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To: AAA Executive Board & Kathy Ano, AAA Liaison
From: George J. Armelagos, Awards Committee Chair

Re: report from the 2009 AAA Awards Committee

I. Actions at the Spring EB Meeting
The Awards Committee (George J. Armelagos, Chair, Lisa Markowitz, Mimi Nichter, Carlos G. Velez-Ibáñez and Linda Zigenbein) met by teleconference on 4/24/2009, prior to the AAA spring EB meeting, to evaluate the nominations for the AAA/Oxford undergraduate teaching award, the Boas Award, the Anthropology in the Media (AIME) award, and to review and act on the recommendations of the Textor Prize. We also discussed recommendations from the SfAA for the Mead Award for 2009.

1) AAA/Oxford University Press Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching of Anthropology in anthropology: Maria Davoren Vesperi

2) Boas Prize for service to Anthropology: Jane Hill

3) Anthropology in the Media award (AIME): John Noble Wilford

4) The Textor Prize committee received only two nominations and decided to make no awards for 2009: Alexander Laban Hinton

5) The Margaret Mead Award committee was composed of George J. Armelagos, chair, Peter J. Brown, John P. N. Massad, and Nancy Parezo. Peter brown was appointed after the resignation of Lisa Markowitz.

There were ten nominations for the award. The selection was unanimous.

The recommendation of the Margaret Mead Award which is offered jointly by the AAA and the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA): Sverker Finnström, Uppsala University, for his study Living with Bad Surroundings: War, History, and Everyday Moments in Northern Uganda (Durham: Duke University Press, 2008).

New appointment: Lisa Markowitz has resigned from the committee. Anne Grauer was appointed to fill this position.