

2005 Annual Report
Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges
A Section of the American Anthropological Association

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1. Accomplishments during the period covered.

Membership: Regular membership in the Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges has increased from 202 to 205 (+3) during the past year. Student and Associate membership has dropped from 55 to 44 (-11) and 4 to 2 (-2). Sustaining members remains the same at 2. Overall membership has dropped from 268 to 253 (-15).

Subscriptions: Subscriptions to the publication Teaching Anthropology/SACC Notes 315 based on mailing labels from AAA with 3 institutional subscriptions each receiving 5 copies. The discrepancy between total membership and total subscriptions may be due to when dues are received.

Financial Balances: Through November 2005, SACC activities generated revenues of \$23,977.09 and incurred expenses of \$15,199.31. Our 2005 ending fund balance as of November 30, 2005 is \$26,819.33. This figure represents an increase of \$8,777.78 from the 2004 fund balance. The annual meetings in Savannah brought in revenue of \$18,195.

SACC has now recouped the loss from FY 2002 when our meetings were moved from Chicago to Ft. Lauderdale due to AAA guidelines.

At the present time, the cost to publish Teaching Anthropology/SACC Notes is less than \$500.00.

AAA Meeting Activities: SACC once again sponsored the “Current Issues in Anthropology: Five Fields Update” at this year’s AAA Annual Meeting. Several members were involved with presentations sponsored by other sections. The semi-annual SACC Board Meeting and Business Meetings were held in Washington, DC with President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, Treasurer, Vice-President for Membership and Development, and Associate Editor attending. The mission statement crafted at the spring meetings was unanimously accepted.

SACC members Mary H. Pulford, Leonard Lieberman, Scott Lukas, and Lloyd Miller are among the authors who contributed to the fourth edition of “Strategies in Teaching Anthropology”, some of whom presented at the General Anthropology Division invited session.

SACC Meeting Activities: The SACC Annual Spring Meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia and attended by approximately 80 people. The theme of the conference was “Diaspora: People in Motion.” The first keynote speaker was Marlborough Packard, professor of historic preservation at the Savannah College of Art and Design who presented an overview of the history of Savannah, focusing on its architecture, and the effects of SCAD on the revitalization

of Savannah. This was followed by a trolley tour of the city and its historic landmarks as well as dinner at the landmark “Mrs. Wilkes’ Boarding House”. The second keynote speaker was Dr. Emory S. Campbell, Director Emeritus of the Penn Center on St. Helena Island, SC. Dr. Campbell presented a personal history of the Gullah People of the Sea Islands. This was followed by a day trip to the Penn Center and the York W. Bailey Museum, where Gullah artisans demonstrated their skills (indigo dyeing, shrimp net making), the Hallelujah Singers sang traditional songs both in Gullah and in English, traditional arts were viewed at local art galleries, and a traditional low-country boil was provided for lunch.

Discussions continued about *AnthroSource*. SACC members decided to delay membership in *AnthroSource* and to continue self-publishing Teaching Anthropology/SACC Notes with Lloyd Miller continuing to volunteer at editor. At the present time, this is the most cost-efficient manner for SACC to continue publishing and reach its intended audience.

President’s Award: Melvin Johnson, who has been Treasurer of SACC for several years, was nominated for and awarded the President’s Award for his work in helping SACC members decipher *AnthroSource* financial issues and for his tireless work in preparing accurate financial reports and assisting the president with organizing meetings.

AAA/McGraw-Hill Distinguished Teaching Award: SACC member, Scott A. Lukas, was co-recipient.

Website Development: Website development continues. As with all volunteer groups, especially where people have very heavy teaching loads, it is difficult to maintain the communication necessary to keep the website running smoothly. SACC is working to alleviate the problems with our system.

Outreach Efforts: The VP for Membership and Development surveyed anthropology faculty who are teaching at community colleges. It is important that community college faculty maintain and increase their networks in order to support their own development and that of their colleges. SACC is still in the process of identifying the community colleges with full-time and part-time anthropologists on faculty. Over 400 community college faculty have been contacted and it is estimated that there may be as many as 800 to be contacted.

SACC’s Vice President is also involved with the Anthropology Education Committee and was a discussant on the AEC Panel, “Teaching Standards for Anthropology.”

Mark Lewine will be assisting in planning public education outreach programs via The Ford Foundation grant for the education program on “Race and Human Variation” by AAA.

Five members of SACC have accepted local and national advisor roles for the development of a new telecourse for Coast Community College, Wadsworth Publishing and PBS. Linda Light and Leanne Wolfe are local advisors. Linda Levine, Mark Lewine and Barb Mueller are national advisors.

Changes in Bylaws or Governance Structure: A new mission statement was crafted which reads: “SACC’s mission is to encourage dialogue and collaboration among teachers of anthropology across sub-disciplines and institutional settings, and to promote excellence in the teaching of anthropology.”

2. Future plans or activities (3-5) year time frame

Projects Underway: Our long-range plans are to continue our major perennial activities which are: to hold an annual meeting, publish a biannual publication, participate in the AAA governance structure, sponsor the Five-Field Update session at the AAA Annual Meeting, and maintain a website and listserv.

SACC intends to broaden, develop and complete a number of projects to encourage dialogue and collaboration among teachers of anthropology by continued construction and improvement of the website and listserv and continued publication of SACC Notes.

As money and time are available, SACC will continue efforts to contact all anthropology community college faculty and follow-up with the survey mentioned previously.

Collaboration with Others: SACC plans to continue working with AAA and AACC in collecting data regarding anthropology in community colleges. SACC will continue to co-sponsor invited sessions at the Annual Meeting of the AAA.

3. Other Items

Issues and Recommendations: SACC has again spent a great deal of time in meetings regarding *AnthroSource*. This will continue to be an issue as we decide how best to serve our members and prospective members and as more information is gained regarding how the system works and the benefits/costs analyses are clearer.

SACC, along with other small sections, continues to be concerned with recognition, representation, and participation in AAA. These issues will be addressed, as usual, at the AAA Section Assembly and other venues.

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