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NAPA Notes



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National Association
for the Practice of Anthropology

Hello NAPA!

Welcome to this edition of *NAPA Notes*. We are preparing for the SfAA meetings in Vancouver, BC, at the end of March, and we are quite excited! NAPA will have a strong presence at the meetings, as our President-Elect, Lisa Henry, served on the SfAA Program Committee. See inside for more details. Hope to see you there.

Also, did you know that our flagship journal, the *Annals of Anthropological Practice (AAP)*, is no longer restricted to invited papers? That's right! We now accept independent submissions. The AAP Editor, John Brett, will provide details of the submission process, here. This is a terrific opportunity for you to publish and reach the NAPA constituency.

Finally, inside you will find an update on the EPIC Conference this past Fall. I understand that it was very well attended, and there are many EPIC developments to learn about.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *NAPA Notes*, and if you are in Vancouver, make sure to touch base and say: "Hi!"

Regards,

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WAPA Turns 40!

NAPA would like to express congratulations to the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists (WAPA), which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. WAPA remains one of the largest and oldest associations of its kind, and was actually founded a few years before NAPA came into existence. Local Practitioner Organizations such as WAPA provide a great service to the professional anthropological community; well done, WAPA!





SfAA 2016 Vancouver

NAPA Sessions

Be sure to participate in SfAA sessions presented by your NAPA colleagues:

“Beyond Fieldwork: A NAPA Conversation about Anthropological Practice in Military Organization”

Room: Salon A

Saturday April 2nd 8:00-9:50 am

“Business Incubation for the Entrepreneurial, Full-Time, Independent, Nonacademic, Non-agency Practitioner: A NAPA Panel Discussion”

Room: Arbutus

Saturday April 2nd 12:00-1:20 pm



WANTED: Communicators

Do you like anthropology, writing/editing, and WordPress? Then NAPA wants you!

Join our team of volunteers in a focused effort to develop the NAPA website this year. We need three self-motivated communicators who can work as a task group to research, organize, and create specific content for the website. A knowledge of WordPress would be very helpful but is not a strict requirement. Nor is being a NAPA member; we welcome contributions from anyone interested in helping to develop the NAPA website as a resource for the anthropological community at large. The time commitment is very flexible, but would likely involve just a few hours a week.

If you are interested please send a query by April 8
to napacommunications@gmail.com.



Vancouver, British Columbia

March 29-April 2, 2016

76th Annual Meeting

Intersections: the organizers envision an opportunity to acknowledge the intersections that arise from our interactions with people, places, issues, policies, and concepts. For our purposes, intersections might be explored in a great variety of ways.

Extra time between sessions? Check out the
Museum of Anthropology at the University of British
Columbia in Vancouver
<http://moa.ubc.ca/>



EPIC News!

JOBS JOBS JOBS!!! EPICPeople continues to expand as an online, year-round community. Check out the crop of jobs posted in recent weeks <https://www.epicpeople.org/job-board/>

BUSINESS PARTNERING AND COLLABORATION!!! See what companies are using ethnography at work. This page has lots of uses, including finding partners and learning from others.

CONFERENCE. Save these dates: August 29 – September 1. EPIC2016 in Minneapolis. This year's innovation is joint sponsorship by an Anthropology Department and a School of Management (University of Minnesota). This year's theme: Pathmaking. The subthemes promise to tease out the business implications and values inherent in practical applications of ethnography; for example, consider the surprising subtheme “ethnography/carnavalesque.” And the subtheme of “Ethnography/CSR” to recognize the role of ethnographic research in helping for-profit businesses become vehicles for social change.

In other EPIC News... the 2015 proceedings are now online. Check out these topics of interest to new ways of practicing anthropology:

<https://www.epicpeople.org/fieldnotes-as-a-social-practice/>

<https://www.epicpeople.org/how-to-create-value-via-object-circulation-in-gift-systems/>

<https://www.epicpeople.org/radical-insights-towards-a-critical-hermeneutic/>

<https://www.epicpeople.org/tangible-tools-in-para-ethnographic-fieldwork/>

And at EPICpeople.org these are some recent blog posts covering issues that will be a major focus of the conference:

<https://www.epicpeople.org/organizational-culture-and-change/>

<https://www.epicpeople.org/renewing-the-corporate-social-responsibility-agenda/>

<https://www.epicpeople.org/urban-mobility-and-emerging-consumers/>



See you in Minneapolis, EPIC People!



Refocusing Annals of Anthropological Practice

Over the next year, the Annals of Anthropological Practice will undergo a major refocusing, shifting from its current single-theme format to an all volunteered submission structure. Given the substantial and ongoing increases in the number of anthropological practitioners, NAPA felt that there is a clear need for another high quality, peer-reviewed publication to meet the needs of these applied, practicing, and engaged anthropologists. To that end, NAPA has decided to transition the AAP from its current, single-theme monograph format to a focus on publishing volunteered submissions on a range of topics. Through the two issues of volume 40 (2016), the journal will be a “hybrid,” with part of each issue being devoted to a single theme, and the remainder dedicated to volunteered papers. Beginning with volume 41 in 2017, the AAP will be a fully volunteered journal, providing an important new venue for practicing scholars and widening the field of offerings in the AAP.

NAPA is currently accepting volunteered papers, to be submitted through the ScholarOne platform at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/annals-ap>. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact the editor, John Brett at john.brett@ucdenver.edu.

For more background information and author guidelines, see the AAP page on the NAPA website, at <http://practicinganthropology.org/publications/annals/>

To submit a manuscript through ScholarOne, please go to <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/annals-ap>, which will take you to step by step through the submission process. First-time users will need to create a ScholarOne account. It’s a simple process, so we look forward to your submissions!

NAPA Career Podcast

NAPA recently released a second round of career-oriented practitioner podcasts. The eight podcasts feature discussions (from 9 to 24 minutes in length) with recent MA anthropology graduates, and explore how they launched (or postponed) their careers, got their first professional jobs, and related experiences.

Alumni from U Maryland, U South Florida, U North Texas, U Memphis, American U, and San Jose State participated. Their stories reveal the range of situations and solutions that MA anthropology graduates can create for themselves.

To listen to the podcasts, visit the NAPA website at <http://practicinganthropology.org/about/archive/podcasts/>. Feel free to give us your feedback and ideas, and to share this link with relevant colleagues far and wide.





In Other News...

AnthroTalks

The AnthroTalks team is growing. The idea of developing audio features (a next generation podcast) was born some time in the summer of 2015 in conversations among NAPA's Communications Committee. Today we have grown to a team of four practicing anthropologists with experience in radio and TV broadcasting, consumer research, and software development. AnthroTalks will offer new ways to illuminate the ordinary aspects of everyday life. The team, Inga Treitler, Taapsi Ramchandani, Roberto Armengol, and Astrid Countee, meets in a weekly Google Hangout that spans three continents.

We invite your questions and ideas. Launch date is approaching!

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Call for Papers: AAA 2016



Submit panels, roundtables, and posters by April 15th

The AAA 115th Annual Meeting theme, 'Evidence, Accident, Discovery', raises issues central to debates within both anthropology and politics in a neoliberal, climate-changing, social media-networked era: What counts as evidence? What does evidence count for? What are the underlying causes and foreseeability of violence and catastrophes? How is misfortune interpreted and causality attributed in cases of humanly-preventable harm? And in the give and take of relationships on which anthropological evidence typically depends, who gets to claim that they discovered something? We welcome proposals that debate these and other questions stimulated by the conference theme, in the opportunity that our annual meeting provides for "big tent" debate.

There is still time to submit! Visit <http://goo.gl/iqbmNA> for more details