

## **SUNTA President's Report 2006**

### **Susan Greenbaum**

This was a quiet year. AAA moved the meetings to San Jose, because the San Francisco hotel strike was still not settled. After the decision was made and arrangements were irreversible, the San Francisco Hilton settled the strike, which in itself is good. SUNTA joined with several other sections in a resolution condemning Coca Cola's labor and business practices. We also approved an increase in dues of 50 cents. SUNTA will be joining with SfAA for its meetings, which are in Tampa this year. Also, Karen Curtis (U Delaware) and I have organized a meeting of researchers and practitioners interested in the topic of poverty. This will occur directly after the board meeting on Nov. 16. We are hoping to resurrect and redefine the purposes of the prior working group on poverty and homelessness that lapsed a few years ago.

A major issue confronting the AAA interest sections has been the high costs of Anthrosource. This issue will be debated at the Section Assembly. Small sections with less revenue are threatened by the costs, which are larger than projected originally. SUNTA has a very comfortable fund balance, but we share the concern that important segments of the AAA may become unviable due to publishing costs. Specific items of interest for this past year are outlined below, followed by the annual reports of the SUNTA officers.

***Elections.*** We had two vacant offices this year – President-elect and Councilor. There was one candidate for president-elect and 3 for councilor. The new President-elect is Deboarh Pellow, who has been an active member of SUNTA for many years. The Councilor is Lisa Knauer, of U Mass Dartmouth, who received her PhD from NYU in 2005.

***Membership.*** SUNTA membership is up slightly from this time last year (741 in September 06 v. 716 in September 05). Our general pattern has, however, remained lower than in prior years, with the September figure the highest in the past 12 months, compared with a high of 779 in April 05. We might want to consider recruitment strategies.

***Leeds Award.*** The committee chose *Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment* by Joao Biehl for the prize.

Also in March, 2006, the Leeds committee finished its work on the 2005 prize for works published in 2004. (This work had been delayed by the absence of its chair for several months.) The committee chose *Total Confinement* by Lorna Rhodes. They also chose two honor books: *Symptoms of Modernity* by Matti Bunzl and *Peruvian Street Lives* by Linda Seligmann.

***Invited sessions for 2006.***

This year's interlocutor session focuses on the work of Philip Martin, an agricultural economist, with discussion by Takeyuki Tsuda, Ted Hamann, Caroline Brettell, and David Haines.

### **Labor and Migration in the Twenty-First Century: A Dialogue with Philip L. Martin**

We were able to sponsor three invited sessions, through what turned out to be a fairly complicated sharing of invited "slots" among SUNTA, APLA, and CfHR.

*Waging War and Making Peace: Reparations and Human Rights* (Barbara Rose Johnston and Susan Slyomovics); *Kids at the Crossroads: Global Childhood and the Role of the State* (Julia Meredith Hess and Dianna Shandy), and *NGOs as Agents of Global Change* (Mark Schuller).

This year SUNTA also is involved in three special events: (1) a reception for SUNTA's own poverty working group organized by Susan Greenbaum and Karen Curtis; (2) a teaching-related workshop organized by Bob Rotenberg; and (3) a joint sponsorship with SANA of a session on public anthropology (which unfortunately conflicts with the SUNTA business meeting).

### **SUNTA Treasurer Report 2006**

Anne S. Lewinson

In this report, I will provide a summary of SUNTA's total revenue and expenditures for 2006. The AAA only has provided figures up through August, however I also will include projected expenses up to the end of 2006. As of August 31, SUNTA's dues revenues were \$ **11,999.57**; because the AAA distributes dues revenues evenly over a 12-month period, we expect to reach our expected dues total of \$**18,085**. Revenues from the journal had totaled \$**3,874.90** as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, and it is difficult to project what the final revenues will total for 2006 due to the uncertainty of digital revenues from Anthrosource (see final paragraphs for more detail). Nearly all non-journal expenditures are for annual meeting-related activities. Those expenditures include the annual prizes (Leeds and Student Paper), the Interlocutor series honorarium, travel expenses, and the reception to revive the Working Group on Poverty. We anticipate SUNTA's non-journal expenses to total no more than \$**3,429** for 2006. While the journal's expenses as of August were far lower than originally projected, we expect that they will end up totaling at least the initially projected amount of \$**26,197** by the end of 2006, bringing SUNTA's total expenditures to \$**29,626**.

