

# Call for Papers, 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association

## Circulation

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In 2010, the AAA will meet in New Orleans, where the river meets the sea. New Orleans channels flows into the heart of a continent, and out across oceans, around the globe. The boundary between river and sea, between water and earth, is shifting and unclear. The circulation of people and other living organisms, of material things, and of ideas in such zones of passage constitutes some of the central social and physical processes of concern to all kinds of anthropologists, historically and in the present.


New Orleans has inspired the theme of the 2010 AAA Annual Meeting: “Circulation.” This theme is meant to encourage us to think about what happens when movement is the organizing trope of our questions, methodologies, analyses and accounts. We can think in terms of circulation across time as well as space, through different organizing principles, and in a variety of shapes and forms.

The idea of circulation invites us to consider what triggers, facilitates, constrains, disrupts or

stops flows; what is at stake in these processes, and for whom; and what their consequences might be for humans and for the environment. It opens up questions about what exactly circulates: signs, objects or bodies. Do different things circulate in different ways? Do they change or remain constant? What new phenomena, arrangements and inequalities does circulation produce? How are resources and ways of understanding them identified, made sense of, produced and distributed in the process? How and why do rates and types of circulation vary across time and space? What crystallizes and what continues to flow and reshape?

“Circulation” also invites us to think across boundaries, whether those are boundaries organizing phenomena we seek to describe and explain, boundaries within and across disciplines, or boundaries among anthropologists or other social groups. It asks us to turn our attention to zones of encounter, conjunctions and liminal passages. It also requires us to ask whether “circulation” is a helpful trope for the production of anthropological knowledge. What light does it shed on the (increasingly

widely circulating) concept of “culture”—arguably the central organizing construct of anthropology—and on anthropology itself?

We are interested in bringing together papers reflecting the perspectives of all subfields and forms of anthropological practice, or across them, investigating this theme with data, method and theory oriented to all temporal and spatial horizons. Come and participate in the circulation of ideas. 






### Contact

Communications about the program theme should be addressed to 2010 Executive Program Chair Monica Heller at [aaaprogramchair@gmail.com](mailto:aaaprogramchair@gmail.com). Please refer all other annual meeting questions to Carla Fernandez of the AAA & Sections Meeting Department at [cfernandez@aaanet.org](mailto:cfernandez@aaanet.org) or 703/528-1902.

### 2010 Dates to Remember

Jan 22	Executive session proposals due to <a href="mailto:aaaprogramchair@gmail.com">aaaprogramchair@gmail.com</a>
Feb 26	Executive panel emails decisions on executive sessions
Mar 1	Public policy forum proposals due via <a href="http://www.aaanet.org">www.aaanet.org</a>
Mar/Apr	Section deadlines for invited session proposals and media submissions are variable; check with your section regarding early deadlines and procedures
Apr 1	Proposals due for volunteered sessions, individual paper and poster presentations, and special events via <a href="http://www.aaanet.org">www.aaanet.org</a> ; proposals accepted early as executive or section invited sessions should now be formally submitted online
May	Section program editors review and rank proposals
Jun/Jul	AAA Executive Program Committee meets to schedule program
Aug	AAA program chair emails program decisions
Sept	AAA preliminary program, registration and hotel information are posted online
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### Five Reasons to Submit a Poster

-  Great visibility for your work
-  Time to interact with audience and peers
-  Chance to distribute supplemental materials
-  Posters are continuously available
-  Poster sessions always run on time



Stephen Fisher (Evergreen State C) at a poster session during the 2008 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Photo courtesy Gretchen Bakke

**SUBMIT PROPOSALS AND REGISTER ONLINE VIA THE AAA WEBSITE ([www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org)) BY 5 PM EST APRIL 1.**

Executive session proposals must be emailed by January 22. Online submission for other materials will be available in early February.

## GENERAL RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

### Meeting Dates

The scholarly program of the 2010 AAA Annual Meeting will begin at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, November 17, and continue through the morning of Sunday, November 21.

### Online Submission and Deadlines

Please check the AAA website ([www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org)) in January for online submission procedures. Be sure to read the helpful hints posted with the online AAA Annual Meeting call for papers. The submission deadline for *most* sessions is 5:00 pm EST, April 1. Executive sessions should be submitted via email to [aaaprogramchair@gmail.com](mailto:aaaprogramchair@gmail.com) by January 22. Public policy forum proposals are due March 1. Invited session deadlines are also early, but vary by section, and we advise you to consult your section's website.

### Types of Sessions and Events

Sessions and events are of seven types: (1) executive sessions submitted to and evaluated by the Executive Program Committee; (2) invited sessions organized by AAA sections; (3) volunteered sessions; (4) sessions constructed from individually volunteered papers or posters; (5) public policy forums, (6) media sessions organized by the Society for Visual Anthropology; and (7) special events. All sessions on the scholarly program are to be submitted as a single session (1.75 hours) or as a double session (3.75 hours).

