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A Note from Your New NAPA President

Colleagues –

Thirty years ago, when I first entered graduate school, the AAA was a rather lonely place for a practitioner, and back then, I already knew that was who I would become. But, that was the year NAPA was founded, and through the work of many dedicated leaders and volunteers, it has become a welcoming home for applied and practicing anthropologists.

Now, thirty years later, as I have taken the office of NAPA President, we look around to find practitioners in virtually every Section of the Association – as practice becomes increasingly the norm in our field - people with whom we can partner, in service, being helpful, and “doing some good” for the people we serve (many thanks to Elizabeth Briody and Tracy Pester for giving voice to this theme in our ongoing discussion of ethics on the AAA Blog. Check it out at:

<http://ethics.aaanet.org/do-some-good-and-other-lessons-from-practice-for-a-new-aaa-code-of-ethics/>. This is important work that those of us in practice are engaged in, and we need a strong common home.

I want us to reach out to our colleagues in other Sections to find potential partnerships. How can we work together under the mantra of “doing some good?” One example came together at the 2014 AAA meetings in DC, where NAPA partnered with the Society for Medical Anthropology, with significant support from AAA leadership, to convene experts in anthropology, who have been working in West Africa during the Ebola epidemic, to ensure we are in partnership with those fighting the medical - and essentially social - battles in the field, informing cross-sectoral understanding of family structure in reaching those at risk, highlighting the effects of stigma on accessing care, and of the role of mortuary practices in how locals manage the epidemic. A result of this collaboration is the development of an Ebola Emergency Response Network, where NAPA is ably represented by Peter Van Arsdale, who has been named to the Executive Committee to move these efforts forward and ensure our voice is part of the solution.

I want us to expand these efforts, and with “all things NAPA” we need your input and skills to make this happen. Let me know your thoughts, or volunteer if you can. We are a fun and lively group, and together, we take care of our home. I look forward to hearing from you!

Regards,

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PS – With this issue of NAPA Notes, our Editor, Emily Altimare, will step down. She has actively engaged and done a wonderful and unheralded job in bringing our newsletter into prominence. We can't thank her enough and wish her the best in all the good she continues to do!



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Annals of Anthropology Practice Update

Several changes are being implemented for the *Annals of Anthropological Practice* (AAP), formerly known as the *NAPA Bulletin* series.

Editorial

After many years of remarkable service as editors, Drs. David Himmelgreen and Satish Kedia will turn over AAP editorial responsibilities to incoming editor, Dr. John Brett of the University of Colorado Denver. Many thanks to David and Satish!

Format

NAPA has decided to be among the first of the publishing sections in the AAA portfolio to move into a fully digital publication in 2015. This change will help to streamline the editorial process, and shorten the time from submission to publication for the AAP. Both the electronic submission process and digital publication will begin with the first issue of volume 39 this year (print copies will be available by special order). NAPA members will receive an email link to each AAP issue upon its publication. All past and future issues will continue to be available through AnthroSource on the AAA website.

Focus

NAPA is transitioning the AAP from its current, single-theme monograph format to publishing volunteered submissions on a range of topics. Through the two issues of volume 39 in 2015, the journal will be a “hybrid,” with approximately half of each issue being devoted to a single theme, and the other half dedicated to volunteered papers. Beginning with volume 40 in 2016, 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.

Submissions

NAPA is currently accepting volunteered papers for the second issue of volume 39; these and future submissions will be made through the ScholarOne platform. The deadline for submissions is early summer 2015; the deadline for future issues of the AAP will be ongoing. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact the editor, John Brett at john.brett@ucdenver.edu.

For additional 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.

Past NAPA Presidents Keep High Profile

Two past NAPA presidents recently published important resources for practitioners. Shirley Fiske (1990-92) and her climate change committee published a report after several years of discussion and review. Read about the committee’s work and products on the NAPA website at <http://practicinganthropology.org/practicing-anthro/climate/>.

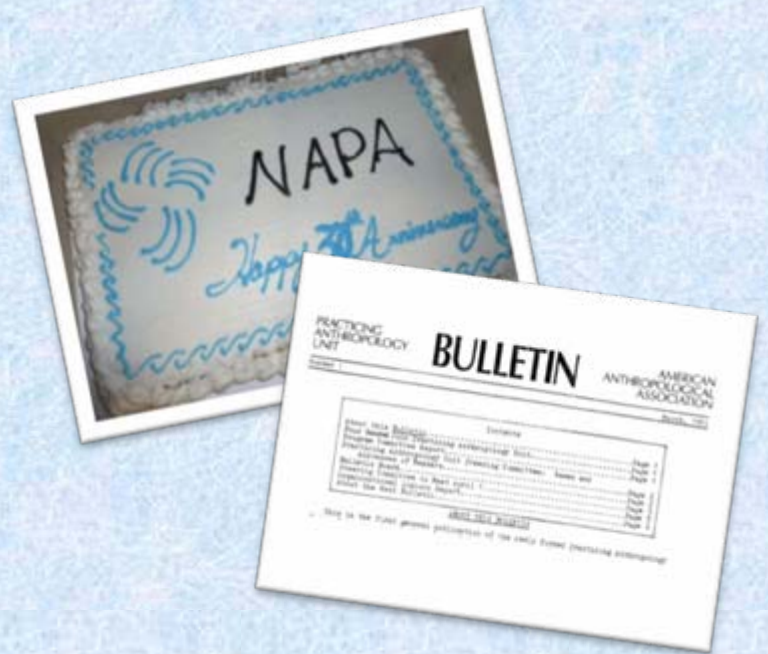
As noted in John Massad’s cover letter, Elizabeth Briody (1994-96) and co-author Tracy Meerwarth Pester recently launched a discussion of practitioner ethics, a timely and critical issue. Read more and contribute your thoughts through the NAPA site at <http://practicinganthropology.org/practicing-anthro/practice-and-ethics/>.