Our fund balance as of August 31 was \$**59,912.85**, thanks to a large reserve from prior years. This balance will cover the shortfall in the 2006 budget. For reference, the shortfall for 2005 was \$**3,458.01**, also covered from our reserve. There will continue to be substantial expenses for the journal, so SUNTA can anticipate needing to draw on that balance for the next few years.

AnthroSource requires some extended discussion. There have been drastic shortfalls in the anticipated revenues, and the sections have requested more information from the AAA about the situation. In response to that request, the AAA began providing monthly reports this summer. The August report summarized the reasons for the shortfalls, as well as revised revenue predictions.

The revised subscription numbers and revenues, however, do not provide a clear sense of how much any one journal will earn from AnthroSource, and discussion continues about how the AAA will distribute income from AnthroSource to the sections as well as how to address the financial burden which is threatening to bankrupt several smaller sections. As a result, we still are waiting to see what revenues will be obtained from AnthroSource and whether those revenues will ultimately equal the expenses of printing the journal through UCal Press. The contract comes up for renewal at the end of 2007, so we will need to watch the developments in the next six months very closely.

## **EDITOR'S REPORT 2006**

**City & Society**

**Petra Kuppinger**

I started my tenure as editor, with Kathy Bubinas as associate editor, in January 2006. With the great support of Emily Schultz I had a smooth entry to the job as she helped with issue 18(2) and was always available for my questions. My first issue, 18(2), was published in June 2006. It included the Washington Interlocutor Session and three individual pieces. Issue 18(2) Winter 2006, is at the proof stage and should appear in December 2006. It will include a guest edited section with the title: "The Sport of Cities: Spectacle and the Economy of Appearances." In a very timely manner as the global (may be not the USA...) soccer fever of the World Championship is still lingering, the three contributions look at the role of soccer, and soccer spectacles in Belfast, Shanghai and Valletta/Malta. Three independent contributions are added to these articles.

### **Numbers and Figures**

**1. Total number of pages printed:** Volume 18(1) contained 150 pages. Volume 18(2) will contain 159 pages.

**2. Total number of issues printed:** Two (second to appear in December)

**3. Publication time lines (summary of how close issues appear relative to their cover date)**

Both issues are (will be) in accordance with their cover dates.

**4. Total number of manuscripts received: 36**

(including a small number inherited from Emily Schultz)

**5. Total number of manuscripts accepted: 16**

(incl. interlocutor session responses and introduction)

**6. Total number of manuscripts rejected: 5**

**7. Total number of manuscripts at various stages of the review process: 15**

At present we have 15 manuscripts at various stages in the review process. Six of these manuscripts were submitted as a special issue, four are the winners and honorary

mentions of the 2005 and 2006 student prizes, the remaining five were individually submitted.

### **8. Plans for 2007**

I am currently corresponding with another potential guest editor about yet another special issue. Moreover I am working in a special issue that I want to edit myself. Yet with all the guest edited possibilities I will stick to the rule of thumb that we do one guest edited and then one open issue. And of course we will publish the 2006 Interlocutor Session

## **SUNTA Secretary's Report, 2006**

**Elzbieta Gozdiak**

During 2006 SUNTA submitted all the monthly columns we were allowed to submit. The columns still tend to be a bit to news-oriented as opposed to issue-oriented, although we have made progress. Since the last meetings we had interesting contributions related to the current immigration debate and the immigrant marches, reports from conferences, pieces discussing issues of teaching diverse groups of students, and other topics.

