SFAA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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This is hard. It's my swan song. True, being relieved of the responsibility of staying constantly mindful of the myriad of details that must be attended to as President of the SFAA will be most welcomed. But, it has been absolutely exhilarating. I've especially enjoyed this platform for sharing my thoughts. (Present and future Newsletter editors be forewarned: from time to time I might submit a "guest column" manuscript—I have a folder bulging with ideas.) During the coming couple of months, I'll be busily picking up loose ends from my presidency in hopes of leaving Jay Schensul a clear playing field.

To pick up the strand of my last letter: One day, in the midst of a doctoral exam over in the College of Education, I was challenging the candidate's enthusiasm for long-range educational planning of some kind or another (computer-assisted, of course). I said something like, "You know, all this presumes a rather detailed knowledge of uncertain future events over which we have no control." The student's major professor, a leader in "learning systems," drew me up short with the good-natured gibe, "Tony, I didn't know you were such a Calvinist." "What?" I exclaimed. "You know, a predestinationist," he replied. In that small comment, I was struck with the reason why, for many people, genuine social science is so hard to swallow.

Good social science requires facing up to the huge uncertainty of the most complex phenomena in the universe. I'm reminded of a visiting physicist-administrator's remark to a physics colleague on my campus about some university management issue. "Steve," he said, "the longer I work in administration, the more impressed I am with how incredibly simple are the problems we work on in physics." (My late friend Ed Cook used to say that the primary qualification for a good anthropologist was "a high tolerance for ambiguity.") It is because of this uncertainty that so many people—in and out of social science—shrink from shaking off what Leslie White called "the anthropocentric illusion" and getting on with the job of figuring out the laws of the Superorganic, as it were, so that we can truly take a rational approach to the future. Instead, we seem to fall back more and more these days on the pseudoscience of long-range planning, "management by objectives," "visioning," and all those other adventures that give us the illusion of having control over things.

Again and again, I am struck by how the accoutrements of management science smack of the supernatural—indoctrinating employees with the liturgy of objectives, formulaic recitations of the organization's mission statement, prominently displaying beautifully printed and framed documents declaring "Our Vision." (I chuckle every time I walk past the one in our local National Park Service office.) This is not the stuff of understanding social and cultural phenomena. At best, such schemes are stopgap measures that make us feel good, as conventional religions are supposed to do. While rational planning might seem to work well enough for a while in totalitarian regimes, eventually these prophecies too fail on the shoals of imperfectly-understood empirical realities of culture.

Some of all this mania for objectives, visions, planning, etc., might not be true magic but simple "displacement behavior." When tasks at hand seem too overwhelming, the very act of planning gives us at least something we can control, regardless of whether it gives us the confidence to go ahead and do what needs to be done in the face of uncertainty. Occasionally, however, even the planning devout must own up to the possibility of failure inherent in pretending the unknown is known in the social universe. A few years ago at a local neighborhood association board meeting, we were discussing some project. A new board member, a legislative aide by profession, spoke up and said, "We must set some objectives and develop a plan." Another board member employed by a large state agency recently under fire for the failure of its programs quickly retorted, "I work for HRS. We don't do that any more. We just do the work!"

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Nowadays, too many of us in social science seem not to be doing the work. We retreat into some version of literary postmodernism (literature is good for the soul, but it’s not the kind of endeavor that leads to an understanding of, say, where the next glitch in health care delivery will crop up) or into mindless numerology (quantification without clarification). We avoid complex problems. We ignore the failures of our best-laid plans. We become eventual victims of our own false certainty—or feigned uncertainty.

To admit that ritual reiteration of organizational mission statements has no more effect on the larger unfolding of cultural forces than magical incantations have on the germination of seeds is not Calvinistic predestinationism. It is science, albeit science of the most complicated and frustrating kind, but science nonetheless. And it makes us come up hard against “the free will thing.” It is scary, true enough. But we applied anthropologists have a peculiarly strong obligation not to give in to the loss of nerve to which so many seem to have fallen prey these days, technocrats and interpretivists alike. I believe we are on the verge of making exciting and profound scientific discoveries about the human condition. Let’s not get “buck fever” now. To do so only serves those who would confuse and exploit us all.

Now, having said all that, what has happened to all my own plans when I assumed the presidency in spring, 1993? Perhaps you will recall that I did forewarn you that I planned no major new initiatives but wanted to do a good job of “just minding the store.” Well, just minding the store turned out to be a whole lot more time-consuming than I thought it would be. There were two things in “store-minding” that I said I would give special attention to. These were (1) the problem of declining membership and (2) carrying through on initiatives begun by my predecessor.

On membership: We began the 1990s with a serious decline in membership. Our membership dropped from 1,925 (all categories combined) in 1990 to a low of 1,561 in 1993. I am happy to report that as of January 6, 1995, membership in the Society for Applied Anthropology has rebounded to 2,294 paid-up members. (Likewise, our institutional subscriptions to Human Organization at 1,401 are back up near the 1990 total of 1,482.) I don’t know the reasons for this upswing. Suffice it to say, the Executive Committee, the Membership Committee, Annual Program Chairs, the Business Office, and others have concentrated a lot of work on the membership problem. I am delighted that the turnaround happened during my watch. Let’s keep it up.

On following through with my predecessors’ initiatives:

- Barbara Johnston’s Human Rights and the Environment Committee completed its report, which was very well received and resulted in the spinoff publication, *Who Pays the Price?* (Island Press).
- Tom Greaves’s edited volume, *Intellectual Property Rights for Indigenous Peoples: A Source Book*, was completed and published by SfAA and has now more than paid for itself in sales, and it is still climbing.
- Indexing of *Practicing Anthropology* has now been completed by editor Pat Higgins.
- The joint SfAA/NAPA committee chaired by John van Willigen on guidelines for training practicing anthropologists completed its work, and copies of the resulting *Guidelines* are being widely disseminated. (I am pleased to report that the Executive Committee of the Society for Medical Anthropology formally endorsed the *Guidelines* at its December, 1994, meeting.)
- The LPO rebate program is now operational and comes up for review in a year. (I guess I can take partial credit for this one since even though it was initiated during Carole Hill’s administration, I was the one who came up with the idea at the Executive Committee retreat Carole organized in Memphis in 1992.)
- New officers training workshops, under the able leadership of Linda Bennett, have now become a regular part of our annual meetings.
- Student and LPO columns are now a regular “department” of our *Newsletter*.
- A Past-Presidents Advisory Board is now institutionalized. (Maybe it would be better to say “established.”)
- Will Sibley has accepted the role of awards coordinator and makes sure all the committee appointments and such get done on time.
- We are now entering our second two-year written contract with Professional Management Associates.
for running our Oklahoma City office, a development growing out of the review of office services commissioned by Carole Hill.

- A formal liaison with the Society for Applied Sociology is now in place.

- A broad-based committee on interorganizational relations is being formed by Setha Low.

- SfAA has become an organizational member of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences.

- Internationalization of the Society has moved rapidly forward with ties now to applied anthropology organizations in Canada, Mexico, Nigeria, and India. (Places on our list of potential meeting sites for our non-U.S.A. meeting in 1998 include cities in the Caribbean and Africa as well as Canada and Europe.)

- A major survey of the membership has been completed and analyzed by the Herculean effort of Joe Harding (copies available through the Business Office).

- Routine activities of the Society, such as our journals, the Malinowski Award, departmental service, directories, guides, and much more big and small, remain on firm footing. (I hope I haven’t left anybody out.)

I have been extremely fortunate, indeed, that all of these things came to fruition during my presidency. I wish I could claim credit for them, but that must go to many other members of the Society, its leadership, and a very hard-working Business Office staff. Maybe I gave a little assist here and there. At least I don’t think I got in the way. Thanks everybody.

Now, back there in 1993, I did say I wanted to work on a couple of specific projects. I wanted to appoint a committee “to continue to foster and nurture the longstanding tradition of mutually beneficial relationships between members of the Society and American Indian peoples.” I haven’t done that yet. By the time you read this, however, I will have followed up on many conversations I have had about this topic. I will ask Bea Medicine, Murray Wax, Don Stull, Holly Reckord, Rich Stoffle, Carole Hill, and Jim Waldram to form an ad hoc committee to begin discussions about how to keep SfAA alive and well in “Indian Country.” That interest in the subject remains high is evidenced by the fact that the Summer, 1994, number of Practicing Anthropology devoted to American Indian cultural resources, repatriation, and related issues sold out almost immediately. Maybe it’s just as well that I’m finally getting around to this on “Indian time.”

