membership. I believe those of us SOLGAns whose work does not fall along now seemingly “traditional” queer lines need to step up our involvement and both learn from people who work directly with LGBT communities, and foster stronger alliances to other academic and activist workers who “queer” static understandings of varied human sociocultural and biological phenomena. As a queer scholar at multiple “critical intersections” in anthropology (if I may borrow a hook from the San Jose meetings), I keenly value both division and dialogue across cultural-physical disciplinary lines, and I deeply appreciate the notion that queerness (or LGBT-ness) and queer studies comes in varied and often surprisingly contradictory packages, from archaeology and ethnography to critical ethnography and disability studies. I hope to bring this scholarly commitment to a new level of engaged activity as SOLGA co-chair.