A Message from Executive Director, Dr. Edward Liebow

In just two short weeks, the 112th AAA Annual Meeting will be in full swing. There are so many events on the agenda that you will not want to miss. On Saturday AAA President, Dr. Leith Mullings will give her Presidential Address: Anthropology Matters. The Opening Plenary Session, entitled Reimagining Education: Incorporating Culture into the Curriculum will be moderated by Dr. Johnnetta Cole and feature special guests: Lila Leff, Malcolm London and Dr. Sofia Villenas. While the AAA Business meeting may not sound as intriguing, it is an important time for members to engage with the on goings of the Association.

Thanks to our sponsor, Wiley Blackwell, we have launched a very cool mobile application for this year’s meeting. Available for Mac and Android devices, the app synchronizes with your personal scheduler, connects you with your colleagues, and includes the complete program (key for those of us who did the green registration). An additional thank you goes to Intel, who has sponsored our wi-fi at the Hilton.

While in Chicago, there is a special opportunity for attendees to have a behind the scenes tour of the Anthropology collections at The Field Museum.

In other news, Open Anthropology, AAA's digital public journal, has published its second issue. The theme, On Violence, unfortunately remains a timely topic around the world.

Oona Schmid, Director of Publishing, recently wrote about the AAA Publishing Program and the benefits that go beyond AnthroSource and print journals received in the mail in Anthropology News.

This past weekend we had three members, Dr. Alma Gottlieb, Dr. Marguerite Wilson and Ph.D. Candidate Bethany Wilinski, participate in TEDWeekends: On The Genius of Babies. And have you read the latest piece from Dr. Lila Abu-Lughod in TIME, Do Muslim Women Need Saving?

Special congratulations to Dr. Anna Tsing, who was one of six scholars around the world to win a $5 million Niels Bohr Professorship from the Danish National Research Foundation. She will establish a transdisciplinary program, Anthropocene, which will encompass the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences and the arts.

I look forward to seeing you in Chicago later this month at the AAA Annual Meeting!

With warm wishes,

Ed
The AAA Annual Meeting App is here! The app is available for Android and iPhone/Pad users, downloadable from their respective stores for free. The app features your own personalization tools, such as the personal scheduler and program information, such as the agenda, exhibitors, and a list of attendees. Click here for app details.

Workshops and Installations are filling up quickly. Space is limited, registration will be available on-site, only, during regular registration hours.

Remember to use your AAA discount when booking your airport shuttle service from O'Hare and Midway airport.

Once at the Chicago Hilton, come to registration to pick up your name badge, conference tote and program (if you selected green registration, you will not receive a program). Registration will be located in the lower level, Salon D. Registration hours are as follows:
Wednesday, November 20 - 10:00AM-7:00PM
Thursday, November 21 - 7:30AM-5:00PM
Friday, November 22 - 7:30AM-4:00PM
Saturday, November 23 - 7:30AM-3:00PM

Visit the Annual Meeting FAQs page to help answer any questions you might have.

Be Sure To Attend These Special Events

Opening Plenary Session - Reimagining Education: Incorporating Culture into the Curriculum
Wednesday, November 20 - 6:00PM-7:30PM
Chicago Hilton, International Ballroom North
Moderator: Dr. Johnnetta Cole
Panelists: Lila Leff, Malcolm London and Dr. Sofia Villenas

112th AAA Annual Meeting Opening Reception
Thursday, November 21 - 5:00PM-7:00PM
Chicago Hilton, Salon C-Exhibit Hall

AAA Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, November 21 - 6:15PM-7:30PM
Chicago Hilton, Waldorf Room

AAA Annual Awards Ceremony
Thursday, November 21 - 7:45PM-9:00PM
Chicago Hilton, Waldorf Room

Presidential Address - Anthropology Matters, featuring AAA President Leith Mullings
Saturday, November 23 - 6:15PM-7:30PM
Chicago Hilton, Waldorf Room

Seeking a Job? - Take Advantage of the Career Center
The Career Center at the AAA meeting is for employers to begin face to face interviews with job candidates. Job-seekers should browse the AAA Career Center job board ahead of time. You can even set up a job agent to receive notification of new jobs of interest to you. View the Career Center FAQs to make your interview at the Annual Meeting a success!
Get Behind the Scenes at The Field Museum
Anthropology Collections staff will be leading tours of the Collections Resource Center where they will show off collections not on display and update you on recent work in collections management, conservation, registration, repatriation, and research. Tours are limited to 20 guests at the following times:
Thursday, November 21 - 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 2:00PM
Friday, November 22 - 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 2:00PM
Reservations required. E-mail Chris Phillip (cphillip@fieldmuseum.org) to reserve your space. Additional tour details are location at the bottom of the Annual Meeting Central webpage.