On my desire to pursue creating jobs for applied anthropologists in the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), I have been a failure. It turned out to be much more complicated than I had thought. It couldn’t be done in the same way that the Applied Ethnography Program was created in the National Park Service. It has to be approached on a regional basis. Even so, I’ve talked about the possibility of jobs for anthropos in regional NMFS centers to lots of people in and out of anthropology. The feedback is that there is a real readiness for our involvement. Some small advances are being made. For instance, SfAA member Michael Jepson has just begun a new job as visiting scientist with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

The need for skilled social scientists working in fisheries management is becoming acute. More and more fishery stocks are reportedly reaching dangerously low levels. More and more states are adopting measures like Florida’s 1994 constitutional amendment banning nearly all commercial fishing nets in state waters. As Timothy Egan put it in an article on the current crisis in the Massachusetts fishing industry (New York Times Magazine, December 11, 1994), “Now, the only question is what to do about the last of the nation’s hunter-gatherers, fishermen without fish.” To tackle the problem, maybe some of the old hands in fisheries anthropology can organize one of those TFGs David Rymph tells us about. (See his article in this issue.)

Something that came my way unexpectedly that I wrote about in my second President’s Letter was nominating Society members for various committees in the Clinton administration. I am sorry to say that nothing came of it. None of our nominees, to the best of my knowledge, were picked. Even so, the feedback from senators I wrote to, White House staff, and nominees themselves suggests that our effort did help to advance our visibility.

Well, there were a few things that I hadn’t even thought about doing that got done.

As things developed during my administration, it became evident that we should strengthen our relationships with the American Anthropological Association (AAA). To that end, we have established a newsletter exchange between our respective business offices. I appointed Bob Hitchcock as our official liaison with the AAA.
Commission on Human Rights. Same for Patty Marshall on the AAA Committee on AIDS Education and Research. At the instigation of incoming NAPA president Elizabeth Briody, SFAA and NAPA (an AAA subsidiary) are about to kick off a broad front cooperative venture beginning with a NAPA-sponsored forum at our meeting in Albuquerque. James Peacock, AAA President, and I have had some very encouraging exchanges about areas of cooperation between our two organizations. SFAA President-elect Jay Schensul is already primed and ready to go on that front.

As a roundabout consequence of a request from a private firm for SFAA endorsement of a contract proposal (request amiably denied), I suddenly saw the need to keep the Society corporately better informed about developments in AIDS research and related topics. So I created the AIDS Research Liaison Committee, now chaired by Doug Feldman. That committee is playing an increasingly active role in advising the Executive Committee on matters pertaining to the important issues surrounding AIDS.

Finally, about computers. My “manual typewriter” letter in the summer issue of the SFAA Newsletter smoked out David Hakken, who for some time has been doing a great deal of work on his own and through the General Anthropology Division of AAA along lines I suggested at the end of my summer letter. Although I think David and I have somewhat different “takes” on the whole issue, he is on target. I am delighted to announce that David has rejoined SFAA and agreed to chair an ad hoc committee on the impact of high technology on society and culture. (See his article in this issue.) I am asking others who expressed an interest in my proposal for such a committee to join with David in doing something to address this immensely important question. Just as much of twentieth-century history—from Teddy Roosevelt “trust-busting” to the rise of Marxism to the Gulf War—can be read as the response, reaction, and aftermath of the excesses of industrial capitalism, so too, I predict, the twenty-first century will experience a huge aftershock of the excesses of informational capitalism. I hope the Society for Applied Anthropology will be among the pioneers who see it coming and help prepare for it.

In closing, this is for SFAA Newsletter Associate Editor Patricia Whiteford. Why is it that nobody ever expected me to learn how to use a printing press or Linotype machine or even a mimeograph machine, yet for some reason I’m supposed to be contrite for not keeping up with the Joneses and learning to use a word processor? Sounds like some kind of advertising gimmick to me. Besides, Patty, if I had sent all my stuff in on diskettes, we wouldn’t have had all those lively telephone conversations and passed those cryptic handwritten notes back and forth. It has been fun.

So I end.

SGAA GROUP ON COMPUTING AS A CULTURAL PROCESS

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At the AAA’s Atlanta General Anthropology Division (GAD) reception, I made the mistake of challenging Tony Paredes’ contention that there is a dearth of anthropological studies of computing (see “SFAA President’s Letter,” August, 1994 Newsletter). Consequently, I’ve been maneuvered into doing something about the issue—specifically, finding out if there is interest in developing an SFAA group on the topic.

As I see it, the fundamental question has to do with the relationship between new information technology (or computing) as manifested in technology actor networks and contemporary socio-cultural change: In what ways and to what extent is computing an important cause of change and to what extent a manifestation of it?

The hugely popular computerization hypothesis (the notion that we are living through a fundamental, technology-driven period of massive social change) is almost never connected to serious empirical research on the topic, and yet computing is at the core of virtually every recent technological innovation (e.g., cyberspace and the Internet). This question of computing and social change has important implications for virtually every other issue of interest to applied anthropologists, so I agree with President Paredes that some effort by the SFAA may be in order.

The cultural study of computing implied by the question is different from the issue of the use of computers in anthropology. While there is a great deal of information regarding the latter, what there is about the former is much less well known. President Paredes is wrong to argue...
that it doesn’t exist, however; for some time, a group of anthropologists has been thinking culturally about computing. Many of its members are active in the AAA/GAD Committee on Science, Technology, and Computing, chaired now by Maria Grosz-Ngane of SUNY, Binghamton, and much of their work is discussed in my 1993 Annual Reviews in Anthropology piece, “Computing and Social Change: New Technology and Workplace Transformation, 1980–90” (22:107–32).

SFAA members who want to follow up on this work immediately should contact Maria (the Institute of Global Cultural Studies, at (607) 777-4497 (mgrosz@bingvmb.cc.binghamton.edu) and/or obtain a copy of David Hess’s excellent Newsletter of the Anthropology of Science and Technology, $2.00 hard copy (STS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY 12180-3590). I am planning to organize a one-day workshop at next year’s AAA for students and colleagues who wish to do cultural research on computing.

A specific SFAA group might want to work on something like an archive of cultural studies of computing, or it might focus more narrowly on what happens when one attempts to bring a cultural perspective to information system development. (See my Human Organization piece on “Culture-centered Computing” 50(4):406–423.) Perhaps you have a better idea. At any rate, if you are interested, please contact me at (315) 792-7437 or hakken@sunyit.edu.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The Executive Committee (EC) met Saturday, December 3, 1994, at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta to hear reports and discuss business introduced by the President and President-elect, the Treasurer and Finance Committee, Business Manager, Editors, Chairs of the 1995 and 1996 Annual Meetings, Membership Committee, Nominations and Elections Committee, Past Presidents Liaison, IUAES Liaison, Interorganizational Relations Coordinating Committee, Departmental Services Committee, Committee on Human Rights and Environment, and Publications Committee. The Executive Committee heard progress reports on the 1995 meeting in Albuquerque and the 1996 meeting to be held in Baltimore.

Joan Cassell has been appointed to the Malinowski Award Committee, and Jeff Salloway has become chair of the Peter New Award Committee. Past President Erve Chambers is now coordinating the screening of candidates for Fellow status.

Fellows elected at the meeting in Atlanta include Ronald Brunton, Lucia Ann McSpadden, Roger McConochie, John Omohundro, Holly Reekord, Richard Reeves-Ellington, Barbara Ryko-Bauer, and Janet Schreiber. The Executive Committee will consider additional petitions and nominations to Fellow status in Albuquerque.

Tim Finan will chair the program for the 1996 Annual Meeting, to be held in Baltimore, MD. The theme, “Global-Local Articulations,” is intended to be broadly inclusive of our diverse topical specializations while focusing attention on current problems and innovative approaches.

The Executive Committee passed a resolution, effective January, 1997, that prohibits holding annual meetings in municipalities or states of the U.S.A. that have anti-sodomy laws or other policies of discrimination based on sexual orientation. Among the midwestern cities discussed as possible venues for 1997, St. Louis, Missouri, and St. Paul, Minnesota, were eliminated because of state anti-sodomy laws. The sites now under consideration for 1997 are Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland, and Cincinnati. If you want to express your preference or offer assistance in planning the meeting, please contact President Tony Paredes or President-elect Jay Schensul.

President Paredes reported on sites that members have suggested for our next international meeting in 1998 and received additional suggestions from those present at the meeting. The Business Office will begin to explore Accra, Athens, Copenhagen, Jamaica, Lisbon, Montreal, and Vancouver as possible sites.

Carole Hill reported on the organizational meeting of the Council of Past Presidents that was held in Cancun. Those attending elected Will Sibley, Nancie Gonzalez, and Ted Downing as their liaison committee to work with the Executive Committee on special projects. Hill also serves as SFAA liaison to the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Societies (IUAES). The Executive Committee voted that SFAA should become an affiliate member of IUAES.

Joe Harding reported on preliminary results of the survey he and the Membership Committee developed. To date, 594 of the 1,550 surveys mailed with 1995 dues notices have been returned; please send back your completed form if you have not yet done so. Following the survey report, the EC spent a working lunch discussing
David Rymph’s proposal to create Topical Interest Groups (TIGs). (See Rymph’s article in this issue of the Newsletter.) The TIG proposal is responsive to survey respondents’ requests for more help looking for jobs and consulting opportunities, more information for new members, and greater support and involvement for members having diverse topical interests. Respondents also suggested reinstituting workshops at annual meetings. Bob Trotter and David Rymph were asked to explore the feasibility of workshops for the Baltimore meeting and will report back to the EC in Albuquerque.

The Executive Committee also considered outreach to other professional organizations. Setha Low is forming an Interorganizational Relations Coordinating Committee to lay the groundwork for more effective networking with other groups. Elizabeth Briody, incoming NAPA president, solicited cooperation of SFAnA members in six initiatives to more effectively market anthropology to prospective employers. No action was taken on official SFAnA collaboration with NAPA, but individuals were encouraged to participate in these projects.

Mike Angrosino made his final report as Human Organization (HO) editor and received the EC’s vote of thanks. Van Kemper announced that Angrosino will continue as a consulting editor of HO. The EC endorsed Kemper’s associate editors and his proposal to form an international advisory board of senior scholars in addition to the consulting editors.

The Publications Committee was instructed to consider proposals from the Business Office to increase the institutional subscription rate for HO and to solicit foundation support for reprinting and marketing Intellectual Property Rights Source Book. New members of the Publications Committee are Ralph Bishop, Bart Clark, and Kevin Spice (Student Committee representative).

The EC met from 8:30 until 4:30, working through the lunch hour. Several initiatives are in motion to streamline routine EC business and provide more time for extended discussion of new policy initiatives. As Secretary, I have been instructed to work with the President-elect to designate committees and liaisons that are expected to report only once annually, at our own spring meeting, so that pressing business and new initiatives can have priority at our winter meeting. Participants in this meeting were asked to provide written reports with action items clearly indicated; that helped us deal with a very full agenda in the allotted time. One EC member suggested, “No report, no place on the agenda.” What do you think of that?

I will poll EC members, committee chairpersons, and various liaisons in early February with requests for agenda items for the Albuquerque meeting, but your comments on the last meeting and your suggestions for the spring agenda are welcome also. Send them to Benita Howell, SFAnA Secretary, Anthropology Department, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0720. FAX: (615) 974-2686. E-mail: bhowell@utkvs.utk.edu.

A PROPOSAL TO CREATE TOPICAL INTEREST GROUPS IN THE SFANAA

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The Society’s Executive Committee has decided to support the creation of small subunits. These new, smaller units would be organized around various issues, providing a network for Society members with similar professional interests. We are calling these new entities “Topical Interest Groups” (TIGs), a name taken from the American Evaluation Association, which has had great success with the structural modification. We are scheduling time during our meeting in Albuquerque to get these TIGs going. Our goal is to have them functioning in time to play a key role in organizing the 1996 Annual Meeting.

We envision TIGs being organized around several dimensions: research interests (AIDS, agricultural development); employer (U.S. AID anthropologists, independent consultants, for-profit companies); methods (qualitative, quantitative, rapid appraisal); teaching (standards for applied programs, teaching theories of applied social science); advocacy (minority issues, gay and lesbian rights).

What Do TIGs Do?

TIGs in the SFAnA will be strongly encouraged to sponsor symposia and paper sessions at our Annual Meeting. They will work closely with the Program Chair to create and sustain the agenda. TIGs may publish newsletters if they wish. TIGs may hold social events, primarily as part of the Annual Meeting.
What Are the Rules for Membership in a TIG?

We want to keep the structure simple, in keeping with the spirit of reinventing professional associations. First, all SFAA TIG members must be members of the Society. Second, a Society member can be a member of as many TIGs as wanted. Third, no member of the Society has to join a TIG. Fourth, the Society’s application form will list all TIGs.

How Are TIGs Formed?

Any member of the Society can propose a TIG. We will use scheduled time in Albuquerque to begin this process. Look in the program for the appointed hour, and come to the meeting prepared to organize your TIG. The Society’s Executive Committee has to approve the petition to form a TIG. The group is then on probation for two years. Then the Executive Committee will review the performance of the TIG and may choose to dissolve it or grant it permanent status. Also, a TIG may be dissolved by a majority vote of its members or a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee of the Society.

How Are TIGs Structured?

Simply, we hope. At a minimum, each TIG must have an elected chair. In addition, each TIG has a designated TIG Contact Person for Proposals for the AEA annual meeting. The Executive Committee of the Society will appoint a TIG coordinator to monitor TIG activities and report annually to the EC.

What Are the Duties of the TIG?

At a minimum, each TIG should hold an annual meeting as part of the Society’s Annual Meeting. In future years, time will be reserved on the program agenda for these annual meetings. It might be that all TIG business meetings will be scheduled at the same hour. Participants would choose which one or two to attend. We expect that TIG members will carry out TIG activities through voluntary effort and by the contribution of resources by members and their organizations. At least initially, no funds will be provided from the general budget of the Society. TIGs should submit an annual report to the Executive Committee TIG chairs should talk with all TIG members before the SFAA Annual Meeting to inform members about activities and seek their ideas.

Do You Have Any Comments or Questions?

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LPO NEWS

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In my last column (August, 1994), I reported several observations from interviews and personal experience with Local Practitioner Organizations (LPOs). As promised, I was able to talk to more LPOs—the Southern California Applied Anthropology Network (SCAAN) and the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists (WAPA). This column will speak to membership of eight LPOs, the problems they encounter, and their relationship to colleges and universities.

Membership

Several LPOs started off with a large number of members, often those attending a first meeting or event. Some LPOs grew steadily, while others have experienced peaks and valleys in membership. Both SCAAN and WAPA have over one hundred members, including out-of-town members. WAPA has an international membership. The other LPOs have between thirty and sixty members, some with only a dozen or so active members.

Membership in these LPOs consists of anthropologists employed in academic and nonacademic settings. Some members, however, move between the two settings. Members not employed at a university work in typical applied careers (government, private consulting, and health and social services).

University and college professors and students from both traditional and applied anthropology programs are also likely LPO members. When the LPO is associated with such a program (as at the University of South Florida and Memphis State University), students and former students make up the majority of members. One LPO, the Great Lakes Association of Professional Anthropologists (GLAPA), has nonanthropologist members, such as sociologists who do social research and work on interdisciplinary teams.

Organizational Problems

The biggest problem faced by the LPOs, according to the applied anthropologists I spoke with, is getting members to do the work needed to keep the organization going. A core group of members often does the majority of the work, except in the larger LPOs, where there may be more people and more levels of involvement. A related problem is that some key members cannot spend time on LPO business at their workplace.
LPO's problems can also be as mundane as not having mailings computerized or setting meeting places and times. Other problems include recruitment, maintaining leadership continuity, burnout after intensive activity periods, key members moving away, keeping members' interest, and agreeing on organizational structure and style.

**Relationship to Colleges and Universities**

LPOs have varied relationships with area colleges and universities. Some were started with the help of local anthropology departments. These include the Association of Professional Anthropologists in the San Francisco Bay area (APA), the High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology (HPSfAA), the Sun Coast Organization of Practicing Anthropologists (SCOPA), and the Mid-South Association of Professional Anthropology (MSAPA). Several departments in these areas emphasize applied anthropology. GLAPA, the Philadelphia Association of Practicing Anthropologists (PAPA), and WAPA were not born with the help of a particular college or university.

Regardless of origin, LPOs benefit from colleges and universities. LPOs get members (professors, students, and new graduates) and resources (meeting space, clerical help, postage, and supplies) from universities. LPOs participate in university functions and meet with students. The colleges and universities also profit from this association—LPOs expose their students to applied anthropology and help them find employment. While anthropology departments may be involved in some LPOs, they uniformly do not "meddle" in the workings of the LPO.

It's clear that LPOs differ by size, origin, and relationship to higher education. But the membership of these LPOs is similar, made up of both academic and nonacademic-based anthropologists. LPOs' problems are typical of other volunteer organizations—getting people to pitch in. Some LPOs have varied levels of activity and can experience a hiatus in activity. In these cases, having members related to each other for employment purposes helps maintain the LPO. Colleges and universities are important to these LPOs. All have mutually beneficial associations with area university anthropology departments.

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**FROM THE STUDENT EDITOR**

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In the fall issue of the Newsletter, Anthony DiBella raised the point that it is unclear what the Society for Applied Anthropology is doing to help students cope with the realities of the present job market. He also suggests that the SfAA is in need of goal development. I agree with him and our President (Dr. Paredes) in that the Society needs to get anthropology into the job descriptions and into the minds of the general public.

**Raising the Profile of Anthropology**

In order to do this, we need to develop our identity as applied anthropologists, incessantly make and express our contributions to scholarship in our applied projects, and explicitly state that anthropological insight in understanding social issues provides a broad range of expertise that is unique in the social sciences. The anthropological perspective is both relevant and effective in many problem-solving situations that deal with human behaviour.

The Society needs to develop a general strategic plan of action to understand, present, and eventually accomplish our goals as an organization. Part of Dr. Baba’s article in *Human Organization (HO)* Vol. 52, No. 2 (“The Fifth Subdiscipline: Anthropological Practice and the Future of Anthropology”) raises the issue of the education and training of future practitioners and provides some recommendations to address this issue. The article certainly explores many of the issues that need to be addressed by the SfAA and the discipline of anthropology. I anticipate that this will be a much-discussed article at the SfAA meetings in March.

**Meetings Sessions**

The Student Committee is currently trying to organize three sessions at the Albuquerque meetings. Eric Chambers is organizing a session titled “Publishing Your First Paper: Advice from the Editors.” It will be a panel discussion with Van Kemper (the new editor of *HO*), Patricia Higgins (editor of *Practicing Anthropology*), and perhaps one or two associate editors. Eric also is organizing a roundtable discussion on ethics and students—perhaps with some input from the SfAA Ethics Committee.

I am organizing a session that will examine the transition from student to professional applied anthropologist. I expect the panel to be composed of applied anthropologists who are currently struggling or recent grads who are trying to find their niche. Hopefully this ses-
sion will provide current practical information and some networks between struggling new applied anthropologists.

If you are interested in presenting in these sessions, contact Kevin Spice at kspice@ccu.unamitoba.ca or Eric Chambers at 9489547@nessie.cc.wwu.edu as soon as possible.

**SfAA NEW LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSION**

Current and prospective new leaders of SfAA are invited to participate in the SfAA New Leadership Training Session, to be held at the 1995 SfAA meetings in Albuquerque. Following the tradition of recent years, officers and SfAA leaders will provide overviews of the history of SfAA, its governance structure, the organization of annual meetings, the budgetary process, the business office, nominations and elections, etc.

This session has served as a helpful and enjoyable way for newly elected officers and Executive Committee members and other leaders to obtain essential information about the organization in one setting rather than getting it piecemeal over an extended period. This year we are opening the session to any SfAA member who is interested in taking on leadership roles in the organization.

The session will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 and will be followed immediately by the “Meet the Editors of SfAA Publications” session. Please feel free to call the organizer, Linda Bennett, at (901) 678-2958 for more information.

**MULTICULTURAL HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE CANCELLED**

The conference, “Shape the Future of Your Multicultural Healthcare Education Program,” scheduled for April 20-22, 1995, in Seattle, has been cancelled. Noel Chrisman, University of Washington School of Nursing, reports that he was unable to find the necessary funding to support the conference at prices that were affordable and thus has cancelled the conference until April, 1996.

Following the announcement in the November SfAA Newsletter, a large number of people expressed interest in this innovative conference that would have provided state-of-the-art information for educators and clinicians directing education programs in health care settings. Others who would like information about the 1996 conference should write Noel Chrisman, School of Nursing, SM-24, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. E-mail: noel@u.washington.edu. Telephone: (206) 685-0804.

**CALL FOR PAPERS SOCIETY FOR UTOPIAN STUDIES**

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Utopian Studies will be held in Toronto, October 19-22, 1995. The society is an international, interdisciplinary organization devoted to the study of both literary and experimental utopias. The due date for one-page abstracts for individual papers and proposals for panels or sessions is May 15, 1995. Send proposals to Merritt Abrash, Box 237 RD1, Stephentown, NY 12168. Telephone: (518) 733-5586. Or FAX June Deery at (518) 276-4092.

**ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD SCHOOL IN HUNGARY**

Students are invited to participate in the Second Summer Ethnographic Field School in Hungary, to be held July 9 to August 12, 1995. The focus of the applied research is in the environmentally fragile area surrounding Lake Balaton, near the city of Keszthely, with the aim of assessing the impact of further tourism on both the fragile environment and local cultural traditions. Students will be housed in homes with Hungarian families during the research. English will be the language of instruction, but students will be paired with English-speaking Hungarian students.

Applications and a deposit are due by April 1, 1995. For more information, contact Dr. Tim Wallace, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695. Telephone: (919) 515-2491. E-mail: Tim_Wallace@ncsu.edu.

**MELLON FOUNDATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation provides funds for fellowships that enable researchers in the field of foreign language learning to work at the National Foreign Language Center’s Institute of Advanced International Studies. Preference is given to project proposals that have a general application across languages and language learning environments.
The IAS is soliciting proposals for a limited number of faculty and student fellowships to be awarded for the 1995–96 academic year and for collaborative fellowships for the summer of 1996. Researchers not affiliated with academic institutions are also invited to participate.

For more information about the Mellon Fellowship program, please contact Ms. Atsuko Arai at (202) 667-8100. FAX: (202) 667-6907.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The National Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research (NCAIANMHR), University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (UCHSC), seeks ethnographer for ongoing research on alcohol, drug, and mental disorders and service utilization among American Indians/Alaska Natives. NCAIANMHR works in partnership with numerous Indian and Native communities and is committed to culturally appropriate and relevant research.

The position entails ongoing ethnographic research (one week/month) at a reservation site; regular production of descriptive and analytic reports; collaboration with an interdisciplinary team of investigators. Applicants must have completed all requirements for Ph.D. by time of appointments; have conducted medical, psychiatric, or psychological field research (experience in a Navajo community strongly desirable); possess evidence of strong writing skills. Salary ranges from $40,000 to $45,000 per 12 months (with benefits), commensurate with qualifications and experience. Position is available immediately.

Send letter of interest, curriculum vita, and writing sample by March 31, 1995 to: Theresa O’Neill, NCAIANMHR, 4455 E. 12th Avenue, Box A011-13, UCHSC, Denver, CO 80220.

FROM THE EDITORS

This is a time of farewells in the SfAA cycle of events. As we begin a new year, we bid goodbye to outgoing committee members and officers as we prepare to welcome new ones. It is time also for me to say goodbye. After a little over two years as coeditor of the Newsletter, I have taken on a “real” job that will leave me no time to work on this publication.

As I leave, I want to say how much I have enjoyed working on the Newsletter. The articles you write have been interesting and fun to read, and it has been a growing experience to work so closely with Mike on this project. I want to thank all of you for your support and your willingness to help us put out an interesting and informative publication.

I would like to express my particular thanks to Tony Paredes for the excellent job he has done for us during the past two years. We are all familiar with his contributions to the Newsletter as SfAA President, but most of you are probably unaware of the degree to which he has supported us behind the scenes. Many very interesting articles have been submitted to us as a result of his tireless efforts. He always seems to have a good idea or an interesting angle on an item for the Newsletter, and he has been very effective in persuading potential authors to put their thoughts down on paper. A great deal of the credit for the richness and diversity of articles in the Newsletter goes to him. He has helped us look good.

A special thanks goes to my husband, Mike. We have argued and complained and snarled at each other as the deadlines grew near, but it also has been lots of fun to work so closely with him on a professional project. I will miss the closeness of this part of our relationship. Mike, of course, will stay on as your editor, so you will continue to see his fine hand in this publication.

It has been fun to feel so much a part of an organization that is not really my own and to get to know some of the members. I will miss you.

— P.C.W.

As you can see, we've tucked a lot of stuff into this issue. Because we are combining a more-or-less regular Newsletter with the preliminary program for the Annual Meeting, we have generated a document twice its regular length. Believe it or not, we’ve also had to do a bit of trimming. Some announcements and other blurbs that we normally welcome did not make it into this issue. We found ourselves having to follow the Mad Magazine parody of the slogan on the New York Times masthead, “All the news that fits we print.”

This issue is the last one for Tony Paredes, our unflappable leader, and for my spouse, your diligent coeditor, Patty Whiteford. I appreciate the solid work both have put into this publication. Thanks, folks.

On a somber note, we recognize the passing of two stalwarts of the Society: Elliot Liebow and Sol Tax. Both men continually demonstrated the importance of anthropology in the everyday world. Their insights on the human condition and their contributions to the discipline will be missed. Complete obituaries will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

— M.B.W.
WELCOME FROM THE SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

Dear SfAA members, fellows, and annual meeting participants:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Society for Applied Anthropology, welcome to the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Society. Though the actual meeting is more than a month away, it is never too early to thank all those who have already made a commitment to the meeting and to encourage others who have still not made up their minds to join us in Albuquerque during March 30 to April 2, 1995.

Deward Walker and the Program Committee, with the assistance of Business Manager Tom May and the High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology, have put together what promises to be the biggest and most exciting SfAA meeting of all time. And that’s quite a feat coming so soon after that bang-up meeting we had in Cancun last year.

In addition to the usual high points of annual meetings — the Malinowski and Peter K. New Awards, the LPO representatives’ luncheon, the Student Committee meeting, the Council of Fellows/General Business Meeting — there will be much more. Bob Trotter is putting together two professional workshops on employment. David Rymph is going to lead a forum on a new organizational idea called “TIGs.” Again, Linda Bennett will lead a workshop for new officers and others interested in taking a more active role in Society affairs. George Scott has put together some informative presentations from the Departmental Services Committee. The newly-formed Past Presidents Advisory Council might have some interesting things up their collective sleeve for us.

One of the ambitious new developments at the 1995 meeting will be a Plenary Session organized by Carla Littlefield to explore perspectives on the future of applied social science with representatives of several sister professional organizations. In a similar vein, the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA) has organized a session for our annual meeting in Albuquerque that will advance even more healthy cooperation and collaboration between our respective organizations, each with its distinct, and complementary strengths.

As you shall see in the preliminary program, the scientific sessions will be extremely diverse and timely. There is a full range of applied anthropology represented from theoretical papers to presentations on “nuts-and-bolts” practicalities. A number of sessions deal with women — in development, in health, and in environmental issues. Health emerges as an important theme running throughout the meeting, as do environmental justice, and political action. There will be a number of papers dealing with indigenous cultures, their environments, and how development is affecting them. A provocative new topic emerging from the papers is the subject of gangs, a worldwide phenomenon linked to issues such as poverty, drugs, and AIDS. Needless to say, there will be much to engage our attention at the 1995 meeting in Albuquerque.

As I conclude my term as SfAA president, there is a special personal pleasure for me in having this meeting in Albuquerque, since I earned by Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico. Although we had no formal program in applied anthropology in the 1960s (indeed, the phrase “applied anthropology” was uttered in hushed tones in some circles), I will forever treasure the well-rounded, classic anthropological education I received at New Mexico and the opportunity I had “to look over the shoulder,” so to speak, of many of my mentors who were quietly applying good anthropology in such diverse areas as Indian land claims, public education, and Peace Corps training. Along with all its other attractions, the 1995 SfAA meeting is a nostalgic homecoming for me.


Yours truly,

J. Anthony Paredes
President 1993–95
WELCOME FROM THE HIGH PLAINS SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

As New Mexico is within the region served by the High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology, we take special pride in welcoming SFAA members and guests to the annual meeting. Members of the High Plains Society have played an active role in helping Deward Walker and his program committee in the planning of these events, as well as being participants. Our own annual meeting, to be held April 28–30, 1995, in Estes Park, Colorado, will include sessions complementing those presented in Albuquerque. SFAA members are invited to play active roles in Estes Park as well.

The High Plains Society is nearly 15 years old. It has a membership of approximately 100 individuals. While most are applied/practicing anthropologists, others represent the disciplines of psychology, sociology, social work, education, and ecology. The Society is among the most active of the dozen or so LPOs (Local Practitioner Organizations) scattered across the country. Each year it hosts both an annual professional/business meeting in the spring and a more informal retreat in the fall. New Mexico’s own Ghost Ranch (where the movie “City Slickers” was filmed) serves as our retreat location.

Each year the High Plains Society presents an award for exemplary service in the field of applied anthropology. It is named in honor of Omer Stewart, one of the Society’s founders and an expert on Native American issues. The 1994 winner was the SFAA’s and High Plains Society’s own Deward Walker. The Society is the only anthropological LPO in the country to publish its own peer-reviewed journal, the High Plains Applied Anthropologist. Its newsletter carries the latest information on members’ accomplishments.

Through the Society and its sister organization, the Center for Cultural Dynamics, members have been involved in a fascinating array of activities during the past year. These have included fieldwork in the S.W. United States, Mexico, Brazil, and Ethiopia, and publications ranging from manuals to monographs. Society members played key roles in developing and authoring chapters in the SFAA’s seminal publication on intellectual property rights. They also played key roles in developing the SFAA-distributed “Guidelines for Training Practicing Anthropologists.” The latter was accomplished in conjunction with NAPA.

The television series “Earth 2” was filmed only a few miles north of Albuquerque. Members of the High Plains Society welcome you to “Earth 1,” where hospitality remains down to earth at our reception on Saturday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Peter Van Arsdale, President

SfAA 1995 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 29

2:00 – 4:00

Traditional Cultures and the Environment
Chair: John Sherry
Learning and Practice in Navajo Environmentalism
Kathleen Manolescu
Zuni Wildlife Management Project
Jeanine M. Pfeiffer
Negotiating Biodiversity Management in the Indonesian Archipelago
Stephen O’Neil
Adaptation in Janeno Ethnobotany
Kathleen Ragdale, Yvette Ogle, and Patterson Clark
In Our Own Backyards

Tourism
Chair: Gordon Bronitsky
Indian Agent—New Style
Jill Cowley
The People Side of Park Planning
Maryann Brent
Transportation as an Agent of Urban Morphology in Atlantic City
Keith Hollinshead
Marketing of the Hieratic Pageant: The Disidentification of Indigenous Numenosity Via Tourism
Scott E. Antes
Reservation Gaming: Economic Development and Cultural Preservation on the Menominee Indian Reservation
Elvi Whittaker
“We Are Not Museum Pieces”: The Indigenous Marketing of Tourist Cultures and Environments
International Students and Cross-Cultural Interaction
Organizer: Jian Guan & Donald Brown
Jian Guan
Cross-Cultural Comparison of Value Systems and Impact of Intercultural Contact on Value Change
Donald N. Brown
Differential Perceptions of Japanese Culture by American and Japanese Students in Japan
Elizabeth Howard
Alienation in International Students
Val Hummel
Foreign Students’ Expectations of Social and Study-Related Conditions in the U.S., Their Perceptions of Reality, and Possible Ways to Avoid Misconceptions
Alemseged Kebede
Triangulating International Student Data

Colonizing Cyberspace: Cultural and Societal Impacts of the Information Superhighway
Session Pending
Organizer: Brad M. Biglow
David Jacobson
Intimacy in Cyberspace: Constraints on Action in Text-Based Virtual Reality Communities
Roy Roper

Dilemmas of Sustainability: Ecology as Practiced in Changing Landscapes
Organizer: Pramod Parajuli
Between Crisis and Hope: A Model of Ecological Agriculture in Nepal
Kreg Ettinger
Hydro Generation vs. Future Generations: Contested Notions of Sustainable Development in James Bay
Shahbra Gururan
Sustainability for Whom: Ecological Politics of Progress and Preservation in Central Himalayas, India
Pablo Torres–Lima
Sustainable Development in an Urban Agriculture: The Case of the Chinampa System

Homelessness
Chair: Irene Glasser
Living at the Edge: The Norwich General Assistance Study
John Gallagher
Power Relations as a Barrier to Success in Homeless Shelters
Mary Abascal–Hildebrand
Interdisciplinary Issues in Environment, Development, and Health: Ethics in Community/Communities
Aylin Atillasoy and Michael C. Clatts
Street Youth and the Political Economy of NYC: Methodological Applications of Street Ethnography for AIDS Prevention

