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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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My last column was written from the field, but my six-month coffee break has now ended, and I am back at my official workstation. It is a good thing, too, since I was not always as attentive to SfAA business as I should have been while I was on sabbatical. I intend to remedy that in the months ahead. But in my own defense, when I wasn't drinking coffee at Good Ole Boys or running with tobacco farmers, I did manage to direct a performance review of Professional Management Associates (PMA).



Located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Professional Management Associates is a partnership between J. Thomas May, executive director of the SfAA, and Neil Hann, who is the SfAA Web master and in charge of all computer-related activities. Melissa Cope serves as the SfAA office manager. Trish Colvin, who recently joined PMA, assists Melissa in several areas, including membership services and institutional subscriptions. Lori Sherbon Buckwalter, who many of you met in Santa Fe, handles marketing on a part-time basis. These are the people who provide us with the growing array of services and activities that our membership has come to expect.

Elsewhere in this issue, SfAA Secretary Michael Paolisso summarizes the performance review, which I am pleased to report resulted in a unanimous vote by the SfAA Board of Directors to renew our contract with PMA. One thing that Michael did not report, however, is that this evaluation is the first to include a formal and independently conducted self-study by the PMA. The self-study presented a straightforward outline of direct and indirect services PMA provides to the SfAA officers, editors, committees, and general membership. As such, it is a particularly valuable document. It also included an overview of our society's history, and I would like to review some of the highlights from that history.

The Society for Applied Anthropology was founded in 1941 by a small group of professionals who held in common an interest in addressing and

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resolving problems facing contemporary societies through the application of the social and behavioral sciences. The common interest that brought these people together was the mission of the organization and the tangible expression of that mission, its official journal (*Applied Anthropology*, renamed *Human Organization* in 1949). In its first seven years, officers and volunteers using resources available through their employers shared the administration and management of the SfAA. For example, Eliot Chapple, the society's first president and founding editor of its journal, used his office at the Harvard Business School to handle his administrative duties for the first five years. The society's annual meeting was usually held in the home site of the president, who assumed major responsibility for its planning and management.

The first real opportunity to stabilize the society's administration came in the early 1950s, when an award from the W. T. Grant Foundation provided funding for staff and resources to systematize billing and collection of dues and journal subscriptions. Publication of *Human Organization* continued to be the principal output of the society and the office of its editor-in-chief was usually responsible for all related tasks. In 1957, William Foote Whyte was named to the editorship, and his office at Cornell University School of Industrial Relations assumed many of the society's other responsibilities.

In 1971, SfAA contracted with the American Anthropological Association (AAA) to provide a package of services for the society. This was the first time that an established and highly visible professional association (with 501.c.3 status) was contracted for management services. The effect was to stabilize administrative functions and systematize the budgetary and financial processes for the society.

SfAA's arrangement with the AAA continued until 1983. Records suggest a mutually satisfying arrangement between SfAA and AAA, and there were no serious efforts during this period to identify or explore alternative management contracts. The AAA also managed the affairs of several other social science associations. Income from these contracts provided the AAA with a significant revenue stream, and it was this arrangement, and its manifest success, that prompted a review by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

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The IRS alleged in 1982 that the AAA was in violation of a regulation that stipulated the amount and sources of profits that not-for-profit organizations (501.c.3) could earn. To resolve the challenge from the IRS, the AAA invited those associations whose af-

fairs it managed to dissolve their incorporation and become units within the AAA. The AAA invitation prompted the SfAA leadership, guided by the late Harland Padfield, to begin an in-depth review of the management services that would be required and the available organizational options. Much of this study was done through an informal consortium of association leaders who faced a similar decision, including representatives from the Society for American Archaeology, the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, and the American Ethnological Society. This period of study concluded with a meeting of several past presidents of the SfAA in the fall of 1982. Following that meeting, in 1983 the SfAA Board of Directors authorized a poll of the membership, who voted to retain the society's independent status.

SfAA immediately requested bids and in the summer of 1983 contracted with an association-management firm, Bergman and Associates of Washington, D.C., to provide a package of management services. Two years later, the society's reserves were all but gone.

At a special meeting in Denver in the fall of 1985, the SfAA Board of Directors explored several management options. The board ultimately agreed on a plan proposed by Tom May, who was the SfAA treasurer at the time. As treasurer, Tom agreed to coordinate and manage the billing and collection of

dues and other financial tasks. Subsequently, he assembled a team of part-time associates, each of whom provided essential skills. A secretary was hired to provide staff support for the SfAA Office and coordinate the work of the part-time specialists. Tom May continued on as the society's treasurer and organized a limited partnership to coordinate and administer the work of this group.

In 1986, the SfAA Board of Directors authorized a committee to review the functioning of the SfAA Office. On the committee's recommendation, the office of SfAA treasurer was separated from the management contract in 1987. Joe Harding was elected treasurer and Tom May was named SfAA business manager. Following another review in 1991, a formal contract was signed between the partnership (Professional Management Associates) and the SfAA. In 2001, the SfAA Board of Directors named Tom May the society's executive director.

SfAA is a voluntary association—one in which interpersonal relations and organizational responsiveness are highly valued. This ethos has been an intangible but key factor in the growth of our membership. Somehow, the implicit values of the personal touch and mutual appreciation need to be recognized and maintained. They become even more important as we continue to grow and institutionalize organizational responsibilities.

Our membership now exceeds 3,000, and some among us are concerned that our very success may lead us to bureaucratize our organization and make its workings impersonal. The current health of the Society for Applied Anthropology and the great success of our publications, annual meetings, and other activities are in no small measure due to the selfless efforts of a great many people on behalf of our society and its members.

Volunteerism plays an essential role in our society—it is vital to our very existence. But the many voluntary efforts of our officers, those who serve on committees, and our loyal members cannot, in and of themselves, sustain our society. We also need an efficient, effective, and devoted professional staff. And in this, our society has been blessed. PMA carries out a host of activities in the name of the SfAA and performs countless services, large and small, for its individual members. Our society—collectively and individually—has come to expect nothing short of excellence from our executive director and his staff. And all too often we take them for granted.

I hope you will join me in recognizing and respecting the professionalism of the PMA staff and its responsiveness to the needs of our society and its members. And I ask you to extend a sincere thank-you as well to the officers, committee chairs and members, and others who give so freely of their time to our society.

I want to close by thanking Tom May and PMA for compiling the document from which I so liberally borrowed the above chronology. I hope it will be helpful to all who have wondered about our organizational history and refresh the memories of those of us who lived through much of it.

VANCOUVER MEETINGS UPDATE

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2006 SfAA Annual Meetings

Planning for the March meetings of the SfAA continues and session organizers and paper presenters have now received news of the times of their sessions. Vancouver has proven to be a good draw with more than *Society for Applied Anthropology*



1800 papers. Meanwhile, the mayoral race has recently concluded in Vancouver, with Jim Green, an applied anthropologist and urban activist, losing narrowly to Sam Sullivan, perhaps the continent's only quadriplegic mayor. Urban and aboriginal issues remain at the forefront in BC political affairs as do political and economic relations with the United States. The US proposal to require identity cards for US citizens returning from Canada has caused great concern in the tourist industry.

Tuesday is given over to sessions relating to Vancouver and British Columbia and is open to the public. Presentations include those by teen-age film-makers, who present Vancouver from their own vantage point, American soldiers who have sought refugee status in Canada and their Vietnam war-era supporters, a First Nations litigation panel, including litigators in ongoing key cases, and presentations by performance artists involved in Vancouver politics, among many others.

Three interesting tours (held twice each) are available. Sonny McHalsie, the cultural advisor to the Sto:lo Nation and ritual leader, gives narrated place-name tours up the Fraser River to the east of Vancouver. He has worked with community elders for twenty years on documenting the mythological and historical landscape. His presentations are widely acclaimed, full of interesting detail and wit. He'll have you out of the vehicle examining locations such as where the Transformer fought power duels with chiefs. Dan Small, a PhD in anthropology and a director of a downtown low-income facility, will give guided walking tours of the Downtown Eastside, a poverty urban region, noting points of optimism, including the famous safe-injection site, the Carnegie Centre, an urban center for activism, and others. Sinologist Graham Johnson and his wife Elizabeth Johnson, both of UBC, provide tours of the 19th century Chinatown district of Vancouver, including the Ming-period garden, clan buildings, and lunch.

EULOGY FOR DR. BEATRICE MEDICINE

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Dr. Beatrice Medicine, Standing Rock Lakota Sioux, was a long time and very good friend of mine. Our friendship began in about 1965 when we were both learning to become anthropologists. Over the years after that first meeting we came together periodically to work on joint projects and to catch up on the news about our respective work and families. Our biggest project, the gathering and editing of Dr. Medicine's papers, resulted in the publication, *Learning To Be An Anthropologist And Remaining "Native": Selected Writings* (University of Illinois Press, 2001). This book is almost a complete documentary history of Dr. Medicine's life as an anthropologist. It also contains papers that provide an exquisite foray into the private person whose work as an applied anthropologist embodied her personal, cultural and ethical values.



The spheres of influence reached by that work are vast: in education, from the children in her Wakpala community to undergraduate and graduate students at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada; in mental health fields, from studies of causes and treatment of alcoholism to indigenous counseling practices; in gender studies, from supportive studies of two-spirit people to studies of ways women (with their children) must escape domestic violence; in criminal justice, from many court testimonies on behalf of tribal members grossly mistreated by tribal leaders (and vice versa) to serving as an expert witness in a wide range of cases; in matters specific to indigenous peoples, her writings and teachings touch on subjects ranging from loss of language, loss of traditional cultures, forced assimilation, inappropriate education of Native American children, forced relocation of families, and inappropriate incarceration of tribal members who defend their communities, to writings and teachings that show how the strength of life in Native Communities comes through the survival of tradi-

tional beliefs and values carried within extended families. She had a strong and compassionate understanding of the many difficulties faced by “fringe people.” Perhaps it is because of her self-understanding that she so easily understood the “others.” She wrote, “I am part of the people of my concern and research interests...My desire to be an anthropologist has been my undoing and my rebirth in a personal way” (page 3 in *Learning To Be An Anthropologist And Remaining Native*).

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She has given so much to so many people who have been able to share time and space with her. When my mother became ill with Alzheimer’s Disease, Bea insisted on visiting Mother at the nursing home and engaging in conversation as she had always done when she came to stay with us at our home in Seattle while she and I worked on the book or other enterprises. Dur-

ing those years of visitation, we became very close as we shared conversations about life, dreams, hopes, and work—and the pride she always had in her son, Ted and her adoration of his wife. After we finished the last book, and even before I retired to New Mexico, we began having phone conversations at least twice a month and letters came from Bea with enclosures encouraging me to pay attention to one issue or another of grave importance.

Her advice and encouragement for all of the years we have been friends made a significant difference in my life and work. I have lost a part of my daily being with her passing. For this occasion, I find it too difficult to step back from the personal and emotional to write a scholarly obituary for my dear friend. With permission, I am using the following words from Faye Harrison (U Florida) to help encapsulate the rest of the picture we would like to frame of our friend, colleague, and mentor:

The esteemed Lakota Sioux anthropologist, Beatrice Medicine (1923-2005), had a distinguished career that was grounded in a number of critical and indeed daunting intersections—within anthropology, between it and other fields, and between anthropological praxis and the world of public engagement. The overlapping intersections that shaped Medicine’s trajectory gave impetus to profound challenges to anthropology, a discipline that once monopolized the authority to write, interpret, and theorize Native American and other indigenous cultures. A devoted public intellectual who advocated for the dignity, rights, and well-being of American Indians, Medicine served in diverse capacities as educator, advisor, mentor, researcher, consultant, evaluator, planner, expert witness, and grassroots activist. She used a keen indigenous lens to develop innovative approaches for studying Native peoples across the contexts of gender identities, family, education, health and mental health, alcohol and drug treatment, criminal justice and law enforcement, and public policy. Successful in reaching audiences both within and beyond anthropology, Medicine’s work has influenced scholars and students, Natives and non-Natives, in numerous fields, ranging from American Indian, women’s, and (trans)gender studies to education, social work, and literary criticism. Moreover, her problem-solving scholarly advocacy has had an important impact on indigenous communities” (from the proposal for a 2006 AAA Executive Session to honor Beatrice Medicine’s contributions and enduring significance).

In November 2006, along with numerous other anthropologists we will be honoring Dr. Beatrice Medicine in at least three sessions and a special event at the AAA meetings in San Jose, California. We hope that many of you reading these remarks will join us in celebrating Bea Medicine’s life and her many contributions to our diverse lives.

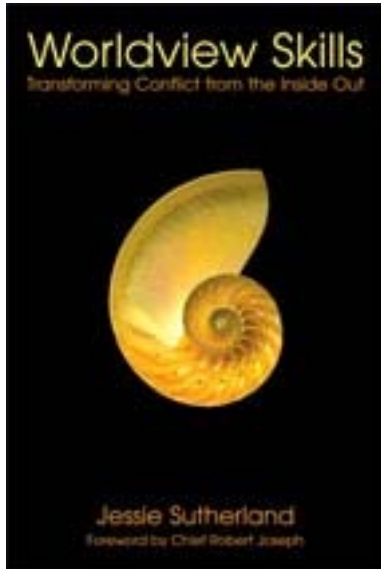
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WORLDVIEW SKILLS: A BOOK REVIEW

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Over the last ten years, I have been practicing anthropology in Iowa with projects ranging from soil/water quality issues to emergency response services and telecommunication systems. Like many regions, Iowa has been facing a declining/aging rural population and decreasing resources. Local communities have continually turned to researchers like me to offer insight and to help facilitate the development of objectives to help reverse this trend and sustain a quality rural life.



It has become seemingly obvious to me that the success and failure of any project was less dependent on the research than it was on our ability to reconcile conflict as it inevitably arose. Perhaps early in my career, I thought being an applied anthropologist (and outsider to the community) made me “immune” to conflict. I could do my work, collect my fees and go home.

As an older (and somewhat wiser) anthropologist, I know that no matter where we work—Iowa or Somalia—we are not neutral researchers/observers. Asking questions changes community dynamics, uncovering and creating conflict.

For those of you who have had similar challenges in your work or for those students who are just beginning to explore what it means to practice anthropology, I suggest you read Jessie Sutherland’s book *Worldview Skills: Transforming Conflict from the Inside Out*. I have read many works on resolving conflict and found Sutherland’s approach accessible, engaging and refreshing.

There is much to like about this work. Sutherland does a good job of synthesizes the various disciplines’ perspectives on conflict and reconciliation. She offers four practical “touchstones” for reconciliation that were developed from her experiences working throughout Canada, Europe, the Middle East, West Africa and South America.

Of particular note is her section on “false reconciliation.” I know we can all identify those times during our work where individuals or groups have moved to hasty to reconciliation, offered reconciliation instead of accountability and change or used mediation in place of genuine reconciliation.