NAPA's 30TH Anniversary and Founding Documents

As you know, NAPA celebrated its 30th anniversary during the recent AAA meeting in Washington, DC. As we wind down from those events, we have created an online archive of several foundational documents related to the creation of NAPA. This fascinating trove of letters, receipts, notes, and other materials was collected by founding NAPA member Ralph Bishop, who passed them to NAPA president-elect Lisa Henry. Some of her graduate students at U North Texas scanned over 250 pages of insightful documents, and now they are publicly available in the NAPA archive:

<http://practicinganthropology.org/about/archive/founding-documents/>. There is an interesting research paper lurking within these documents!



Photos and audio from the 30th anniversary activities will be uploaded to various NAPA media in coming months: workshops, networking, special sessions, the Careers Expo, T shirts, birthday cake and a special members reception were all a part of the fun!



A few of the past and future NAPA presidents pose at the members' reception during the 2014 AAA meeting



The SfAA Tourism and Heritage TIG has several activities organized at the SfAA Meetings for those interested in tourism and heritage practice and scholarship. Our featured session is "**New Scholars Changing the Field: The Winning Papers of the 2015 SfAA Tourism and Heritage TIG Student Paper Competition**" (FRIDAY, 10:00-11:50, Conference B), which will showcase the winning papers of our annual student paper competition. The competition started with the submission of paper abstracts this past fall, five of which were selected to be presented in the specially organized paper session in Pittsburgh. The author of the top paper will receive a cash award of \$500 and will be honored at the Meetings. The 2016 competition will begin with the submission of paper abstracts in September. For more information on the competition, please contact Melissa Stevens (melissa.stevens7@gmail.com).

The winners of the 2015 Tourism and Heritage TIG Student Paper Competition are:

Meagan Roche (Grand Valley State University): "Saracen Souvenirs and Islam: The Crusades, Memory, and Contemporary French Identity"

Lan Xue (Pennsylvania State University): "Tourism Development and Changing Identity in Rural China"
I-Yi Hsieh (New York University): "'Developmental Heritage': Beijing Folklore Arts at the Age of Marketization in China"

Susan E. Hill (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee): "(Re?) Keying Post-Socialist Urban Space through the Luxury Walking Tour: Class Distinction and Cultural Production among Alternative Tourism Companies in Budapest"

The top prize is awarded to:

David McMichael (University of Maryland): "The Most Fun You'll Ever Have Saving the World: Voluntourism in Siem Reap, Cambodia"

The Valene Smith Tourism Poster Competition is now in its ninth year. The competition is endowed through the generosity of Valene Smith, one of the founders of the study of tourism. Dr. Smith's groundbreaking book, *Hosts and Guests: The Anthropology of Tourism* established the foundation for the study of this topic. The award is given to support the research of future leaders in the field of tourism studies, and this year's submissions represent an interesting variety of topics by many promising students. The tourism posters will be displayed during the general poster session (THURSDAY, 3:30-5:20, William Penn Ballroom). Stop by to see cutting edge tourism research and to meet the students presenting their work.

The Tourism and Heritage TIG Meeting will be held on Thursday at 10:00 (location TBA, check the final SfAA program for details). We invite everyone interested in the anthropology of tourism and heritage (including students) to join us as we discuss the annual student paper competition, plans for TIG involvement in next year's SfAA meetings, and other tourism and heritage-related topics. We would love to have your input and ideas.

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NAPA Workshop Committee Announcements

The NAPA Workshop Committee thanks Sabrina Nichelle Scott for her creativity and organization during her tenure as Workshops Chair, and welcomes Fatimah Williams Castro as new committee chair. Castro is a cultural anthropologist (PhD, Rutgers 2011) who owns a career consulting firm called Beyond the Tenure Track. She is also half time Associate Director of Career Services at the University of Pennsylvania where she serves graduate student and postdoc populations in the social sciences, humanities and STEM.

If you are interested in submitting a workshop proposal for the annual meeting in Denver, please contact Fatimah Williams Castro (fatimahphd@gmail.com). If you would like your workshop to be considered as a NAPA-sponsored workshop please contact Fatimah by **April 5, 2015** to allow the committee time to process your proposal.

Praxis Award

The WAPA Praxis Award is now taking applications. Every two years, the Praxis Award highlights exemplary practitioners and their work, which is often not widely publicized or recognized. For details see the award web page at <http://wapadc.org/praxis>. The award deadline is **July 1**. Award recipients will be announced at the NAPA Business Meeting during the AAA annual meeting this November in Denver.

EPIC 2015— Deadline Extended



Submissions for EPIC2015 paper & Pecha Kucha abstracts closed March 17, but online registration opens April 13. Join us in Brazil!
<http://epicpeople.org/2015>

Member Benefits —Online & On Site

When you become an inaugural member of EPIC you get 10% off conference registration, online access to all 2014 and 2015 conference video and, most important, the opportunity to support our incredible community.

Here's a preview of the terrific presentation from EPIC2014 by Julie Norvaisas and Jonathan Karpfen, "Little Data, Big Data, and Design at [LinkedIn](#)":



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