Urban Gangs: Ways to Address and Redirect Street Youth
Organizer: J. Diego Vigil
John M. Long
Family Organization and Gang Youths: A Case Study
Breavon McDuffie & Norma Tovar
Insiders as Community Researcher: Kids, Families, and “Shadow” Research
Robert Garcia
Thinking About the Changes in Gangs Over the Last Fifty Years
Plenary Session

The Future of Applied Social Science in the Global Market Place
4:10–6:00

Organizer: Carla Littlefield
Keynote Speaker: Robert Hackenberg
Setting Up Shop in the Global Market Place: Applied Anthropologists Amidst Insurgents, Immigrants, and Corporate Raiders

Discussants:
- Art Gallaher
- Gottfried Lang
- Louise Lamphere
- Donald Stull

Special Events
7:00 – 7:45: Peter New Award
8:00 – 9:00: Social: Cash Bar

Special Meetings
All Day: Executive Committee Meetings
4:00 – 7:00: NAPA Meeting

Thursday, March 30
8:00 – 10:00

Memories of Development Experience and the New Challenges of Need: Part I
Organizer: Paul L. Doughty
Learning from Early Community Development Efforts in El Salvador and Peru

Manuel Vargas
Peasant Ideology and Development in Two Dominican Communities

Anthony Stocks
Land Tenure, Conservation and Native Peoples: The Critical Development Issues in Nicaragua

Jane Gibson-Carpenter
Conservation and Development in Shellcracker Haven, Florida

Gerald Murray
Can't See the Forest Because of the Trees: Haitian Development Revisited
Jim Jones
*Lessons Often Missed in Development Practice: Why and What To Do About It*

**Best Practices: Part I**
Applied Anthropology Training Program Faculty Discuss Their Practices
Organizer: John Van Willigen
*Training Practices at the University of Kentucky*
Michael V. Angrosino
Stan Hyland and Linda Bennett
*Assessing Institutional Linkages in Revitalizing Applied Anthropology Programs*
John A. Young
*Training Practices at Oregon State University*
William Leap
*Applied Anthropology at American University*

**Southwestern Selves: Co–Constructed Medical Identities: Part I**
Using Medical Systems to Control Dangerous Others
Organizer: Nancy Vuckovic
Elizabeth Cartwright
*Women In Butterfly Masks: Lupus Narratives from the Mexican American Border*
Michael Pensak
*Speaking About Childhood Immunization: Mother as Primary Care Giver*
Dawn Curry
*Identity and Health Practices Among Homeless Men*
Kathleen Williamson
*The 8% Problem and Delinquent Identity Creation*
Discussant: Mark Nichter

**Migrants, Immigrants, and Displaced Populations**
Chair: Suzanne Autumn
*A Question of Autonomy: Comparing Refugee Administration and Development Administration in Planned Communities.*
Kimberly Grimes
*Priests, Migrants, and Ecology: A New Social Movement in Western Oaxaca, Mexico*
Mark Moberg
*Class Segmentation and the Arts of Resistance: Immigrant Workers in a Central American Banana Industry*
Susan Pettit
*Photography and Research Among Recent Immigrants in Atlanta*
Daniel Klinedinst
*An Ethnographic Evaluation of Latino Migrant Worker Employers in North Central Kentucky*
Kitty Kelley
*Blue Collar Jobs and Brown Workers: Mexican Immigration in a Southern Mill Town*

**Children and Health: Part I**
Chair: Holly Williams
*Parents' Perceptions of Racism in Pediatric Health Care*
Bee Valvo
*Biocultural Definitions of Health and Illness: A Tool*
Lynn D. Woodhouse & Wm C. Livingood
*Evaluation of Six Elementary–based School Based Health Centers to Support Policy Development*
Karen Schifferdecker
*In Search of Case Management*
Dorothy K. Fischer
*Implications of a Special Care Nursery Stay on Family Development*

**Bones in The Basement: The Medical College of Georgia Project: Part I**
Organizers: Robert L. Blakely and Judith M. Harrington
Robert L. Blakely
*Introduction: The Medical College of Georgia Project*
Mark R. Barnes
*Combining History and Architecture with Archaeology*
Neil Duncan
*Bottles in the Basement: An Archaeological Analysis of Nineteenth–Century Artifacts at the Medical College of Georgia*
Dawn L. Huff
*Faunal Analysis and Interpretation of Remains from the Medical College of Georgia*
Judith M. Harrington & Robert L. Blakely
*Postmortem Racism: The Politics of Cadaver Selection at the Medical College of Georgia*
Shannon McFarlin
*The Cutting Edge: Dissection Practices in Nineteenth Century Augusta*

**Aids, Risk of HIV, and the Unmanageable Other**
Organizer: J. Bryan Page
*Aggregation of In–Depth Interviews: Cultural Patterns Among Intravenous Drug Users*
Steven Nachman
*Haitians and the Unmanageable Other*
Judith Wingerd
*Hygiene, Self, Other*
Maureen Vicaria–Clement
*Recall of Most Recent Self–Injection in IDUS: Follow Up*
Prince Smith
*Socio–Physical Environment of IDUs Drug Use and Sexual Exchange*
Charles Cambridge
*An Anthropological Study of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Among American Indian Populations*
Nina Glick–Schiller: discussant
Policy and Criminal Justice
Chair: Cherry Emerson
George Pierre Castile
Andrew Carey
Are Tribal Police Agents of the Dominant Culture?
James W. Zion
Navajo Common Law is an Environment of Violence
James Sewastynowicz
Costa Rican Political Culture as a Model for Central American Democratization: Lessons from the 1994 Election Campaign
Amy E. Maher
Analyzing Text: The Use of Court Records in the Study of Infanticide

Health and Indigenous Communities
Nancy P. Rivera
Health Care Utilization and the Southern California Urban American Indian Population
Karen McSwain
Assessing Training Needs of First Nations Mental Health Workers in Three Cree Communities
Pablo Farias
The Impact of Economic Globalization and Social Transformation on Health Status and Access to Health Services of Marginalized Communities in the Chiapas Highlands
Dorothy M. Castille
Issues of Methodological Rigor in Health Research in Rural Indigenous Communities of Highland Chiapas, Mexico
Pamela Lindell
The Sacrifice of Traditional Hmong Healing in a Small California Town

Mental Health and Cultural Background
Chair: Deborah J. Morton
Gender Differences in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: A Factor Analytic Study
Marelyn Schneider, Jacob Lindenthal & Estelle Schneider
The Mental Health of Jewish and Non-Jewish America
Kenneth F. Kuzenski
The Therapeutic Environment of the Hospital in Long-Term Psychiatric Illness
Kiran Cunningham and Michael Gieszer
Partnership, Politics, and Perseverance: Advocacy Research in Community Mental Health
Walter R. Adams
Tryptophan Treatment for Psychological Conditions

The Political Ecology of Environmental Degradation
Organizer: James B. Greenberg
Political Ecology of the Upper Gulf of Calif., 1894–1994

Thomas Park
International Development Policy and the Internationalization of Pollution in West Africa
Bradbury, Branch, Heewagen, Liebow, and Kinkel
The Landscape of Reason: A Scheme for Representing Arguments Concerning Environmental Health and Safety Effects of Chemical Weapons Disposal in the U.S.

Coping with Anger and Violence
Chair: Joan C. Ludeke
AIDS and Domestic Violence: The Care and Safehousing of Battered Women with AIDS
David R. Nocack
Sexual Assault, Rape and Slurs: The Importance of Race, Gender, and Subordinate Status
Juan Garcia-Castanon
Violence, Families, and Counseling
Matthew S. Steele
Anger Coping Styles of Modernizing Samoan Adults

Collecting and Using Good Quality Data in Linkage Program Evaluation and Policy Development: Practical Recommendations for Anthropologists
Organizer: James W. Carey and Margaret S. Boone
James W. Carey
Using Anthropologic Data to Improve Tuberculosis Prevention Among Vietnamese in New York State
Margaret S. Boone
Evaluation Designs that Net Useful Results for Health Program and Policy Development
Charlene Lewis
Developing a Self-Correcting Treatment System to Design Improved Demonstration Programs at CSAT
Renaud, Gerber, Holtgrave, Harrison, Kresse, Schindler, Lipshutz, Aultman
Data Collection Strategies for Multi-Site, Case Study Profiles of CDC’s HIV Prevention Community Planning Initiative
Michele Teitelbaum
A Predictive Model for Linkage Program Development
Olivia Carter-Pokras
Collecting and Using Race and Ethnicity Data for Health Program Evaluation and Policy Development

10:10 – 12:10

Bones in the Basement: The Medical College of Georgia Project: Part II
Organizers: Robert L. Blakely and Judith M. Harrington
Robert L. Blakely
Bones in the Basement: The Medical College of Georgia Project
Lawrence Wineski, Judith Harrington, Dawn Huff, Shannon McFarlin

Reconstruction of Nineteenth-Century Human Dissection Techniques: The Medical College of Georgia Experimental Anatomy Project

Maureen Capozzoli

Medical Dissection: Is the First Cut Really the Deepest?