In addition, Stacy Lathrop has made space available to SUNTA members for "extras," including participation in the discussion on intelligent design (David Griffith, East NC U), the riots in Paris (Susan Terrio of GU, Susan Ossman of Gold College, and yours truly), the state of French anthropology, and anthropology and natural disaster. In addition, I have submitted several "awards" notices that were published in AN when SUNTA members received scholarships, research grants, etc.

As usual, I would like to make a plea for a greater involvement of both the Board and the membership in submitting and/or recommending people I should contact for column submissions. From time to time, I have a feeling that I only include things my personal friends and acquaintances submit, but I have to rely on my own networks in the absence of the wider membership clobbering for space.

## **URBANTH-L Coordinator's Report 2006**

Angela Jancius, November 6, 2006

The subscription base for URBANTH-L has been slowing but steadily growing. We currently have 1,624 subscribers (up from 1,356 in 2005 and 1,239 in 2004). The listserv is secure on the Youngstown State University server, but will eventually need to be moved to Ohio University, my new institutional affiliation. I should have time to organize this during the winter intersession. This year a few messages went out without moderation approval, due to listserv software set up problems. But overall, the discussion list has been running smoothly.

Last year, on the Board's suggestion, in the week following the AAA I sent out a call for new and lapsed listserv subscribers to become SUNTA members. I think this was a good recruitment strategy and I will plan to send out a similar message in the week following the 2006 meetings. Ben Vergara's occasional URBANTH-L job guide continues to be very popular. URBANTH-L continues to post announcements, funding, queries and

news. Any suggestions on how to the listserv might serve to assist the SUNTA board in recruiting papers, submissions, members, publications - or in other facets – are always welcome.

## **SUNTA 2006 Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee Report**

The committee for the 2006 graduate student paper prize included Emanuela Guano, Hilarie Kelly and Russell Sharman presiding as chair.

The 2006 Graduate Student Paper Prize attracted submissions from the around the world this year, with topics ranging from urban planning in Tehran to street vending in Los Angeles, all of which made for very stiff competition. After several weeks of deliberation, the committee for the prize chose Heide Castaneda's (U of Arizona) submission, "Living in the Shadows: Undocumented Migrant Workers in Berlin, Germany" as the grand prize winner. Castaneda's paper presented rich ethnographic data on a range of undocumented immigrant communities in Berlin, as well as keen analysis of the particular vulnerabilities of this sector of the population. Honorable Mentions were also awarded to Shanshan Lan (U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) for a paper titled, "Race, Class and the Politics of Multicultural Learning: Working Class Chinese Immigrants and the Brokered American Dream in Chicago," and to Kenny Cupers (Harvard) for "Tactics of Mobility, Strategies of Localization: The Spatial Politics of Street Vending in Los Angeles."

The committee received a total of 18 submissions, which were distributed to each member the second week of August. By the first week of October, each member of the committee ranked each submission by overall quality and relevance to SUNTA.

According to this system, the grand prize winner of the 2006 competition is Heide Castaneda for her paper, "Living in the Shadows: Undocumented Migrant Workers in Berlin, Germany."

Because of the high quality of most of the submissions, the committee decided to award two honorable mentions. The first to Shanshan Lan for the paper titled, "Race, Class and the Politics of Multicultural Learning: Working Class Chinese Immigrants and the Brokered American Dream in Chicago." The second to Kenny Cupers for the paper titled, "Tactics of Mobility, Strategies of Localization: The Spatial Politics of Street Vending in Los Angeles."

Notification to all of the students was sent out via email on October 10th.

Overall, the committee was impressed with high quality of many of the submissions as well as the diverse, international character of the students themselves. With submissions from Iran, Egypt, Canada and throughout the US, it seems SUNTA's graduate student paper prize has caught the attention of the international anthropological community. We hope this trend continues.

Congratulations to all of the graduate students who submitted outstanding work for consideration.: