

November 2015

NAPA Notes



NAPA
National Association
for the Practice of Anthropology

Dear NAPA Members:

As usual, NAPA will have a full slate of activities for the upcoming AAA meeting in Denver. These will be mentioned elsewhere in this edition of NAPA Notes but I would like to call your attention to a few items. You are also encouraged to seek out NAPA activities on site in the published schedule.

As ever, NAPA is a leader with compelling workshops on getting published, mixed methods evaluations, and career strategies. These are all slated for Wednesday.

There are several other possibilities for the career minded. On Wednesday late afternoon, a roundtable session will discuss current issues for mid-career practitioners. Feedback from this session will loop back to NAPA, so make your voice heard! On Thursday afternoon, a special AAA installation will videotape anyone who wants to be interviewed about how they got their first non-academic job. The results will be streamed on the NAPA website early next year. And on Friday, the main event, the annual Career Expo: come and discuss career opportunities and strategies with anthropological practitioners working in a range of settings.

Related to these will be a special social event on Saturday night: NAPA will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its mentoring program, now serving as a model for other sections. This will be combined with the annual networking social event, so drop in and get connected!

NAPA has two invited sessions on the slate. On Friday late afternoon a session will cover what we do with what we find in our practice. On Saturday early morning, an important session will discuss considerations for ethical practice. I urge you to make special room on your agenda for both these sessions. Other sessions include evaluation theory and practice, cultural change, using anthropology at work, "Magical Capitalism," sustainable heritage policy, veterans' issues, and last but not least on Sunday morning, different sessions on refugees and migration.

On Friday evening, come and get updated on what is happening in NAPA at our business meeting. Immediately following will be the ever-popular biennial ceremony for the WAPA Praxis Award.

We look forward to seeing you in Denver. Don't be a stranger! If you can't make it, keep in touch via Facebook, LinkedIn, the list serv, and other NAPA media. And send in your announcements and items for the next NAPA Notes newsletter, which will be published just before the SFAA meeting next March.

John P.N. Massad, NAPA President 2014-2016



**NAPA President John Massad,
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11th year of Ethnographic Praxis celebrated in Sao Paulo Brazil; EPIC 2016 in Preparation in Minneapolis

Happy 10th birthday, EPIC! The eleventh EPIC conference was hosted October 5-8 in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

Sao Paolo brings the number of hosting continents to four; the first in the Southern Hemisphere. Under the fitting theme of “building bridges,” the Sao Paolo EPIC has brought people and industries into new conversations and many of the companies they work with are listed on the just launched and increasingly global [EPIC People Business Directory](#). Within weeks of this reading, proceedings containing all papers and Pecha Kucha abstracts will be available at [EPICpeople.org](#) to download, read, and search. Conference papers, Pecha Kucha presentations, keynotes, and tutorials were all videotaped and are now in production.

If you want a more immersive experience, become a paying member of the EPIC People community and watch the video to experience EPIC Sao Paulo; minus, of course, the whir of the cicadas, the spin of capoeira and the tang of the caipirinha.

Two new developments have been added to the year round EPIC People community: [the Business Directory](#) and [the Jobs Board](#). Job and internship seekers can register and receive immediate email notifications.

Planning for EPIC2016 is moving forward. Mark the calendar: 29 Aug–1 Sept in Minneapolis, MN.

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A [photographic essay](#) is compiled on [EPICPeople.org](#) with some impressions from the EPIC 2015 scene.

Membership Updates

NAPA is very excited to announce that a new membership committee has been organized over the summer and will gear up with proactive efforts and activities in the new year. This is by far NAPA's largest committee and their duties are far reaching.

NAPA would also like to thank all those who agreed to serve on this committee:

Co-Chairs: Kerry Fosher and Fritz Lampe

Member Welcome Team: Louise Beryl, Alessandra Rosa, Carla Pezzia, and Aisha Rios

Academic Outreach: Kerry Fosher, Carla Pezzia, Fritz Lampe, and Susan L. Schalge

Research and Survey Team: Monica Hunter, Jocelyn Huelsman, Justin Niehoff, Sheryl Horowitz, and Cassandra Workman

Directory Team: Zarla Ludin, Casey McHugh, Susan Wilson, and Susan L. Schalge

Outreach: Jocelyn Huelsman, Justin Niehoff, and Susan L. Schalge

International Outreach: Joan Mencher, Terry Majewski, and Yuichi Sekiya

Student Member Advisory Group: open

Past NAPA President Susan Squires will serve as mentor to the Committee Chairs.

There are still some open positions so consider joining this dynamic and vital group!



Looking for Instant Mentors to Volunteer at the 10th Annual NAPA/AAA Careers Expo and at the Graduate School Fair

The AAA annual meeting in Denver, CO is fast approaching! Now, more than ever, volunteers are needed to participate in several key events critical to the NAPA mission. As you all know, NAPA is run completely by volunteers who do their part to ensure NAPA's future. Just a couple hours of your time can make a big difference in making this year's AAA meeting a success.