Paul C. Dillingham

Diet in the Urban Environment: A Trace Element Analysis of a Nineteenth-Century Cadaver Sample from the Medical College of Georgia

Harold Jackson

The Politics of Dissection: the Social Context of Skeletal Remains at the Medical College of Georgia

Tanya Sharpe

Grandison Harris: The Medical College of Georgia's Black Resurrection Man

Maria Curtis–Richardson

Making the Interview Guide Sit Up and Speak: On the Linguistics of Ethnography and the Pragmatism of Becoming a Ventriloquist

Robert L. Blakely

Concluding Remarks

Best Practices: Part II

Applied Anthropology Training Program Faculty Discuss Their Practices

Organizer: John Van Willigen

Lucy M. Cohen

Applied Anthropology Training at Catholic University: Impact of Value Tensions on Practice Models

Michael B. Whiteford

Growing Pains, Unique Twists, and Flat Budgets: Programmatic Development Under Tight Budgetary Times

Marietta L. Baba

Building a Training Program in Business and Industrial Anthropology

Alexander Ervin

Effectively Getting by on Scarce Resources: Training Practicing Anthropologists at the University of Saskatchewan

Erve Chambers

Learning About Internships

Southwestern Selves: Co-Constructed Medical Identities: Part II

Using Medical systems to Define Self-identity

Organizer: Nancy Vuckovic

Medical Pluralism and Self-Identity in the Southwestern U.S.

Jannell Miller and Phyllis Hogan

Can You Be Healthy In A Sick World? The Commodification and Symbolic Value of Herbal Therapies in a Multicultural Southwestern City

Marybeth MacPhee

A Paradox of Hope: Living With AIDS and the Politics of AZT

Janet Pitts Labate

The Worried Well

Discussant: Mark Nichter

Memories of Development Experience and the New Challenges of Need: Part II

Organizer: Paul L. Doughty

Anthony Oliver—Smith

Catastrophe and Development: Lessons and Dilemmas from Peru

Gay Biery—Hamilton

It Isn't the Planning: It's the Project! The Tucuruí Hydroelectric Scheme and Other Development in the Brazilian Amazon

Della MacMillan

Disease Control: A Necessary But Partial Development Vision

Art Hansen

Demobilizing Combatants in Angola

Vance Geiger

Getting Stuffed: The Over Emphasis on the Material and the Under Emphasis on the Interpersonal in the Repatriation and Reintegration of Khmer Refugees

Discussant: William Partridge

Water Resources and Applied Anthropology: Part I

Chair: William Loker

The Social, Ecological and Financial Impacts of the El Cajon Dam in Honduras

Thomas S. Schorr


Brian Riley

¡¡Aguas!! Historical Water Crisis in Oaxaca de Juarez, Mexico

Nancy Peterson Walter

The Owens Valley Indian Water Commission

Rural Development: Meat Packing

Chair: Donald D. Stull

Deborah Fink

Restructuring Time: Meat Packing and the Control of Workers’ Lives

Bruce Fehn

Structuring Inequality in the Meat Packing Industry: The Case of Glenna Hayes

Donald D. Stull, Ken C. Erikson, and Miguel Giner

Anthropologists in the Jungle

Kendall M. Thu

Piggeries and Politics: Rural Development and Iowa’s Multibillion Dollar Swine Industry
E. Paul Durrenberger
*Rural Stratification and Swine Production in Iowa: A Comparative Perspective*

**Northern Developments: Case Studies of Community-Based Educational, Applied Research and Government Initiatives**
Organizer: Margaret Seguin Anderson
*Who Keeps the Accounts? A Case Study in Establishing Community-Based First Nations Studies at a New University*
Carmen Lambert
*Community Based Development and Education*
Joan Ryan
*Three Case Studies of Participatory Action Research in the Northwest Territories*
Bea Medicine
*Aboriginal Women, Government Initiatives, and Advocacy*

**Getting Published: Panel Discussion**
Session Pending
Organizer: Eric Karl Chambers
*Getting Published; Advice from the Editors*
Patricia Higgins

**Health, Hunger, and Nutrition**
Chair: Lois Sarvetnick
*Cultural Responses to Hunger in Three Settings: a Foodbank, a Soup Kitchen and a Bread Line*
David Sean Simmons
*Palm Oil and Cassava Processing in Nigeria: A Close Look at Development and Gender Issues*
Maria Cristina Espinosa
*Gender, Food Production and Development Policies in Peru*
Laura D. Godwin
*Nutritional Contributions of Vegetable Gardening to the American Household Diet: A Case Study*
Stephen R. Wooten
*Market Gardening in a Rural Malian Community: Are There Benefits for Producer Health and Nutrition?*
Joan M. Campbell
*A New Method for Community Nutrition Assessment and Monitoring*

**Services Targeting City Residents: Development, Implementation, and Consequences**
Organizer: Claire Sterk-Elifson
*Allocating Resources at the Community Level: A Case Study*

**Infant and Child Growth and Mortality**
Chair: Heather Heckmann
*Fetal Growth Biometry and Neonatal Anthropometry*
Troy Abell
*The Effects of the Timing of Maternal Weight Gain on Infant Birth Weight*
Kathryn Oths
*Biocultural Modeling of Work Stress and Birth Weight Outcomes in a Small Southern City*
Kathryn Held
*Sex Mortality Differential and Size Trends*
James P. Stansby, Kathleen M. DeWalt & William R. Leonard
*Sociocultural and Ecological Predictors of Child Growth Failure in Highland Ecuador*
Elizabeth Reifsnider
*Treatment of Growth Delay in Children Through Public Health Nursing Interventions*

**Working Towards Cultural Competency: Addressing Cross Cultural Health Issues**
Organizer: Nicolette I. Teufel
*Cultural Competency and the Development of Dietary Assessment Methods*
D. Clay Dillingham
*Living with Diabetes: Zuni Perspectives*
Larry Loretto & D. Clay Dillingham
*The Zuni Teen Wellness Center and the Zuni Diabetes Prevention Project: A Zuni Perspective.*
Guy R. Smalley
*Jump Starting a Tribal Fitness Project*
Mimi Nichter & Nancy Vuckovic
*Promoting Healthy Eating and Exercise Among Adolescent Girls: Report of a Cross-Cultural Intervention Program*

**Chemicals, Culture, and Human Health**
Organizer: Lynette Benson
*Agency Culture and Toxic Triage in Contaminated Communities*
Keith Campbell & Clare Swan
Consequences of Development on the Kenai Den'iina of Alaska

Olga Balaleava, Andrew Wiget
The Khanty of Western Siberia: Surviving Oil

Barbara A. Cellarius
The Tarnished Image of the Silver Valley: Residential Toxic Contamination and Community at the Bunker Hill Superfund Site

Cultural Resource Management
Chair: Ping Xu
An Anthropological Application: Identifying Ancient Indian Site Section in the Southwest with Feng-Shui

Janet Cohen & Nina Swidler
Integrating Methodologies: Cultural Resource Management on the Navajo Nation

Nina Swidler & Janet Cohen
Whose Sites Are They Anyway: Interested Party Consultation on the Navajo Nation

Shelby J. Tisdale & Peter Soto
Integrating Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Systems into Tribal Museum Development

Carol Jorgensen
Looking to Our Past to Develop Our Future: Coming Home to a Healthy Way of Life, the Restoration of Yendestuki, a Tlingit Indian Village

Martin D. Topper
Reauthorizing CERCLA: Seeking Indian Amendments to Superfund

Issues in the Workplace
Chair: Carla Dahl-Jorgensen
Wages and Public Employees: A Case Study from Norway