After reading the discussion of the victim-offender paradigm and how victim narratives only serve in the long run to further disempower their groups and avoid addressing the heart of the matter (p. 70), I wondered how often anthropologists (myself included) have unwittingly perpetuated the victim-offender cycle in our writings and teachings.

Sutherland asserts that genuine reconciliation can only happen when we understand our own worldview, our own personal histories and “how we contribute to conflict or reconciliation in our moment-by-moment choices.” Despite (and evidenced by) the twenty-year debate (i.e. conflict) over post-modernism in American anthropology, many of us anthropologists still succeed better in trying to understand the “Other” than we do in understanding who we are.

Compelling is Sutherland’s point that “no matter how committed we are to social change, justice, and ultimately reconciliation, if we don’t do our personal work we will likely, despite our best intentions, contribute to the problems we seek to change (p. 142).”

Sutherland runs Worldview Strategies, a conflict resolution practice that specializes in worldview skills for transforming relationships. She currently lives in Vancouver and has worked extensively with Canadians and Aboriginal peoples. If you would like to contact Sutherland for more information concerning her work or "Worldview Skills," visit <www.worldviewstrategies.com>.

AMERICAN DREAMING

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The other night I put on a Blondie disk while I was cooking supper and over the rock beat heard about how she meets a guy at a restaurant who knows she is no debutante and, "Dream dream: even for a little while. Dream dream: filling up an idle hour... imagine something of your very own; something you can have and hold. I'd build a road in gold just to have some dreaming. Dreaming is free." Of course, that made me think of Marvin Harris. In the prologue to *Cows, Pigs, Wars and Witches* he says that from ignorance, fear and conflict, politics fashions a collective dreamwork that prevents people from understanding what their social life is all about.



Never has this been more true than now. We live in age of what Harris elsewhere called mind control that is more Orwellian than Orwell ever imagined. Even NPR has caved to the power of the right and stopped identifying their sources from the Heritage Foundation and other right-wing ideology mills as conservative much less "corporate sponsored fascists." Several films show how Fox News is the ideological arm of the Bush administration.

Even more insidious is David Horowitz's innocuous sounding Center for the Study of Popular Culture. The anti-labor, anti-corporate regulation, pro welfare-reform Bradley Foundation funds them. So does the Scaife Foundation, which also funds the Heritage Foundation that incubates and sponsors ideologies of the religious and corporate right. With such backing Horowitz has founded a national organization called Students for Academic Freedom with 150 chapters across the country that sponsor "academic freedom" bills in state legislatures, such as House Resolution 177 that the Pennsylvania General Assembly is discussing.

This bill would create a state committee to supervise the hiring, firing, curriculum content and political affiliations of faculty members and judge student complaints of faculty bias at any university in the commonwealth that receives state funding. Accused professors would have to defend themselves to a committee in Harrisburg (the capital) within two days. The Republican House majority voted down an amendment to require that the Select Committee to hold hearings across the Commonwealth be composed equally of Democrats and Republicans. This majority Republican Select Committee of the House has held hearings at Harrisburg, Temple University in Philadelphia and University of Pittsburgh, and central Pennsylvania, where Penn State is, is on the schedule for early summer.

Horowitz is using a rhetoric of diversity to disguise the use of ignorance, fear, and conflict to constrain education and inquiry. Being a conservative is not the same kind of thing as being Black, Hispanic, Native American, gay, lesbian or transgendered. Most conservatives may be born to it, but it isn't necessarily a life-long condition. Our anthropological doctrine of relativity means that we can respect other views and while our outlooks and findings may challenge them, we aren't dedicated to changing them, as Horowitz is.

This well-funded corporate-sponsored Astro-turf (fake grass roots) movement is inculcating ignorance, fear, and conflict to feed our collective dreamwork to prevent people from understanding their social lives. Similar bills have passed or are before legislatures in Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, Colorado, Washington, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Indiana, Maine, Ohio, Minnesota, and Florida. The inquisition is coming to a campus near you soon.

We anthropologists are continually challenging cultural assumptions when we teach about kinship terms for cousins, different terms for colors, different marriage rules, different political and economic and religious systems. Almost anything we teach about from cultural relativity to evolution is likely to challenge someone's cultural assumptions about something. Not accepting our own cultural definitions of reality is what defines anthropology and frees us for the scientific study of other societies and cultures and our own. Who is more vulnerable to accusations of bias than those who don't teach the dream?

We anthropologists already have to cleave through massive collective dreamwork to gain any insight into the workings of any social, political and economic order. These fantasies are just as calculated as this latest attack on academic freedom. In her book, *Worked Over: The Corporate Sabotage of an American Community* (Cornell University Press, 2003) Dimitra Doukas outlines the great cultural revolution that shaped our current dreamworld. From the end of the 19th Century, trusts, precursors to today's corporations, orchestrated and purchased legislation to grant them access to space, cheap utilities, and exemption from taxes. They sponsored a cultural revolution to make corporate rapacity acceptable, to make it seem natural and normal.

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Andrew Carnegie sponsored Herbert Spencer's lecture tours across the United States to spread the gospel of wealth—that people get what they deserve and deserve what they get; that wealth is the product of wealth, not of labor. Affluence comes from the concentration of wealth to produce technical progress. Penn State has a Carnegie Hall. That's just one of many buildings named for a capitalist. These same capitalists endowed university chairs for economists who would create the religion to justify corporate rapacity under the guise of science.

Doukas discusses these developments from the worm's eye view of the ethnography and history of working people in Central New York's Mohawk River Valley. The cultural revolution of a hundred years ago made "the market" seem as natural as weather. The current cultural revolution is expanding that market and it's religion of the acquisitive individual to all corners of the planet and all niches of our lives, including our dreams. Its corporate sponsors are buying legislators wholesale as they did a hundred years ago.

So, welcome to the American Dream, the corporate dreamworld enforced by legislative action and policed by corporate foundations that mold the news, concepts of what proper science is, culture and consciousness. These dreams are far from free. They come at the cost of honest and open scientific inquiry, at the cost of freedom of thought and expression. Most of all, they come at the cost of democracy.

I won't even talk about what happened when the disk got to Blondie's song, "Rapture."

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

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As we enter into a new year, the SfAA's Publications Committee has its work cut out for it. I recently learned that Mike Whiteford will be stepping down as editor of the *SfAA Newsletter* as soon as the PC is able to recommend a successor to the SfAA Board of Directors. As many of you already know, Mike is the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University, and, needless to say, his dance card is full. Mike has done a yeoman's job of collecting great material and putting it together on a quarterly basis since 1993 (it may be even longer but that's as far back as he can remember).

The PC is greatly indebted to Mike for his tremendous effort on behalf of the SfAA. Mike's service is a prime example of thoughtful, careful, and committed stewarding of the "SfAA commons." The PC hopes to attract a successor who will bring the same energy and commitment to the crafting of the newsletter.

As such, we need to start our search for a new editor, and the advertisement for the position is attached to my PC report. I encourage anyone who is interested to give this position serious consideration, and I would be happy to answer any questions that prospective new editors might have. Mike tells me that the actual production of the newsletter is straightforward: copy is worked up in MS Word and then converted into a PDF file, which is sent off to Oklahoma City where it is placed on the SfAA web site. A little technology savvy is helpful, but even more important is having a good network to call upon along with a commitment to the SfAA and its goals.