### Executive Sessions

The 2010 AAA Executive Program Committee, in association with incoming President Virginia R Dominguez, will select a small number of executive sessions that speak directly to the theme of the conference and serve to engage the broad constituency of anthropologists and our interlocutors. We particularly encourage proposals that cut across approaches and domains of enquiry, and that bring together people who do not normally participate in the same conversations. These proposals may take the form of traditional academic panels, but we also strongly encourage innovative ideas; there is room for both. These proposals (and these proposals *only*) should be submitted directly to Executive Program Chair Monica Heller at [aaaprogramchair@gmail.com](mailto:aaaprogramchair@gmail.com) by January 22.

### Section Invited Sessions

Each section of the AAA will be responsible for the organization of one or more innovative, synthesizing sessions intended to reflect the state-of-the-art in the major subfields and the thematic concerns of those fields. Suggestions with respect to content and coverage are welcomed and should be addressed to the member of the program committee repre-

senting the appropriate section. Sessions that have been designated as invited sessions will not be subject to further review, but participants are otherwise bound by the rules of the meeting and must submit abstracts, meeting registration forms and fees via [www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org) by April 1. Members should work closely with the section program editors when planning invited sessions. Please note that many sections have early invited session proposal deadlines in February and March.

### Volunteered Sessions

All sessions other than invited sessions are to be submitted as volunteered sessions. The organizer must select one appropriate section for review. If accepted, the section that reviewed the proposal will be published in the final program. The program committee strongly urges members to contact and work closely with section program editors, and to follow the guidelines:

- The organizer is responsible for articulating the theme and relevance of the session in the session abstract. The concept of the session should be reflected in each paper; poorly integrated groupings are subject to revision or distribution of papers to other sessions.
- An outline of the session, indicating presentations, discussion periods and breaks, should be submitted. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allotted for the presentation of any single paper or to a discussant, break or discussion period.
- The papers within a proposed session will be evaluated individually. Organizers should be prepared for the possibility that some proposed papers may be rejected and other papers substituted or added.
- LCD projectors will be provided for every scholarly session on the AAA program. Audiovisual equipment must be operated by the participant. No changes to the original audiovisual order submitted online may be made after April 1.
- Every participant included in the proposal, including chairs and discussants, must be contacted and agree to participate.
- Names and institutional affiliations of the proposed participants should be verified by the organizer.
- Organizers must limit proposals to one session, with a total scheduled time of either

1.75 hours or 3.75 hours. Failure to comply will compromise scheduling opportunities.

- All proposals for paper or poster presentations must be submitted via the AAA website. To submit a session, go to [www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org) in February and follow the links to the call for papers. A session abstract of up to 500 words is required. Meeting registration forms and fees must be submitted for each participant. Submission deadline is 5:00 pm EST, April 1.

### Individually Volunteered Papers and Posters

The program committee welcomes the submission of individual papers and posters independent from organized sessions. For evaluation purposes, the author of each individually volunteered paper and poster must select one appropriate section for the review process.

Why submit a poster? Posters offer great visibility for your work, time to interact with your audience and peers, and the opportunity to distribute supplemental information. They are continuously available and poster sessions always run on time.

To submit an individually volunteered paper or poster, go to [www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org) and follow the links to the call for papers. A paper or poster abstract of up to 250 words is required. Proposals must be accompanied by the meeting registration fee. Deadline is 5:00 pm EST, April 1. Volunteered papers and posters, if accepted, will be grouped by the program committee into sessions around a common topic or theme. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allotted for the presentation of any single paper in such sessions.

### Public Policy Forums

AAA's public policy forums provide a format to discuss critical social issues affecting anthropology, public policy issues of interest to anthropology, and public policy issues that would benefit from anthropological knowledge or expertise. They engage panelists (who may or may not be anthropologists) and audience members in a discussion of public policy issues to enhance the application of anthropological knowledge in society at-large. Recognizing that there may be diverse perspectives on panel topics, public policy forums seek to present balanced views to promote dialogue among participants. Ideally, at least one policymaker will be included in each forum.

No papers are presented in public policy forums. The ideal format consists of a moderator and no more than seven panel-

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ists. Following introductions, the moderator proceeds to pose questions to panelists, as a group or individually. It is important that adequate time be set aside at the end of each forum for audience participation. Generally, public policy forums are allotted 105 minutes of annual meeting time. Since the dual purpose of the forum is to maximize discussion of policy issues among the panelists and the audience, it is recommended that time at the forum be allotted as follows: introduction (15 minutes); moderator-posed questions/answers (60 minutes); and questions/comments from audience (30 minutes).

To submit a public policy forum, go to [www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org) and follow the links to the call for papers. In the submission area, select "public policy forum" under the session option. Refer your proposal to the AAA Committee on Public Policy for review, *not* a section. When you complete the Session Structure Form, identify the moderator and potential panelists and note that your time allotment is 1.75 hours. Submit an abstract of 500 words describing the public policy issue to be discussed. The deadline for forum submissions is 5:00 pm EST, March 1.

