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EVA FRIEDLANDER (PhD, Brown University, 1978)
Positions Held: Partner (2001-2009) Planning Alternatives for Change; Director of Programs (1999-2001) ORBIS International; Principal Investigator (1995-1996) Centers for Disease Control; Senior Program Advisor (1991-1995) United Nations Development Fund for Women; Director of Education (1989-1991) The Lighthouse National Center for Vision and Aging; **Interests and/or Activities:** international development, international health, gender; **Significant Publications:** "Introducing Emergency Obstetric Care Services in Conflict Affected Settings" (with Sandra Krause and Janet Meyers), *Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy and Practice*, 2006;

Ethics and Anthropology: Facing Future Issues in Human Biology, Globalism and Cultural Property (with Anne-Marie Cantwell and Madeleine L. Tramm), The New York Academy of Sciences and John Hopkins University Press, 2001; *Look at the World through Women's Eyes: Speeches from the Program of Plenaries, Beijing '95* (Editor), The NGO Forum on Women, Beijing, 1995.

Whether in the realm of finance, governance, environment or a multitude of other areas, change is taking place more quickly and in more areas than perhaps ever before, profoundly affecting people's lives. Through direct participation in a broad range of activities outside the academy, practicing anthropologists develop a unique perspective and set of skills. Their contributions should be - and often are - integral to social planning, programming and policy. In a NAPA leadership position I would champion and support the effort to acknowledge the contributions of practicing anthropologists within the discipline and across professions. I have served in senior positions in a wide range of settings, including community based and international organizations, on such issues as poverty, health and disability, gender and sustainable development. I am an activist, advocate and scholar and bring an understanding of where and how anthropologists can make a difference. My involvement in NAPA includes organizing workshops at the AAA meetings, involvement in strategic planning, mentoring and working at the NAPA booth. As Secretary, I would use my experience to find ways to usher graduates into the world of practice, support NAPA members, and promote the contribution made by anthropologists and anthropology outside academia.

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CHRISTINE Z. MILLER (PhD, Wayne State University, 2008) **Positions Held:** Professor, Design Management (2007 to present); Lecturer, School of Business, Wayne State University (1998 to 2006); Security Administrator, Lockheed Martin (1991 to 1996) **Interests and/or Activities:** innovation, design for social change, transdisciplinarity; **Significant Publications:** "Managing Innovation in Complex Organizations: A design, engineering, and social science collaboration" (with Robert Fee) Industrial Design Association of America (IDSA) conference proceedings, 2008; "Persisting Against the Odds: The Challenges of Disjointedness in

Partnerships" (with Julia Gluesing, Amy Goldmacher, Jorge Siebert) *Seeing Partnerships from the Inside Out* (Elizabeth Briody and Robert Trotter, editors) Altamira Press (2008); "Innovation as a Contested Terrain: Planned Creativity and Innovation versus Emergent Innovation and Creativity" (with Richard Osborn) Yammarino and Dansereau, editors (scheduled for publication in 2009)

My employment and academic history combine experience in both the public and private sectors and provide strong support for my candidacy as NAPA secretary. As an anthropologist and professor of design management I apply theory and practice to offer students an understanding of the fundamental role of social and cultural systems in evolving mental models and creating material reality. The challenge of reaching across disciplines to develop solutions to "wicked problems" is a primary focus of my work. If elected, this would be my second term as secretary for NAPA. I know from experience that this position requires consistent interaction with other NAPA governing council members, with members of the NAPA community, and representatives of AAA. Service to a community is one of the best ways to develop as a professional. This has certainly been my experience in previous positions in which I have had the privilege to serve.

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CATHLEEN CRAIN (MA Education: MA McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada 1978) **Positions Held:** Managing Partner, LTG Associates, Inc.1984 ...

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MELANIE CHANSKY (MAA, University of Maryland, 2003) **Positions Held:** Health Research Scientist (2003 - present) Battelle Centers for Public Health Research and Evaluation. **Interests and/or Activities:** Immigrants and refugees in the U.S., health access and services research, applying anthropological methods in public health work. **Significant Publications:** Assessing the needs of the Northern Virginia Sierra Leonean community. *Practicing Anthropology*, 27(2):10-14, 2005.

As a young applied anthropologist who has spent her entire career outside of academia, I feel that I represent a new generation of anthropologists. In my short career, I have seen how anthropology can be applied to a wide variety of topics, including emergency preparedness, substance abuse research, healthcare quality research, etc. I have also realized that I can have a fulfilling career as a master's-level anthropology practitioner. My career may not be what I envisioned when I began my studies in anthropology, but I would not change it. Through working on a variety of federally-funded public health projects, and gaining exposure to all aspects of these projects (management, research design, data collection, etc.), I have learned how valuable my anthropological training is! NAPA's dedication to practitioners of anthropology is very important as more people with training in anthropology choose to apply their expertise to a wide variety of careers. If I am selected for this position, I would focus on advocating for master's-level practitioners - making sure that they feel welcome and accepted within the field of anthropology. I would also focus on the importance of "marketing" anthropology to help employers better understand the skills anthropologists have, which could increase opportunities for all anthropologists.

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CATHLEEN CRAIN (MA Education: MA McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada 1978) **Positions Held:** Managing Partner, LTG Associates, Inc. 1984 - present. Senior Fellow, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland, College Park, 1999 to 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, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 1975-1978.

Interests and/or Activities: Travel, reading. **Significant Publications:** From GIPA to CAP: A New Model of Health Entitlement." Chapter in: Restoring Hope: Decent Care in the Midst of HIV/AIDS. Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.