In addition to our newsletter editor search, the PC is also addressing a problem that is faced by every journal across the globe—the exponentially expanding waves of paper accumulated in the process of processing manuscripts by journals. Tom May is being rapidly squeezed out of the SfAA Office in Oklahoma City by the backlog of files for *Human Organization* and *Practicing Anthropology*. Don Stull, former *HO* editor, is also concerned about a wall's worth of files in his basement. The PC is, thus, initiating a discussion to develop policy recommendations concerning the length of time and form in which back files should be retained by the organization.

We are also discussing some smaller issues that include the best format for the annual index and listing of reviewers for *Human Organization*. It is also worth noting in passing that *HO* and *PA* are being produced by a new press. The Capitol City Press, which formerly produced our journals, was recently bought out. This change will most likely have little impact on SfAA operations, and it may even result in a slight reduction in production cost. Finally, as Don Stull noted in his "President's Letter" in the August 2005 issue of the *SfAA Newsletter*, considerable discussion has been undertaken concerning the move into the cyberworld of journal publication by the society. After much deliberation, the SfAA has contracted with EBSCO to produce a digital version of *HO* (and soon to add *PA*). Discussions with the AAA about joining their AnthroSource effort were not considered by the SfAA Board of Directors to be in the best interest of the organization at the present time. I anticipate further discussions with AAA and look forward to learning more about their experiences in this effort and sharing our own as we work with EBSCO.



FALL BOARD MEETING REPORT

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The fall 2005 meeting of the SfAA Board of Directors was held at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, D.C. Board members met on December 3rd at George Washington University for a day-long meeting. Space limitations here preclude me from a complete summary of the board's review of committee reports (by my count, there were 12), discussions, and decisions. Instead, I will briefly mention a number of decisions that I believe the Society's membership might be interested in, and describe some of the board's ongoing work as we prepare for our spring board meeting in Vancouver.

First, we voted on 26 motions covering a wide range of topics, from committee formation to detailed budget allocations for particular SfAA activities. Included in these motions, we approved an expanded fund raising campaign for the society's Development Committee (formerly known as the Advancement/Development Committee), under the leadership of Michael Whiteford and Allan Burns. Forthcoming *Newsletter* articles will provide details on these expanded fund raising efforts of the Committee. We also approved a three-year extension to Jeanne Simonelli's and Bill Roberts's term as editors of *Practicing Anthropology*, and the formation of an Applied Education TIG (Topical Interest Group), submitted by Keith Sturges. We approved the search for a new *Newsletter* editor to replace Michael Whiteford, who after 12 years of excellent service has offered to let someone else enjoy the fun of putting the *Newsletter* together. (Thanks to Michael for setting the volunteerism bar so high for the rest of us!) The Publications Committee will be coordinating the search for a new editor. The board also voted to disband the International Committee, but not without first confirming that the important activities of this committee could be handled and better integrated with other Society work through other committees and special activities at the annual meetings.

The board devoted significant time to discussing a Performance Evaluation of Professional Management Associates (PMA). The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) contracts with PMA to provide the range of services that are necessary for completion of all essential activities of SfAA. PMA consists of the society's executive director, Tom May, and his office staff. PMA's existing contract with SfAA was ending on December 31, 2005. Before considering renewal, a review of past performance was undertaken. Members of the PMA Evaluation Committee were Donald D. Stull (SfAA President and Chair), Diane Austin (SfAA Treasurer), Art Hansen (SfAA Board Member) and John Young (SfAA Past-President and Outside Member). The Evaluation Committee members collected information on PMA's performance from a wide range of society members who have worked with PMA in varying capacities, and they reviewed available documentation. The evaluation contained a number of specific recommendations for strengthening the integration of board and PMA leadership and management efforts. Overall, the evaluation was positive and supported the board's vote to extend PMA's contract with the society for three more years. The board and PMA will continue to use the report to develop procedures for institutionalizing long-term management relations between the two organizations. The board also voted to prepare an article for the *Newsletter* on the PMA review and the history of PMA and the SfAA.

The board's agenda for the Vancouver meeting is already filling up. We have already committed ourselves to reviewing drafts of booklets describing the charge and operating guidelines for each SfAA committee, to developing some concrete recommendations for a membership directory, to identifying members that should be asked to be fellows, to discussing in more detail relationships between Local Practitioner Organizations and the SfAA, and assessing the availability of liability insurance for practicing applied anthropologists. Stay tuned.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Public Policy committee invites the SfAA community to take full advantage of the materials (e.g., syllabi and bibliographies) we have placed on the SfAA website. The webpage is <<http://www.sfaa.net/committees/policy/policy.html>>.

Our special focus is the SfAA Public Policy web-based forum, where there are two active discussions, one on Migrants and Migration Policies and the other on Complexity Theory and Anthropology. And of course you can also initiate a discussion thread. The forum can be accessed through a link on the committee webpage or directly through <<http://www.sfaa.net/cgi-bin/ubbcgi/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=forum;f=3>>.

We are actively collecting syllabi and bibliographies for the website. They can be generally about public policy or can address specific topics with some policy engagement. Please send files as word processing or pdf to Joseph Hamer <cascades@riseup.net> and Joe Heyman <jmheyman@utep.edu>.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Development Committee is pleased to report that the Society received two substantial contributions in 2005. These contributions are significant for their size and generosity. Further, each donor made use of a mechanism established earlier by the Society which guarantees that the funds will always be used for the purpose that was designated. These examples may be instructive to other members who are considering a contribution.



Prof. (Emeritus) Paul L. Doughty (Florida) generously contributed \$4,500 in cash in 2005. He specified that the funds support several particular SfAA-sponsored activities - the Spicer Fund, the Student Endowment, the Del Jones Fund, and the Overseas Library Fund. The Spicer Fund, Del Jones Fund, and the Student Fund are endowments which annually support student travel scholarships to attend the annual meeting.

The interest from the Overseas Library Fund underwrites the cost of sending current subscriptions of *Human Organization* to institutions overseas which cannot afford the fee. The Society currently underwrites through this Fund over twenty of these subscriptions to a wide range of countries including Vietnam, Poland, Mexico, and Russia. Paul's contribution will permit us to expand this effort, working in conjunction with the Journal Donation Program (JDP) at the New School for Social Research (New York). His contribution was perfectly timed because we received a request in November from JDP that ten additional qualifying institutions had requested *Human Organization*.

The Society is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt organization (501.c.3). Paul's contribution will have tax benefits. In addition, the funds are held in the Awards Trust thereby guaranteeing that they can be used only for the purposes he specified.

The second contribution came from Tom May who currently serves as the Executive Director of the Society. He contributed \$8,000 to the Peter K. New Trust during 2005. This Trust provides the funds for the annual Peter New Student Research Competition and Award.

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The form of this donation was somewhat different and provides an excellent example of another way that members can assist the Society. Tom contributed stock that he owned in a publicly-traded corporation. The stock had appreciated in value over the years. As a result, Tom will receive significant tax benefits from the way that this contribution was made. He will be able to claim as a tax deduction the value of the stock on the day it was donated (thereby averting the tax on capital gains which had accrued over the years).

The Society appreciates sincerely the generosity of these two members and of others who have made contributions over the past year. The fact that these contributions qualified for tax benefits to the donors does not diminish the generosity of the gifts and the commitment that they represent. Rather, it underscores the fact that both donors and the Society can often benefit from this support.

STUDENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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The student committee has a lot of good news to report, all of which is related to the upcoming annual meetings in Vancouver. First, I am happy to report that the application process for the 1st Annual Student Endowed Award has been a considerable success. We received 25 applications from all across the country, and even some from foreign countries. The vast majority of our applicants were graduate students, but we did manage to attract five applications from undergraduate students. In addition, we were quite happy to have applicants from disciplines outside of anthropology. Considering this was the first time that we have offered this award, we were quite pleased with the level of interest. The committee is currently busy looking over the applications and we will be announcing the winner later this month. We are also excited that this award attracted many students that have had little or no previous interaction with the SfAA. The Student Endowed Award is fulfilling its goal of encouraging student participation in and engagement with the SfAA. Thanks again to all of you have contributed to the award's endowment!

As promised in my last communication, members of the student committee have been in contact with our colleagues in Canada regarding budget and student-friendly lodging and entertainment options in Vancouver. Our committee chair, Eric Pavri, has spearheaded this effort, and some of the results have been posted at the student section of the SfAA website. I highly encourage all students to check out the information that has been gathered and posted at <http://www.sfaa.net/committees/students/studentconfconfaqs.html#travel>. This page will answer most of the questions that students might have in regard to student opportunities at the annual meetings! Also, students should be encouraged to check in with student volunteers that will be at the registration desk in Vancouver. We are sure that more information about social events, gatherings, and student presentations will be available at that time.

Lastly, I am compelled to reiterate that the "Student Forum" website is a place to post or look for information of interest to students. A recent perusal of the postings ranged from grant opportunities, to questions about graduate programs, to field school opportunities, to people looking to share hotel rooms and costs in Vancouver. The student forum is an excellent place for the students within the SfAA to build a community, and we are encouraged by the increased traffic in the recent past. I'm sure more information about student opportunities in Vancouver will be posted there over the next few weeks. A link to the student forum is available on the main student page, which is accessed via the tab on the left side of the SfAA homepage. The student committee has been busy preparing for Vancouver, and we are excited about seeing everyone there!

COPAA NEWS

By Linda A. Bennett [lbennett@memphis.edu]
Chair, COPAA



COPAA will observe its seventh annual meeting at the SfAA meetings in Vancouver. A nationwide consortium of twenty-two university departments and programs that provide education in practicing and applied anthropology, COPAA has a mission to collectively advance the education and training of students, faculty, and practitioners in applied anthropology. Please log onto the recently redesigned and expanded website to learn more about COPAA <www.copaa.info>. If your department might be interested in joining as a member department, please contact me at the above email address.

Each year, departmental representatives to the annual meeting entertain new membership requests. COPAA leaders include Kerry Feldman (University of Alaska, Anchorage), Secretary; Gina Sanchez Gibau and Jeanette Dickerson-Putman (Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis, IUPUI); Co-Treasurers; Christina Wasson (University of North Texas), Webmaster; and Sunil Khanna (Oregon State University), Virtual Community Moderator.

COPAA has organized two sessions for the 2006 SfAA meetings, and we encourage you to attend and take part. Both are designed as panels to foster constructive discussion by attendees on each of the topics. Summaries of presentations and discussion will be posted on the COPAA website following the meeting.

On Wednesday morning, March 29th, from 8-9:50 in the Prince of Wales room, a panel session entitled "Tenure and Promotion for Applied Anthropologists: Preparation for and Documentation of Scholarship" will be held. Organized by Liz Bird (University of South Florida) and Linda Bennett (University of Memphis), the panelists include 7 faculty members at different career stages of the tenure and promotion process: Sherylyn Briller, Wayne State University; Kerry Feldman, University of Alaska, Anchorage; Stan Hyland, University of Memphis; Ann Jordan, University of North Texas; Sunil Khanna, Oregon State University; Elgin Klugh, Montclair State University; and Nancy Romero-Daza, University of South Florida. Panelists will address the contexts of their home institutions around issues such as:

- tenure and promotion guidelines with regard to applied research;
- fit between their scholarship and these guidelines;
- preparation for tenure and promotion;
- documentation of scholarly achievements to be considered in the tenure and promotion process.

Please plan to attend this session to learn from the varied experiences of the panelists, to ask questions that are specifically relevant to your own institutions and—very importantly—to add insights from your own background.

With the title of "Allies on the Front Line: Perspectives from our Community Partners," an open forum will be held on Friday March 31st in the Regency A room from noon-1:30. Susan Hyatt (IUPUI); Karen Quintiliani (CSU-Long Beach); Judith Freidenberg (University of Maryland); and Margaret Graham (University of Texas, Pan American) have organized this session and will serve as panelists.

There is a great need for drawing upon the perspectives of our community partners as we offer applied and practicing anthropology experience to our students. In many anthropology programs—at both the undergraduate and graduate levels—students are regularly placed in agencies and neighborhood organizations that serve the interests of communities facing a range of threats and challenges. Such agencies and organizations include Community Development Corporations, agencies serving immigrants

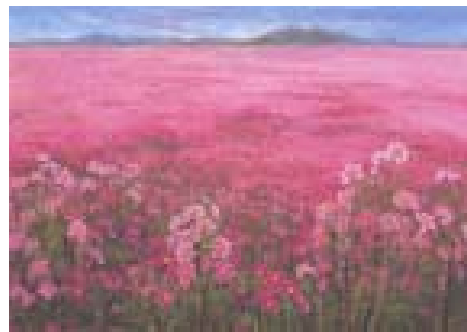
and migrant workers, community centers, food pantries, homeless shelters, needle-exchange programs, and a wide range of others. In this open forum, professionals and activists (who may or may not be anthropologists) who work with students in such settings will provide insights about what students can bring to such settings. They will also address deficiencies in our training and preparation of students when they enter these front-line settings. The session will give members of the audience an opportunity to converse with our allies in the community whose work is crucial to students' learning experience.

While these two sessions take a different focus, both deal with issues that are critical in the development and continuity of applied anthropology programs as they attempt to advance the education and training of students, faculty, and practitioners in applied anthropology. Please consider attending.

LPO NEWS

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The LPO NAPA luncheon was held on Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, during the AAA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Twelve representatives attended from seven LPOs. We were updated on the status and needs of the represented LPOs. It was learned that there are several new LPOs forming (in the Bay Area, NYC, etc.) and need in this process.



The Bay Area Association of Practicing Anthropologists is beginning to gather steam! We hosted an informal meeting at a local restaurant in November and a pot-luck dinner and discussion meeting to discuss the opportunities and challenges of ethnographic research in the Bay Area in January. We will host our next meeting in late April. Please feel free to join us! Visit our website to find out more about the upcoming BAAPA events: <http://www.csufresno.edu/Anthropology/CALPO/BAAPA.htm> or sign up for our list serve: [<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bayareanthros/>](mailto:groups.yahoo.com/group/bayareanthros/) or contact Kim Koester at Kimberly.Koester@ucsf.edu

The practicing and applied anthropologists in the Dallas/Fort Worth area have joined together to form the Texas Area Practicing Anthropology Society (TAPAS). The mission of TAPAS is to bring together practicing anthropologists in the North Texas area to promote professional development; generate career opportunities in the applied social sciences; provide a network for aspiring professional anthropologists; raise general awareness of the contributions of practicing and applied anthropologists to the public and business community. At the inaugural meeting, TAPAS proudly welcomed Ed Liebow to discuss issues of river use and environmental issues. Guest speakers from the Centers for Survivors of Torture joined TAPAS at the second meeting to discuss treatment methods and the asylum process. The third TAPAS meeting will be held in late August. Go to www.tapas-lpo.org for more information, or contact Roxanna Manoochehri at roxanna_unt@yahoo.com with any questions.