### Media Submissions

The 2010 SVA/AAA Film, Video and Interactive Media Festival will take place during the 109<sup>th</sup> AAA Annual Meeting. As in the past, the Society for Visual Anthropology will select a jury of anthropologists and film scholars to decide which submissions to include in the festival and, among those, which will receive awards. SVA continues to welcome interactive media work, and also encourages short work that is under 15 minutes. DVD formats are acceptable. Submitted materials will not be returned. Please check the SVA website, [www.societyforvisualanthropology.org](http://www.societyforvisualanthropology.org), in early February for submission details, including additional information on preferred formats. Deadline for submission is April 1. Award winners will be notified in the summer, and clips of award winning films may be placed on SVA's website. For more information write to SVA Festival Coordinator Carol Hermer at [chermer@pipeline.com](mailto:chermer@pipeline.com).

### Special Event Proposals

There are two types of special events: (1) business meetings, committee and board meetings, workshops, food and beverage functions, and panels, which will be scheduled as part of the special events program and are the responsibility of the executive office; and (2) artistic events, community events and new and innovative special formats. To avoid conflicts with scientific sessions, special events are usually scheduled during the periods of 12:15–1:30 pm and 6:00–7:15 pm. Events are limited to

1.25 hours, except some events, workshops and board or committee meetings that are scheduled on Wednesday, the first day of the annual meeting.

To submit a special event proposal, go to the AAA homepage. Follow the links to the call for papers. Log in and continue to the main menu page. Select "special event" from the category titled "submit an event." There are special instructions for submitting a workshop, and those interested should contact the meetings department directly at [aaameetings@aaanet.org](mailto:aaameetings@aaanet.org). First priority in the assignment of time and space will be given to business, board and committee meetings of the AAA, including its sections. Other special events will be accommodated to the degree possible. For events organized by other groups, there is an administrative fee to cover costs of arrangements and publication. The special events program will not accommodate panels, papers or professional presentations that rightfully belong on the scientific program. To be listed in the meeting program, special event proposals must be accompanied by administrative fees when appropriate.

### Review Procedures

The AAA follows a policy of peer review and merit consideration for acceptance and inclusion in the program. Proposals for *executive sessions* should be submitted by email to the executive program chair at [aaaprogramchair@gmail.com](mailto:aaaprogramchair@gmail.com) by January 22. The Executive Program Committee will review all proposed executive sessions and deliver decisions by February 26. Organizers of sessions that are selected for executive status will be asked to submit their session information, with this designation, to the AAA website by April 1. Organizers of sessions that are not given this status can submit their information to any of the 38 AAA sections for review as invited or volunteered sessions, based on section deadlines.

The deadline to submit a proposal for *invited session* status varies by section. Please see [www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org) or contact your section representatives for deadlines. Sections will email results by March 29 to all those who submit proposals for invited session, so that organizers of sessions that are not given this status may submit their proposals by April 1 for general review as volunteered sessions. *Volunteered sessions* and *individually volunteered papers and posters* are reviewed by program editors and committees established by each AAA section. *Public policy forum* proposals are reviewed by the Executive Program Committee. Deadline for online submission is March 1. *Special event* proposals constitute two types (see above). Type one proposals are reviewed and organized by the executive office. Type two proposals are reviewed by the Executive Program Committee, in collaboration with section program editors where appropriate.

Regardless of status, all session proposals must be submitted at [www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org) by April 1, 2010. Organizers and presenters are required

to select one review section when submitting proposals online. Only one section may be checked. The decision should be made on the basis of content and intended audience; membership in a section has no bearing on the review process. The recommendations of sections are forwarded to the executive program chair, who assumes final responsibility for the acceptance or rejection of proposals. The Executive Program Committee prepares the final program schedule following the rankings submitted by each section. All final program notifications about acceptance and scheduling will be mailed by the executive program chair. There is no appeal process.

### Presentation Policy

Participants may present one paper and accept one other role other than a paper presentation (discussant, organizer or chair). The policy of one paper presentation plus one other role will be strictly enforced. The program committee will remove any name that appears more than twice on the scholarly program, and urges individuals to refrain from accepting more than one commitment of any kind in the scholarly program. A participant may be credited with co-authorship of one or more additional papers when co-authorship is understood to include participation on a research project. Presenters' names must appear first, with others following in alphabetical or other appropriate order.

No proposals for participation in the scholarly program of the meeting can be considered unless formally submitted online through the AAA website. Additionally, participation is limited to current paid AAA members. To join, contact AAA at 703/528-1902, ext 1178, or visit [www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org). The membership requirement may be waived for scholars from other disciplines or for anthropologists from countries other than the US or Canada (contact [aaameetings@aaanet.org](mailto:aaameetings@aaanet.org) for details). Payment of the registration fee will not be waived. All persons who expect to be listed as participants on the scholarly and special events program must register by 5:00 pm EST, April 1. Registration fees will not be refunded to participants who cancel.

### Inquiries

If you have questions regarding participation guidelines, please call the AAA Meetings Department ([aaameetings@aaanet.org](mailto:aaameetings@aaanet.org)), not the executive program chair. ☎

### Tips for Submitting Proposals Online

- Make sure your membership is currently active
- Check your title and abstract for typos before submission
- Allow at least 30 minutes for the submission process