Olga Lazcano and Gustavo Barents
Industrial Processes and Cultural Incorporation of Workers of Peasant Origin

Jinyoung Seo
A Struggle Across the Pacific: South Korean Workers' Alliance with Korean Americans to Fight a Multinational Company

Danning Wang
Women in the Export Factories of Guang Dong Province, China

Community Impacts of Development
Chair: Nancie L. Gonzalez
A Tale of Two Villages: Benefits and Costs of Technical Assistance

Harvey A. Fett
Ecological and Social Impacts of an Income Security Program for James Bay Cree Hunters in Canada

Karsten Paarregaard
A Trojan Horse Within a Bartering Economy: The Cochineal Dye Trade in the Andes
William C. Roberts  
*Healthy Soil, Healthy People: A Senegalese NGO’s Approach to Development*

Julie Lacy  
*The Perceived Influence of Development on Guerisseurs in the Pays Basque*

Yvette Robeson  
*Highway Development and Native American Impacts in Lawrence, Kansas*

### Comparative Women’s Health Issues

**Chair:** Evelyn L. Barbee  
*Context and the Health of Poor Black Women*

Florence Pena  
*Women, Household and Health Care in Mexico*

Lisa Conboy  
*Medical Environment and Menopause Experience*

Sandra Kryst  
*Gender and the Experience of Chronic Headache*

### Culture and Health among the Elderly: Part I

**Chair:** Marjorie M. Schweitzer  
*Gender, Aging, Health, and American Indian Grandmothers*

Robert Harman  
*Maya Conceptualizations of Old Age and Intergenerational Relations in Los Angeles*

Zinan Guo  
*Culturally constructed health beliefs and concepts among Chinese American elderly*

Will Michaels  
*James Michener’s RECESSIONAL: Myth, Reflective Ethnography or Just Plain fiction?*

### Health – Methods, Programs, and Assessment: Part I

**Chair:** Barbara Wilson  
*The Mutual Aid Group: An Anthropological Study of Space, Self, and Discourse*

Eric Karl Chambers  
*More than Four Walls: Cooperative Living and the Mentally Ill*

Marcela Gutierrez-Mayka, E.J. Ford, & Mario Hernandez  
*No Single Vision: A Descriptive Model of Community Development Around Health System Reform*

Joseph Rubenstein  
*Atlantic County Community Health Needs Assessment Project: A Case Study in Cultural Brokerage.*

### Women & HIV

**Chair:** Nancy Romero-Daza  
*Risk and Coping Among Female Drug Users*

Pushpinder Pelia  
*The Cultural Context of Social Support Among HIV+ Women in Hartford, CT*

### Applied Anthropology, Cultural Brokering, and Program Development

**Chair:** Gary Ferraro  
*Cultural Brokering: Making Our Findings Useful*

Judith Freidenberg and Joan Montbach  
*Linking People to Policies*

Ian McIntosh  
*Selling the ‘Treaty’ Idea in Australia*

P. Kay Branch  
*Social Service Delivery in a Culturally and Geographically Diverse Area*

Owen R. Murdoch  
*Between Anecdote and Ethnography: Exploring the Excluded Middle Ground in Applied Settings*

### Electronic Media and the Anthropologist: New Tools for an Old Trade

**Organizer:** Brad M. Biglow  
*Steve Mizrach  
Advancing the Purposes of Anthropology Through Electronic Media*

Theodore E. Downing  
*Hints and Kinks for Organizing Scholarly Discussions using Electronic Mail*

Julie Piner  
*The Uses of Multimedia in Applied Anthropology*

Juha Sakari Lehtinen  
*Use of E–Mail Communications in a Three–Country, Cross–National Study of Junk Food*

Anita Cohen–Williams  
*Ardis Hanson*

### Ethics and Application

**Chair:** Joseph M. O’Neil  
*Human Rights, Ethical Relativism, and Applied Anthropology*

Gretchen E. Schafft  
*Public History of Discrediting Events and Community Mental Health: Toward the Development of Theory*

William W. Dressler  
*Connecting Culture and Behavior*

Mohammad Zaman  
*Development and Displacement: Toward a Resettlement Policy for Bangladesh*
Reaping The Benefits of Ethnography
Rapid Ethnographic Assessment Procedures for Policy and Planning: Examples From the National Park Service
Organizer: Setha M. Low
  *Rapid Urban Ethnography and Politically Sensitive Sites: the Ellis Island Access Project and Independence National Historical Park*

David Griffith
  *Quickly, History: Using REAP to Develop Heritage Resources of African Americans and Watermen*

Suzanne Scheld
  *Ethnographic Studies of Battery Park*

Dana Taplin
  *A Park for Whom?*

Delmos Jones & Carles Price—Revis
  *Grant's Tomb REAP*

Becky Joseph

Adolescent Drug Use and Sexual Behavior
Chair: Anna–Marie Ball
  *Understanding Sexual Risk for Youth in Botswana*

Bruce Bernstein, Mark Gentry & Aric Schichor
  *Culture and Ethnicity in the Adolescent Medicine Literature*

Douglas A. Feldman
  *High Risk Sexual Behavior Among Some Female, Zambian, Out-of-School Adolescents: A Possible Future Application of the Value Utilization / Norm Change Model*

Lawrence Oulet, Antonio D. Jimenez & Wayne Wiebel
  *Intranasal Heroin Use and the Potential for Injecting*

Mark Nichter
  *Teen Lifestyle and Adolescent Smoking*

Robert Hill
  *Predicting Tobacco Use Among Native–American Youth: The Cultural Nexus*

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Another One Bites the Dust: Hostile Environments for Women in Academe
Session Pending
Organizer: Nancy P. Greenman & Kathryn Borman
Kathryn Borman
Margaret LeCompte
Lynne Smith

Cultural Research, Who Benefits?
Session Pending
Organizer: Sandra Lee Pinel and Michael J. Evans
Michael J. Evans
Peter Pino
Frank Chavez
Carlos Miera

First Fieldwork Roundtable Discussion:
Ethical Responsibilities of the Student
Organizer: Eric Karl Chambers

Cross Cultural Collaborative Research:
Methodological, Logistical, and Other Issues
(Panel Discussion)
Organizer: Roberta D. Baer
Susan Weller
Lee Pachter
Mark Glazer
Arthur Rubel

Community, University, USFS Cooperation in Public Lands Management (Panel Discussion)
Organizer: Walter M. Vannette
Gregg Cerveny
Lee Cerveny
Sharon Churchill
Elly Cote
Gary Garland
Trip Kenny
Max Lichter

Parks and Peoples (Panel Discussion)
Organizer: George Esber
Muriel Crespi
Adolph Greenberg
Ed Natay

Economic Development, Health, Ceremonialism, & the Land in Indian Country
Session Pending
Organizer: Klara Kelly
Harris Francis
Beth King

Consortium for the Social Sciences and Health: Health in the Margins
Organizer: Steffan I. Ayora–Diaz
  *Choice of Medical Treatment and Identity Construction in the Chiapas Highlands*

Xochitl Castaneda and Itza Castaneda
  *Sexuality Among Rural Adolescents in Chiapas and Morelos, Mexico*

David Halperin & Gisela Sejenovich
  *Improving Reproductive Health in Southeastern Mexico*

Poster Session
Jean J. Schensul
  *Studying Up: The Culture of Public Policy and Civil Rights in Connecticut.*

Julie Zimmer
  *Collaborative Archaeology on the North Slope*
Meet the Editors Session, Robert V. Kemper (Human Organization), Patricia J. Higgins (Practicing Anthropology), and Michael B. Whiteford (SfAA Newsletter)

Special Events

12:15 – 1:30: Roundtable Luncheon, CAEP (Ed Liebow)

12:30 – 1:30: LPO Luncheon

12:30 – 1:30: P.K. New Paper winners

5:15 – 5:45: Buses run to Maxwell Museum

5:30 – 6:45: Maxwell Museum Reception

6:30 – 7:00: Buses run to Old Town

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12:10 – 2:00: SfAA AIDS Advisory Committee – Open Meeting

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8:00 – 10:00

Indigenous Peoples, Cultural Values, and the Environment: Part I
Organizers: Kurt Russo and Dr. Inga Trietler
James Enote
Cultural, Ecological, and Nutritional Attributes of Zuni Agriculture
Juan Pablo Orrego
The BioBio Dam and the Mapuche (Pehuenche) of Southern Chile