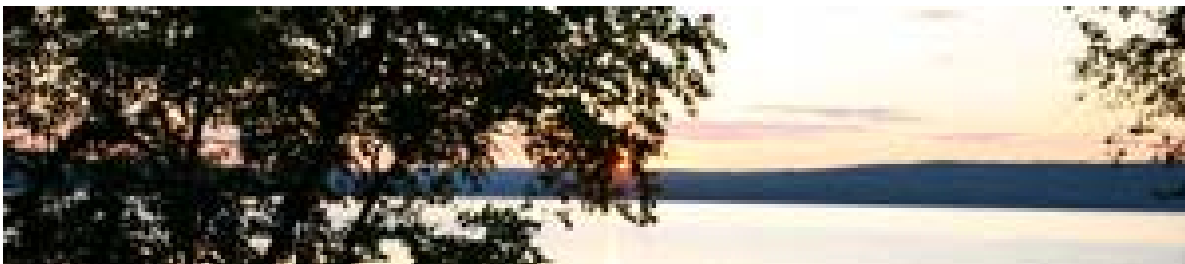
Announcing the New York Association for the Practice of Anthropology! With the assistance of the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA), the New York Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NYAPA) is being formed. As a networking and professional development organization in the greater New York metropolitan area, NYAPA will serve the local professional and applied anthropological community. As anthropologists work both within and outside the academy, membership is open to all. For more information about NAPA and what other local practitioner organizations are providing for their members across the country, please see www.practicinganthropology.org. As this is a new organization, the needs of its membership can strongly influence its form. Please think

about what you would like from such an organization and what you can offer to others. A preliminary development meeting is being planned for the spring. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Mann at <susan.mann@sw-software.com>.

CAPA (Chicago) is off to a great start this year with two meetings and a party thus far. CAPA meetings have focused on two topics this year: cultural competence and the nature of people's responses to disaster. (Interestingly, we planned the disaster session before Katrina). Both session formats were designed to use presentation to trigger discussion (rather than presentation and polite questions). Cultural competence was a contentious topic that questions what it means to be competent, particularly when competence is acquired by outsiders whose acquisition is job related, e.g., health personnel. This discussion has resulted in a workshop presentation for people in UIC's School of Public Health. The session on understanding the organization of responses to disaster featured two non-anthropological presenters, a faculty member from UIC's College of Business and a physician from Stroger (formerly Cook County) Hospital who worked in Texas in response to Hurricane Katrina. The chasm between predictions of, say casualties (10,000 deaths expected in New Orleans and Mississippi) and actual results (less than 1,000) focused attention on where information comes from and how it is analyzed and what are the things researchers really need to know for disaster planning (e.g., for Homeland Security). Our holiday potluck was held at the house of the year's CAPA president/convener, Mike Lieber, and drew both old friends and some anthropologists we'd never met. The food was superb and plentiful.

SCAAN (Southern California Applied Anthropology Network) now has a website! It is part of the CALPO (Californian Local Practitioner Organization) website with Jim Mullooly from CSU Fresno at <<http://www.csufresno.edu/Anthropology/CALPO/index.htm>>. There is also a link to the NAPA website's updated LPO page <<http://www.practicinganthropology.org/lpos/>>. If you live in Southern California, check the site for information about upcoming SCAAN events and job postings. If you are an applied anthropology student looking for a mentor, an internship or a job or are a practitioner looking for a stimulating and supportive group of colleagues check out SCAAN. Get on the email list by sending your email address to Gillian Grebler at <gggrebler@verizon.net>. Newcomers are welcome!!!!

HPSfAA (High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology) is holding its annual spring conference at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado from April 28 to the 30th, 2006. The conference will be on "Webbed Anthropology: Articulating the Relationships Involved in Our Efforts to Improve the World". The keynote speaker is Steven Spitzer, Professor of Sociology at Suffolk University, Boston, Massachusetts. He will speak on "In the Belly of the Beast: The Web of Demands, Interests and Meanings in Prison Work". You can find more information on the HPSfAA website www.hpsfaa.org. In addition, HPSfAA would like to announce the change of the name of their journal from the High Plains Applied Anthropologist to The Applied Anthropologist. HPSfAA welcomes submissions of manuscripts to the editor, Larry van Horn at <julavaho1@mindspring.com>.



NAPA NEWS

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As I started to write this column, I began by expounding on all the wonderful things NAPA has accomplished in 2005, and the new activities we look forward to in 2006. But, I couldn't stop thinking about how important it is to step back and reflect on our larger world, the world beyond NAPA, SfAA, and even Anthropology. A week or so ago, I heard a radio commentator speculate on what to call the "2000's" - what name to give the first five years of the new century. Well, surely this first decade will be marked by its cataclysmic events, both man-made and natural.



From September 11th to Hurricane Katrina, these past five years have been filled with disasters, for individuals, nations, and continents, and the effects seem never-ending. At work, I can sit at my desk and listen to a social worker on the phone, as he tries to aid evacuees from Katrina, who have come to Chicago and still find themselves without permanent housing, jobs, transportation, or even minimal furniture. Some are still trying to buy winter coats and boots to get through Chicago's winter. In December, a family at my synagogue marked the first anniversary of their son's death, when he drowned in the waters of the Tsunami while on vacation. And today's New York Times has a front-page story on a young soldier who returned from Iraq with such severe brain injuries he will likely never be able to hold a full-time job.

So I wonder, where do we fit in the larger context of our individual worlds, and what does or can anthropology contribute to a better outcome. Within NAPA we are grappling with these issues at a very local level, by building upon our strengths as an organization that focuses on solving human problems through individual and combined efforts, in a wide variety of sectors, public and private, including industry, health, education, public policy, and many more, across local, national, and international landscapes. I think we all hope that our work helps make a difference in the world, big and small, and NAPA is doing whatever it can to support anthropologists who have chosen to apply their skills and knowledge to making our individual worlds and our shared world a better place.

With these somewhat somber thoughts in mind, I want to tell you how NAPA intends to meet its goals. To start, we are planning an ambitious year of change and growth. We have begun the process of revising our by-laws, in order to take advantage of the electronic options now offered by telecommunications and the internet. Several times over the past year we have conducted Governing Council meetings via phone conference, and we're thinking about internet conferencing as a new option as well. Our by-laws changes will reflect these new opportunities for getting work done, including e-mail voting.

In addition, at our Governing Council meeting in Washington, D.C. in late November, we began implementation of our newly adopted strategic plan, by establishing several new committees: one to work with the NAPA Bulletin editors to set publication policies and oversee the evolution of potential new publications options, including e-publications and a conference proceedings series. A second committee will address membership recruitment and retention, and a third will work on nominations for both AAA and NAPA positions. We see these committees as not only contributing to the improved efficiency of NAPA itself, but also as a way for NAPA members to become involved and make a contribution. We are eager to hear from our members about their interest in these committees, as well as about ways to improve services and better meet their needs.

NAPA also welcomed three new board members in November: Tom Greaves and Genevieve Bell, our new members at large, and Inga Treitler, the new NAPA secretary. We thank Mari Clarke, who

completed her term as secretary, and Steve Maack and Peg Weeks, members at large. Their contributions are much appreciated.

This is also a good time to reflect on what we have accomplished thus far. NAPA did have some pretty important achievements in 2005, and I think they are worth bragging about. Perhaps most significant, is the establishment of the EPIC Conference as an annual event. EPIC (Ethnographic Praxis in Industry Conference) was held Nov. 14-15, 2005, in Redmond, CA. It was co-sponsored by Intel, Microsoft, with the cooperation of NAPA, and support from the American Anthropological Association. Everyone agrees that this was a terrific conference and a wonderful opportunity to explore the ways in which ethnography and anthropologists can make significant contributions to what were formerly seen as highly non-traditional settings, as well as bring new theoretical and methodological perspectives to our own discipline.