Instant Mentors talk to students and early career professionals and give them guidance about a range of issues including courses they might want to take to enhance their future employment opportunities, places to look for jobs, ideas about their research, or any other information about their professional lives. Volunteers are needed at the following events:

- Instant Mentors to work the NAPA/AAA Careers Expo on Friday, November 20th from 10:30am to 3:30pm
- Instant Mentors to work the Grad School Fair on Saturday, November 21st from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

Volunteering for NAPA feels good, and it will give you the opportunity to meet new and interesting people, and reconnect with old friends and colleagues in an informal setting that fosters solidarity and career networking.

For more details, or to sign up for a time you would like to volunteer, please contact the NAPA Volunteer Coordinator, Jason Lind, at jasonlindo@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you in Denver!

NAPA Podcasting Project

NAPA is finalizing another set of informative career-related podcasts as a follow up to the series posted last year (see the NAPA website:

<http://practicinganthropology.org/about/archive/podcasts/>)

The new series will highlight what happens to MA applied anthropology graduates within the first year or two of graduation. Do they get the jobs they anticipated? What are their struggles and successes? These interviews should be useful to anyone entering or currently in an MA program.

The new series should launch before the end of the calendar year. Look for updates on NAPA social media and the website.

In 2016, NAPA is anticipating broadening the reach of the podcast series to include outreach to other associations and a broad range of themes, including, for example, medical, business and public-sector anthropology, reflections on anthropology blogs, issues for younger and senior anthropologists, and many other aspects of practice in the 21st Century.

NAPA-OT Field School, Guatemala



Students and practitioners seeking field experience focusing in social justice, research experience, ethnographic

methods, transdisciplinary collaboration, and international study may apply for the Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group's 4-week field school in Guatemala. The school is planned for May 30- June 24, 2016. Seminars emphasize critical theories in applied medical anthropology, approaches to social and occupational justice, and experiential learning. Learn more and to apply, visit www.NAPAOTGuatemala.org. Time is short: please apply by December 31, 2015!



All About AAA Denver: The NAPA Edition

Career Exposition

When: Nov. 20th 10:30 am to 3:30 pm

Where: The Exhibit Hall

Who: Open to all attendees

For the 10th year, NAPA and the AAA Office on Practicing and Applied Programs present the Careers Exposition at the AAA meeting in Denver, CO.

The Expo provides a singular opportunity for students and new/emerging professional anthropologists to broaden their understanding of the important and creative opportunities for using their anthropological skills. Each year the Expo features professional anthropologists who highlight some of the innovative ways that anthropologists use their skills featuring some of the many new and emerging careers paths open to professional anthropologists. Last year over 600 people attended the Expo including faculty interested in being able to share cutting edge opportunities with students.

This year, over 30 professional anthropologists in government, private sector, and non-profit careers will be available to discuss career development. NAPA will also have an instant mentoring booth at the Expo.

Watch for more information on NAPA and AAA LinkedIn pages, blogs, and, email blasts. Look for flyers at the meeting with the Expo map with this year's participants. Don't miss this important one day event!

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Special Installation

A special video installation created by NAPA members is planned for Thursday afternoon, Nov. 19 from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. (venue TBA). Drop by and spend 5-10 minutes telling us how you got your first job outside the academy; all interviews will be video recorded. The resulting product should be very useful to those seeking insights into how a variety of anthropologists got their career starts. We hope to hear your story!



Denver, CO

November 18-22 2015

113TH AAA Annual Meeting

Familiar Strange, the 2015 annual meeting theme, casts common sense in new light by making the familiar seem strange and the strange seem familiar as a venerable strategy used across anthropology's subfields.

NAPA Business Meeting & WAPA Praxis Award

Learn about your association by attending the annual NAPA Business Meeting; meet the leadership, learn about the budget, ask your burning questions!

The 2015 Praxis Award ceremony will begin immediately following the Business Meeting. This year will feature co-award recipients, along with two honorable mentions. Per tradition, awardees are not announced in advance.

WAPA would like to thank the expert jurors for serving this year's competition: Michael Agar, Dominique Desjeux, and Tracy Meerwarth Pester. Their efforts and insights are especially appreciated given the stiff competition the award generated.

Both events are slated for Friday, Nov. 20 from 7:45 to 9 pm. The venue was not announced by press time so please consult your AAA program on site.

Wondering what to do outside of the meeting? Local anthropologist and NAPA AAP Editor [John Brett weighs in on Denver good eats and drinks.](#)
<http://foodanthro.com/2015/10/07/necessary-knowledge-where-denver-anthropologists-drink-and-eat/>



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News and Announcements from the Workshops Committee

The Workshops Committee had a formidable challenge to shift to the AAA's new workshop format for the 2015 Annual Meeting. We are excited that all three of our proposed workshops were accepted for the coveted workshop slots. Each workshop topic is relevant for AAA members at all levels of their studies and careers.

- Interested in an applied anthropology career?
- Want to learn more about research methodology?
- Confused about how to get your work published?

Join NAPA for a series of engaging workshops designed to help expand your skill set and enhance your career! Register today to ensure your place, and see you at the meetings.

All workshops are slated for Wednesday, November 18.

Methods Workshop:

Mixed Method Evaluations, Qualitative, Quantitative or What?

Presented by Mary Odell Butler

8:00am to 12:00pm

For more details, see: <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/Technical-Skill-Development.cfm>

To register, go to: <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/Workshops.cfm>

Career Focus Workshop:

Applied Careers for Anthropologists: Job Search Strategies and Tips

Presented by Fatimah Williams Castro, Founder of Beyond the Tenure Track

1:00pm to 5:00pm

For more details, see: <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/Practicing-and-Applied-Career-Development.cfm>

To register, go to: <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/Workshops.cfm>

Publishing Workshop:

Getting Anthropological Writing Published

Presented by Mitch Allen from Left Coast Press, Inc.

8:00am-5:00pm

For more details, see: <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/Academic-Training-and-Career-Development.cfm>

To register, go to: <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/Workshops.cfm>

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NAPA Sessions at a Glance

(See also the workshop and other schedules above)

Wednesday, November 18

2:00 PM-3:45 PM. Session #2-0350. CURRENT ISSUES FOR MID-CAREER PRACTITIONERS

Ellen Puccia, Terry M Redding and Laurie Krieger

4:00 PM-5:45 PM. Session #2-0530. EVALUATION ANTHROPOLOGY: MEDIATING THE STRANGE AND THE FAMILIAR IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

Monica Hunter, Lenora Bohren, Mary Odell Butler and Eve C Pinsker

Thursday, November 19

12:15 PM-1:30 PM. Session #3-0660. EVALUATION ANTHROPOLOGY INTEREST GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Eve C Pinsker

12:15 PM-4:15 PM. Session #3-0740. NAPA GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

John P. N. Massad

1:45 PM-3:30 PM. Session #3-1035. AAA Installation. PRACTITIONER BEGINNINGS: HOW I GOT MY JOB OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY

Terry M Redding

1:45 PM-3:30 PM. Session #3-0775. CULTURAL CHANGE: DISRUPTION, INNOVATION AND AGENCY IN SOCIAL LIFE

Patricia Ensworth and Maryann McCabe

Friday, November 20

8:00 AM-9:45 AM. Session #4-0020. USING ANTHROPOLOGY AT WORK: ORGANIZATION, DESIGN, AND TECHNOLOGY

Jo Aiken, Emilie H Hitch and Laurie Krieger

8:00 AM-9:45 AM. Session #4-0175. MAGICAL CAPITALISM: MAKING FAMILIAR ECONOMIES STRANGE (PART 1)

Brian D. Moeran, Timothy de Waal Malefyt and Karen Z Ho

10:15 AM-12:00 PM. Session #4-0505. MAGICAL CAPITALISM: MAKING FAMILIAR CULTURAL PRODUCTION STRANGE (PART 2)

Timothy de Waal Malefyt and Brian D. Moeran

10:30 AM-3:30 PM. Session #4-0640. 10th ANNUAL AAA/NAPA CAREERS EXPO: EXPOLORING PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

Cathleen Crain

3:30 PM-5:00 PM. Session #4-1175. Invited NAPA Session: IMPLEMENTATION PRACTICE: WHAT DO WE DO WITH WHAT WE FOUND OUT?

Kevin Preister and Elizabeth K. Briody

3:30 PM-5:00 PM. Session #4-1310. WHAT IS HERITAGE? BRIDGING THE STRANGE AND FAMILIAR IN INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE HERITAGE POLICY

Michael A. Di Giovine, Teresita Majewski, NajwaAdra, Antoinette T Jackson, Flordeliz T. Bugarin and Mary Strong

7:45 PM-9:00 PM. Session #4-1530. NAPA BUSINESS MEETING AND PRESENTATION OF THE WAPA PRAXIS AWARD

John P. N. Massad, Terry M Redding and Ellen Puccia

Saturday, November 21

8:00 AM-9:45 AM. Session #5-0010. Invited NAPA Session: DO NO HARM AND BEYOND: CONSIDERATIONS FOR ETHICAL PRACTICE ACROSS THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL ENDEAVOR

Chad T Morris, Steven P Black, Mary K Anglin, Kehli Henry, John P. N. Massad, Ellen Puccia and Nathaniel Tashima

10:15 AM-12:00 PM. Session #5-0600. FACING THE FAMILIAR STRANGE: VETERANS' LIFE AFTER THE MILITARY

Margeaux A Chavez and Karen Besterman-Dahan

7:45 PM-10:00 PM. Session #5-1335. NAPA NETWORKING SOCIAL AND NAPA MENTORING 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Ellen Puccia, John P. N. Massad and Nathaniel Tashima

Sunday, November 22

8:00 AM-9:45 AM. Session #6-0055. THE REFUGEE EXPERIENCE: ADAPTING TO LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES

Andrew S Nelson

10:15 AM-12:00 PM. Session #6-0260. MIGRATION AND CHANGE

Andrew R McWilliam and Leela K Tanikella