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AAA Appoints New Director of Public Affairs: Damon Dozier

The American Anthropological Association (AAA) has appointed Damon Dozier as the Association's new Director of Public Affairs, a position formerly known as the Director of External, International and Government Relations. In this capacity, Dozier will be responsible for conceptualizing, planning, and directing the Association's full range of government relations, media relations, and international affairs programs.

Dozier arrives at the AAA with ten years of experience in coalition-building, strategic planning and policy advocacy in the Washington, DC area. His keen acumen for grassroots organizing, legislative policy development and regulatory analysis are reflected in the breadth of his experience on Capitol Hill. Most recently, Dozier served for two years as the Director of Government Relations and Public Policy for the National Minority AIDS Council. Among his noteworthy accomplishments with NMAC, Dozier successfully launched the National Minority AIDS Policy Partnership, a collection of national social justice organizations organized to advocate for improved HIV/AIDS service delivery.

Formerly, Dozier has held positions as Legislative Director for Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, Director of Government and Public Affairs for the National Small Business Association, Legislative Assistant for the Senate Committee on Small Business, Assistant Advocate for Environmental Policy for the Office of Advocacy at the Small Business Administration, and a Staff Editor at the Bureau of National Affairs.

"I am ecstatic to appoint Damon as Director of Public Affairs. With his keen acumen for policy advocacy, coalition building, translating complex issues into accessible messages, and conveying those messages effectively using new media, I am confident that Damon will be an extraordinarily valuable addition to the Association," said Executive Director Bill Davis.

Dozier earned his BA from Howard University in Broadcast Journalism.

Founded in 1902, the American Anthropological Association is the world's largest professional organization of anthropologists and others interested in anthropology, with an average annual membership of more than 10,000. The Arlington, Va.-based association represents all specialties within anthropology — cultural anthropology, biological (or physical) anthropology, archaeology, linguistics and applied anthropology.

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