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News Briefs

RACE Project Timeline on MSNBC Website

The RACE Project timeline, “Race in the U.S.A.” currently is featured on MSNBC’s website as part of the “Gut Check America: Multiracial in America” series on the growing number of multiracial individuals, couples and families living in the U.S. and the issues they face. The timeline illustrates the interconnected story of race in society, science and government from the 1500s to the present. To view the timeline on MSNBC, go to <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24715172>. To view the timeline on the RACE Web site go to <http://www.understandingrace.com/history/index.html>.

AAA “Pulse of the Planet” Op-Ed Series Featured in CounterPunch

Scholars from the 2008 annual meeting session “Pulse of the Planet” are writing their conference papers in the form of an op-ed column that will be published in CounterPunch, the online news magazine, between May and mid-November. Articles aim to reshape public debates during the presidential race and draw attention to some critical issues in human rights and environmental policies—from global climate change to the global war on terror to the rise of chemical industry and nuclear militarism. Read the first op-ed, “Dam Legacies, Damned Futures?” by Barbara Rose Johnston: <http://www.counterpunch.org/johnston05242008.html>.

AAA Urges Freedom to Study Abroad for Palestinians in Gaza

Seven Palestinian Fulbright scholars were granted the opportunity to study abroad in the U.S., but many more students without international grants remain locked inside Gaza borders. The following letter by the AAA, Human Rights Watch and the Committee on Academic Freedom of the Middle East Student Association of North America urges the State Department to push Israel to end the restrictions on the movement of goods and services out of Gaza and to allow all Palestinian students in Gaza the opportunity to study abroad. Read the letter: <http://www.aaanet.org/issues/policy-advocacy/upload/Gaza-Fulbrights-Letter-060208.pdf>.

COSWA Report Shows Institutional Inequalities for Women in Anthropology

Results of a recent survey by the Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology found that within university anthropology departments men experience their work

environments more positively than women, and that women were more often burdened with additional “women’s tasks” such as administrative roles and student advising. Although women respondents indicated having fewer children than male respondents, the women were more likely than the men to have interrupted their careers for their families. Read the Survey: <http://www.aaanet.org/cmtes/coswa/COSWASurveys.cfm>.

AAA Calls for Alternate Funding for ‘Minerva’

In a recent letter, the AAA has called for a redirection of funding and management of the "Minerva Consortia," a Defense Department program which aims to support social science and humanities research in critical security areas such as Iraqi and terrorist perspectives and Chinese technology studies. The letter, authored by AAA President Low, argues that traditional peer-review organizations (ie. NSF, NIH, NEH) would be more effective than the Defense Department in funding and managing the project. Read the letter: <http://www.aaanet.org/issues/policy-advocacy/upload/Minerva-Letter.pdf>.

What’s Coming Up?

- **AAA will host its second quarterly media conference call in late July**
- **AAA Committee on Ethics is finalizing draft changes to the AAA Code of Ethics**
- **AAA Committee on Human Rights is preparing a statement on Tibet**

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