Conference proceedings can be accessed electronically through ANTHROSOURCE. NAPA will continue to serve as a partner in 2007. You can still visit <www.epic2005.com> to see posters and abstracts from the conference and to watch for information about the 2006 conference.

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In addition to conferencing, NAPA also published two bulletins this past year: *Tourism and Applied Anthropologists: Linking Theory and Practice*, edited by Tim Wallace (Bulletin 23) and *Creating Evaluation Anthropology: Introducing an Emerging Subfield*, edited by Mary Odell Butler and Jacqueline Cope-land-Carson (Bulletin 24). We also made some alterations in the bulletins appearance, making it even better looking than before, so check it out!

Finally, NAPA is ready to support practice-related interest groups, and can offer web-support, space on the AAA program, and access to communications outlets. Our first interest group was formed several years ago, and brings together anthropologists interested in evaluation research. A second interest group, public interest anthropology, is now forming. We hope to see a third group emerge this year - focusing on anthropology and technology, including the software and communications industries. Design anthropology is also a vital sub-field within practicing anthropology, and we hope to see interest in a NAPA interest group galvanize over the coming year. For information on these groups, and how to start your own, feel free to contact me at miris@northwestern.edu.

I think I've used up all my space now - but I want to remind readers that the deadline for submission of abstracts for the AAA meetings is April 1, 2006. If you are interested in organizing a NAPA supported session, please contact Eve Pinsker, NAPA's program chair, as soon as possible, at <epinsker@uic.edu>. We're also always happy to hear about new workshop ideas. The NAPA workshop chairperson is Leni Bohren, at <bohren@cahs.colostate.edu>.

In closing, I am looking forward to Vancouver and the SfAA meetings, and to a better year for the world in 2006.

REPORT FROM *PA* EDITORS

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This winter issue of *Practicing Anthropology* should arrive at your door just about the same time that this newsletter races across the ether. We are particularly proud of how the issue, which features international and national foci, turned out. The first half of the journal, entitled *The Commitment to Social Action in Palestine: Programs and Practice* features articles and reports based on the experience of those working in engagement with local communities, in community projects, and with political advocacy in the West Bank and Gaza.

The selections capture the difficulties and dilemmas of working in the midst of “war-like conditions,” and bring home some of the cultural and logistical complexities of trying to build and administer a changing society. We are pleased to be able to bring you the writing of Palestinian colleagues whose work might not otherwise reach an international audience. And we are happy to have this come out at such a critical time in this part of the Middle East, as the Palestinian vote for a new government on January 25th had unexpected and far reaching results as far as observers were concerned. This is just further proof that it makes sense to pay closer attention to what the people are doing and saying.

The *PA* issue sets the stage for what we hope will be an open dialog at the annual meeting of SfAA in Vancouver. Moderated by Jeanne, the panel is called *A Peace of Compromise: Is a Just Solution Possible for Palestine and Israel?* CNN reports do not do justice to the complexity of the issues, diversity of public opinion, and contradictory official political action surrounding the Arab-Israeli conflict. What seems clear is that in almost sixty years, no just solution has been found. We invite you to join panelists representing differing perspectives for an open forum that may help to answer some of your questions about this intricate and continuing struggle. On the panel are Zev Kalifon, Moshe Shokied, Jessica Devaney and Bree Hendon-Michael. The session allows SfAA to introduce an upcoming peace forum, to be held in Vancouver in June. In addition to this roundtable, you can look more closely at issues pertaining to Palestine and other areas where displacement is ongoing in a session organized by Bill and *PA* Guest editor Nadia Abu Zahra entitled “Double Oppression: Displacement, Involuntary Relocation and Controlled Exclusion”. The two-part session is scheduled on Thursday 10-11:50 and 12-1:30 in Balmoral.

Speaking of Vancouver, please also stop by to “Meet the Editors” on Friday, March 31, at 12:00 in Regency B. This is a chance to talk with us about writing ideas that you may have for future issues of *PA*. You can also join us in an additional session in Dover, “Exploring Entrepreneurial Approaches to International and Service-Learning Education: Setting Our Worlds on Edge” on Thursday 3:30-5:20.

Looking ahead, *PA* stays on the cutting edge with an issue edited by John Stone that includes contributions from social scientists involved in nanotechnology research and development initiatives around the United States. Public recognition is increasing slowly about the myriad ethical, legal and institutional issues associated with the growing capability of scientists and engineers to provide industry with innovations at the atomic and molecular level. Some people predict social transformations of revolutionary magnitude are likely to result as the uses of nanotechnology expand. As John notes in his introduction, “If one accepts the claims of nanotechnology’s socially transformative potential, then surely the social sciences and anthropology in particular, can be called upon to provide insight on such matters.” The articles in this issue shed light on the current state of anthropological and social science engagement in exploring the interface between nanotechnology and society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Solon T Kimball Award For Public & Applied Anthropology

The Solon T. Kimball Award for Public and Applied Anthropology was initiated by royalties from *Applied Anthropology in America* (Elizabeth M. Eddy and William L. Partridge, eds., 1978), a volume dedicated to Solon Kimball, "who taught that the study of human behavior should be of service to people." The award has been presented every other year since 1984 at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Solon T. Kimball Award for Public and Applied Anthropology now provides a \$1000 prize.



The Kimball Award offers an opportunity to honor exemplary anthropologists for outstanding recent achievements that have contributed to the development of anthropology as an applied science and have had important impacts on public policy. The range of eligible nominees is unusually broad: the Kimball Award can be given to individuals or to a team (including collaborators outside of anthropology) and is not restricted by nationality, anthropological specialization, or type of employment. The anthropological contribution may be theoretical or methodological.

The impact on public policy may be in any area, domestic or international, for example biodiversity, climate change, energy, international relations, medicine, public health, language conservation, education, criminal justice, development, or cultural heritage. Nominations recognizing disciplinary path-breakers who are shaping and strengthening the discipline of anthropology, and which honor those who might otherwise be overlooked, are especially encouraged.

The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2006. The winner will be announced at the 2006 meeting of the American Anthropological Association, in San Jose, California.

Application Procedures. Nominees for the Kimball Award may be proposed by others, or may be self-nominated. A nomination package should include the following. All materials must be provided in three (3) copies, submitted as one package.

1. Five letters of nomination. At least one letter should present a comprehensive description of the nominee's career, emphasizing the accomplishment(s) over the previous decade justifying the award. This letter should show the relevance of the supporting materials provided in the nomination package. The other letters may be shorter, but each letter should provide insight into some aspect of the nominee's recent work. The letters should explain to an anthropological but non-specialist audience the theoretical, methodological, or policy contributions, not merely praise them. All letters should demonstrate the connection between theoretical or methodological advancement of the discipline as an applied science and the specific contribution to public policy.
2. The nominee's resume or curriculum vitae. This document should not exceed 10 pages.
3. Supporting materials. Additional supporting materials should not exceed three items, selected to illustrate the nominee's disciplinary and policy contributions. These may include published or unpublished documents (such as journal articles or agency reports), or professional products in other media (for example, a training video). Documents must be provided in hard copy. Materials in other media must be in a CD-ROM format suitable for viewing on a Windows PC. Do not submit books or other lengthy materials. Three copies of all supporting materials are required.

