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Anthropology Honor Roll

AAA President Delivers Top Awards at Anthropology Conference

Each year, the American Anthropological Association celebrates the outstanding contributions of its members to the anthropological community. This year, recipients of the AAA President Award were honored at a special ceremony during the Association's recent annual meeting in Washington, DC. Other awards were given to recognize teaching, scholarship and advisory work with the AAA's *RACE: Are We So Different?* project.

The 2006-2007 President's Awards were given to three exemplary women—Yolanda Moses, Mary Margaret Overbey, and Faye V Harrison.

Yolanda Moses is a professor of anthropology at the University of California in Riverside. She received the AAA President's award for her resolute support of the AAA, anthropology, public education and social justice. She was also recognized for her work as advisory board chair of the *RACE* project.

Mary Margaret Overbey is the director of the AAA's *RACE* project, a public education program which includes a website, traveling exhibit and educational resources. She was honored for her "intelligence, rigor, and judiciousness" in guiding this public education project over the past seven years.

Faye V. Harrison is a professor of African American studies and anthropology at the University of Florida. She received the President's award for her outstanding service as the 2007 annual meeting program chair of the five-day program on "Difference, (In)Equality, and Justice."

AAA President Alan Goodman, who presided over the ceremony, also recognized the members of the key advisory group of the *RACE* project. These honorees were Michael Blakey (NEH and College of William and Mary), Robert Hahn (Center for Disease Control), Faye V. Harrison (U Florida), Carol C. Mukhopadhyay (San Jose State U), Enid Schildkrout (Museum for African Art), Joseph Jones (*RACE* project research assistant) and Amy Beckrich (*RACE* project program assistant).

Recipients of other AAA awards were as follows:

AAA Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Kent Lightfoot, professor of anthropology, University of California at Berkeley
Elizabeth Chin, professor of anthropology, Occidental College

Robert B Textor and Family Prize for Excellence in Anticipatory Anthropology

James Diego Vigil, professor of anthropology, University of California at Irvine

Minority Dissertation Fellowship

Rocio Magana, doctoral candidate in anthropology, University of Chicago

The David M Schneider Award

Elana Shever, doctoral candidate in anthropology, University of California at Berkeley
Noa Vaisman, doctoral candidate in anthropology, Cornell University

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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