Cathleen Crain and Nathaniel Tashima. Annual Report to the World Health Organization, Department of HIV/AIDS, Evaluation of the Collaborative Fund for HIV Treatment Preparedness" July, 2006. M.F. Smith, C. Crain, A. Bouroncle, N. Tashima, K. Weeda. "Geriatric Resources for Practitioners: HRSA's Library of Practical Tools" April, 2004. K. Love, C. Crain "The Community Identification (CID) Process: A Discovery Model". Qualitative Health Research, Volume 6 No. 2. February 1996. Nathaniel Tashima, Cathleen Crain, Kevin O'Reilly, Claire Sterk Elifson.

As a professional anthropologist I have been an active member of NAPA for over 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. For the past two years I have been chair of the NAPA Organizational Relations Committee, responsible, in part, for the Employer Exposition. I believe that NAPA is helping to shape the field of professional anthropology and position anthropology to be an essential discipline for the active addressing of 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.

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LAURA AGNES MCNAMARA (PhD, University of New Mexico-Albuquerque, 2001)
Positions Held: Principal Member of Technical Staff, Exploratory Simulations and Computing, Sandia National Laboratories, 2004-present; Technical Staff Member, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 2000-2004; **Interests and/or Activities:** Usability in high performance scientific computing, research ethics and IRBs, national security and anthropology, interdisciplinarity, Verification and Validation methodologies (V&V) in computational social science. **Activities:** Member, *AAA Commission on the Engagement of Anthropology with the National Security and Intelligence Communities*, 2006-present; Member, *AAA Ad-Hoc Ethics Task Force*, 2009-2011. **Significant Publications:** *Military Imaginaries, Ethnographic Realities* (with Neil Whitehead, forthcoming), *Multidisciplinary Approaches to Theory in Medicine* (ed. with Ray Paton, 2007), "Truth is Generated Here: Knowledge Loss and the Production of Confidence in the Post Cold-War Nuclear Weapons Laboratories" in Taylor, Kinsella, Depoe and Metzler, eds., *Nuclear Legacies: Communication, Controversy and the US Nuclear Weapons Complex*, 2007; "Expert Knowledge in Reliability Characterization: A Rigorous Approach to Eliciting, Documenting and Analyzing Expert Knowledge" (with Jane Booker) in Nikolaidis, Ghoicel and Singhal, eds. *Engineering Design Reliability Handbook*, 2004.

I became involved in AAA policy discussions I was appointed to the Commission on the Engagement of Anthropology with the National Security and Intelligence Communities (CEAUSSIC). I was previously oblivious to the fact that many AAA members are vocally uncomfortable with researchers who work in NGOs, private industry and/or government agencies. Recent debates over secrecy, disclosure and ethics indicate that "proper" anthropological research is widely mythologized, with the reality of anthropology-in-practice poorly understood. In my experience, anthropologists practicing outside the academy are indeed held to exacting standards for research ethics, quality, and publication; and are pursuing creative and cutting-edge engagements across disciplinary and organizational boundaries. This is an exciting time for innovation in anthropology, yet our professional associations seem to struggle with the pace of change. As an at-large member of the AAA's Executive Board, a member of CEAUSSIC, and as a member of the new Ethics Task Force, I will ensure that AAA policies reflect an appreciation for anthropologists working in nontraditional contexts. I will continue to push for outreach to and input from practitioners across anthropology, to ensure that AAA policy discussions benefit from a more grounded understanding of what it means to be a practitioner today.

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MARGARET A. PERKINSON (PhD, University of California-San Francisco, 1989) **Positions Held:** Associate Professor (2007-present), Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy, Doisy College of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University; Research Associate (1998-present), Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis; Assistant Professor (1999-2002), Department of Occupational Therapy, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine; Senior Research Scientist (1990-1997), Polisher Research Institute, Philadelphia Geriatric Center; Visiting Assistant Professor (1987-1990), Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Missouri, Kansas City; **Interests**

and/or Activities: Anthropology of aging, occupational science & occupational therapy; Editor-in-Chief (2005-present), *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*; **Significant Publications:** Negotiating disciplines: Developing a dementia exercise program. *Practicing Anthropology* (Special issue on Anthropology and Occupational Therapy), 2008; Driving and dementia: Beliefs and cessation strategies among stakeholders (with M. Berg-Weger et al.), *The Gerontologist*, 2005; Defining family roles within a nursing home setting, P. Stafford (ed.) *Ethnographic Encounters with Nursing Home Culture*, Santa Fe: School for American Research Press, 2003.

As a medical/applied anthropologist / gerontologist on the faculty of an occupational therapy department, I translate the relevance of anthropology to the practice of a health profession on a daily basis. Occupational therapy enables individuals at all levels of functioning to engage in activities they define as meaningful, focusing on the intersection of individual ability, environmental context, and characteristics and demands of particular activities (or "occupations," in the parlance of the field). The anthropology-occupational therapy connection holds great promise for interdisciplinary research and practice (Inhorn 2007). I currently work with colleagues in anthropology, occupational therapy, and disability studies to further this connection through the recently-formed NAPA Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group and its offshoot, the NAPA-OT Guatemala Field School. The field school offers anthro and OT graduate students interdisciplinary, international research and service experiences within a life-course framework informed by critical theories of international development, community-based practice, and occupational justice. I am a founding faculty member and direct its Community-Based Gerontology component. As member-at-large, I hope to represent perspectives of anthropologists who serve as faculty in health professions departments, represent OT as a viable career option for persons with anthropological training, promote the welfare and influence of NAPA, articulate the issues and contributions of the OT/OS Interdisciplinary SIG, and promote the development of NAPA-based field schools in general, and in Guatemala in particular. Relevant governance experiences include serving as President of the Association for Anthropology and Gerontology (AAGE) and an eight-year term as Executive Board Member of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE).

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