The purpose of supporting materials is to help the award committee understand the nominee's approach and contributions, not conduct a peer review. In selecting materials for submission, emphasize quality over quantity. Insofar as possible, select materials that can be evaluated by a panel of anthropologists with varied backgrounds, who are unlikely to be specialists in the nominee's area of study.

Additional criteria.

1. Nomination packages must be submitted in time to be received by June 1, 2006.
2. The accomplishments providing the basis of a nomination must have been made within the decade preceding the receipt of the award.
3. Where collaborative efforts provide the basis for a nomination, the collaboration must have been sustained over at least three years.

Nomination packages should be sent to:

Solon Kimball Award Committee (Attn: Kathy Ano)
American Anthropological Association
2200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22201

Questions regarding nomination procedures may be directed to the chair of the award committee, Robert Winthrop (Phone 202-785-6597; Email: rob.winthrop1@verizon.net).

Previous Awardees

1984 Thayer Scudder (California Institute of Technology)
1986 Culture and Learning Department, Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu, Hawaii
1988 Michael M Cernea (World Bank)
1990 Jean J Schensul and Stephen L Schensul (Hispanic Health Council)
1992 William Rathje (University of Arizona)
1994 Muriel Crespi (National Park Service)
1996 Douglas A Feldman (D.A. Feldman & Associates)
1998 Terence S Turner (University of Chicago)
2000 Michael M. Horowitz (Institute for Development Anthropology)
2002 Barbara R Johnston (Center for Political Ecology)
2004 James Acheson (University of Maine)



Margaret Clark Award

Honoring the pioneering work of Margaret Clark for the 13th year, submissions are invited from students in all fields for the annual Award for the best unpublished gerontology or medical anthropology paper. The Association for Anthropology and Gerontology review panel awards a \$500 graduate and \$250 undergraduate prize, and publishes a summary in its newsletter. Relation to lifespan or aging issues must be discussed. Submit address, affiliation, phone; faculty statement of student status; 3 copies of the double-spaced manuscript, and an abstract. Deadline: *June 7, 2006*. Dr. Mark Luborsky, Clark Award Chair, Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University, 87 East Ferry, 252 Knapp Bldg, Detroit, MI 48202. Phone: (313) 577-2297, Web: <www.iog.wayne.edu/margaretclark.php> or E-mail: <ab8592@wayne.edu>.

Patricia (Pat) Mail, President-Elect of American Public Health Association.


Pat Mail, MPH, PhD, CHES, was elected president-elect of the American Public Health Association during the 132nd APHA Annual Meeting in November 2004. She is currently a consultant on Native American substance use issues, and served most recently as a research scientist/co-principal investigator with the University of Washington's Addiction Behaviors Research Center. She is also an alternate to the U.S. Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Military Health Benefit Working Group.



Dr. Mail had a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Public Health Service, serving at the National Institutes of Health; the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration; the Health Services and Resources Administration; the office of the Surgeon General; and the Indian Health Service. Her work focused on prevention of alcohol abuse, coordination of services for HIV/AIDS, manpower placement in underserved areas and the provision of services to American Indian populations. She received 22 honor and service awards during her career, including the USPHS Surgeon General's Medallion and the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal. She developed and taught a cross-cultural alcoholism course for Seattle University's Alcohol Studies program.

As an APHA member since 1966, she brings a long history of service to the Association, including the Committee on Women's Rights, the Joint Policy Committee, the Continuing Professional Education Committee and the Executive Board. She has been active in the Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section, serving as chair, and has received two awards from her Section. She received the APHA Executive Director's Citation for her work in helping establish the APHA continuing education program.

She is an active member of the Washington State Public Health Association, the Society for Public Health Education, the Society for Applied Anthropology, the American Academy of Health Behavior, the Research Society on Alcoholism and the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. She holds life membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Anthropological Association, the National Association for the Uniformed Services, the Society for Medical Anthropology and the American Association of Health Education. Pat received her MPH from Yale University, a Master of Science from Smith College, a Master of Arts from the University of Arizona, and her PhD from the University of Maryland at College Park. She has several publications discussing Indians and alcohol. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist and a Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology.



Editor Search for *SfAA Newsletter*

The Society for Applied Anthropology announces a search for a new Editor of the *SfAA Newsletter*, the society's publication of announcements, news, events, and scholarly insights. The publication comes out quarterly in February, May, August, and November.

After more than a dozen years, Michael Whiteford (Iowa State University) is stepping down as editor of the *SfAA Newsletter*, and his current term will end as soon as the SfAA is able to appoint his replacement. The initial term of service for the incoming editor will be three years and the term is renewable. The editor of the *SfAA Newsletter* currently also serves as a member of Publications Committee and the Board of Directors of the Society for Applied Anthropology.

In addition, candidates for the position should be able to secure release time (where possible) and other institutional support to supplement SfAA resources, as well as promote and cultivate the networks of contributors who provide materials for the newsletter.

Individuals interested in applying for the position should provide the Publications Committee with the following:

1. A letter of interest that indicates the candidate's experience and ideas for the newsletter, and any support (e.g., release time, equipment, and/or space) that may be available from their host institution.
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For best consideration materials should be received by May 1, 2006.

FROM THE EDITOR

As you can see from the "Notice of Vacancy" tucked between these pages, the Society of Applied Anthropology is looking for a new Editor for the *Newsletter*. After more than a dozen years in that role, I will be stepping down as soon as the Publications Committee finds a replacement. I'm going to watch carefully how the selection process goes.



You see, I wound up getting this job because I'm not a very good pool player. Some years ago I attended a week-long ethnographic workshop that Bob Trotter was running one summer in Flagstaff. After a long day of sessions, a number of us retired to a local saloon to play pool and drink beer. I believe I lost to everyone who knew which end of the cue to point at the little white ball. With wounded pride I retreated to the bar. Carole Hill, who was President of the Society at the time, took pity on me and bought me a beer. But, if I can twist the cliché just a bit, there's no such thing as a free beer and about midway through my drink she asked me if I read the Society's *Newsletter*. "Of course" I answered. "And it's a wonderful publication, too" - thinking that this might put me in her good graces and that she'd spring for another libation. I think she did and about midway through that beer she dropped her southern charm and asked in a no nonsense way if I'd be the next Editor. Needless to say, I was caught off guard - mainly because I was shocked that being a lousy billiard player qualified me for such an august job. So I said "Let me think about it" and returned to my beer.

Nothing more was said until I got a nice letter from Tom May about two months later, thanking me for agreeing to take over the job from the *Newsletter's* inaugural editors, Noel and Judy Chrisman. Tom pointed out that the next issue would be due in Oklahoma City in about six weeks and suggested I get in touch with the Chrismans for insights and ideas about carrying on with this task. I contacted Noel immediately.

This has always been sort of a Mom and Pop operation. After Noel and Judy's tenure, my wife, Patty, helped me with the *Newsletter* for two years. For the past decade Jacqueline Comito has been my extremely able assistant. Jackie started working on the *Newsletter* when she was one of my M.A. students. After she wrapped up her degree with us, she migrated to the eastern part of the state and did her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. During this period, while in exile, she returned regularly and continued working on the *Newsletter*. She is now back in Ames and works as an applied anthropologist. I am extremely grateful for all of the work she has done for the Society.

For those of you interested in applying for the job, let me say this. It has been a truly wonderful experience. I have met some extraordinary people. It's been an honor to serve the Society. While I will miss the quarterly exchanges of emails related to putting out the next issue of the *Newsletter*, I expect that I will now have time to work on my game of pool.

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