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Are We So Different?™

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AAA Wins 2007 Summit Award

**For *RACE: Are We So Different?*
ASAE and The Center's Top National Honor**

The cream has risen, and the AAA came out on top—as one of six associations to receive the Summit Award—the American Society of Association Executive (ASAE) & The Center for Association Leadership's top national honor for association excellence in community-based programming.

The AAA will receive the Summit Award—for work on the *RACE: Are We So Different?* program—at the 8th Annual Summit Awards Dinner on September 25 at the National Building Museum in Washington DC. The Summit Award recipients of 2007 were chosen from a field of 46 Award of Excellence winners from three earlier rounds of judging this year.

The Associations Advance America Awards are presented year-round to recognize the powerful ways in which associations propel America forward—through innovative projects in public education/information, economic development, business and social innovation, skills training/development and civic and volunteer activities.

Over 1,100 guests are scheduled to attend the Summit Awards Dinner—a unique fundraising event bringing together association executives with business and industry leaders to celebrate the achievements of the association community. Proceeds from the dinner will directly benefit ASAE's Associations Advance America Fund.

Winners will present a three-minute video prepared by the Associations Advancement American Awards program to highlight their association's achievements in community programming. The RACE program awards video will incorporate footage from the RACE exhibit and the RACE project website, www.understandingRACE.org.

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The *RACE: Are We So Different?* program was developed over five years with \$4 million in funding from the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation and the AAA. The program includes a 5,000 square foot traveling museum exhibition, an interactive website, and educational materials. The program takes a comprehensive, integrative and fresh look at the history, science and lived experience of race and racism in the United States.

Over 500,000 people have viewed the RACE program exhibit and website since the program's launch in January 2007. The RACE exhibit is engaged in a five-year tour of 13 US cities. The exhibit opens at Exploration Place in Wichita, Kansas on September 22, 2007.

For more information about the *RACE: Are We So Different?* program or the Summit Award, please contact Peggy Overbey at 703-528-1902 x3006, or poverbey@aaanet.org.

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Founded in 1902, the American Anthropological Association (AAA) is the world's largest professional organization of scholars and practitioners in the field of anthropology. With 11,000 members, the Arlington, Virginia-based association includes archaeologists, cultural anthropologists, biological (or physical) anthropologists, linguists and applied anthropologists in universities and colleges, research institutions, government agencies, museums, corporations and non-profits throughout the world. AAA publishes 19 peer-reviewed scholarly journals and conducts the largest annual meeting of anthropologists in the world. For more information on the American Anthropological Association, please visit <http://www.aaanet.org>.

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