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Membership:
Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 157
List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
As noted in Ed Liebow’s e-mail of 15 September 2014, AAA has been revising and correcting the AAA membership database, thus part of the decrease is due to new procedures being implemented.

Finances:
Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 19,324.62
Publication Sponsored budgets.
Incomplete
List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
The decrease in membership.

Sessions:
List the titles of your Section's AAA meeting invited sessions, co-sponsored sessions, and any special events your Section sponsored or in which it participated.
Session Type: Invited
Session: December 4, Placing Economic Imaginaries in Latin America

Session Type: Invited
Session: December 4, Latin@s and the Media: Cultural Politics, Representation, and Production

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: December 4, Latino Identity Formation and Memory

Session Type: Invited
Session: December 5, Lived Experiences in Diverse Latin@ Communities: Producing Theories Across Multiple Social Settings and Geographical Contexts

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: December 6, U.S. Latino and Migrant Youth Experiences and Engagements

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: ALLA Book Award
Date: 12/05/2014
Recipient: Gilberto Rosas (First Place),
Affiliation: Univ. Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Book

Award: ALLA Book Award
Date: 12/05/2014
Recipient: Anahi Viladrich (Second Place)
Affiliation: CUNY
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Book

Award: ALLA Book Award
Date: 12/05/2014
Recipient: Ramon Rivera-Servera (Second Place)
Affiliation: Northwestern Univ
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Book

Meetings

Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?
No

If granted, who/what was it/they used for?
Incomplete

List spring meeting activities
Incomplete

Mentorship:

Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following (e.g., special activities, funding, awards, guidance/advising on professional matters, etc.) Undergraduate and/or graduate students.

1. December 6, Supporting the Next Generation of Latina/o Anthropologists: An ALLA Mentoring Event
The event involved the pairing of a set of established scholars with two graduate student each. We asked the established scholars to commit to sustaining on-going contact with their respective graduate students.

2. ALLA continues to foster the mentorship of graduate students and junior faculty. One mechanism pursued by ALLA is to build-in continuity in leadership. Graduate students and junior faculty are engaged initially in supportive roles regarding several of the committees,
and then in the second or third year assume more central leadership roles in the respective committee. ALLA pursued this mentoring model initially with the Contributing Editor position related to Anthropology News. Over the past four years, the lead role as Contributing Editor has transitioned across three individuals. The current lead Contributing Editor was the Co-Contributing Editor last year, and the past lead Contributing Editor will now serve as the Co-Contributing Editor. It is anticipated that in 2015 the latter person will step aside and allow another individual to become Co-Contributing Editor, and then in 2016 or 2017 that person will assume the lead position.

The continuity consists in having a junior person learn as much as possible about the tasks in the respective committee, then assume the lead role, and in the process transfer that knowledge to another junior person.

ALLA is pursuing a similar model with the Program Committee.

In 2014, an ABD graduate student joined the ALLA Book Award Committee, and participated in the selection of the 2013-2014 Book Award.

The first place winner of the 2012 Book Award was invited to participate in the 2013-2014 Book Award Committee, and actively participated in the selection of the 2013-2014 Book Award. The winner of the 2013-2014 Book Award agreed to participate in the 2015 Book Award Committee. Similar to above, ALLA’s strategy is to foster continuity and engagement with ALLA.

**Early career scholars.**

See above

**Independent scholars.**

Not applicable

**Outreach:**

Additional outreach efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to other sections, interest groups, and scholarly societies, government agencies, public education/community engagement, and underrepresented minorities.

ALLA applied for and received an AAA 2014 Public Engagement Grant.

We held the "Artivists in DC: Producing Knowledge, Community and Art for Social Justice" on December 6th from 7:00-9:00p.m. The event was held at Haydee’s Restaurant in Columbia Heights.

Local artivists (artists and activist), Quique Aviles (Salvadorian Poet, Actor & Community Activist), Paso Nuevo from Gala Hispanic Theater (Youth Performance Art Group), and Son Cosita Seria Son Jarocho of DC (Collective of Mexican and Latino Musicians), performed and discussed how they and others collaboratively engage and organize around issues impacting local communities, including the gentrification of working-class
community and immigrant/worker's rights, through music, dance, art, poetry, and more
"traditional" organizing practices, such as protests and other direct action strategies.

Communications:

Status and use of Section internal communications such as a website, list serve, or newsletter (if applicable): Please list internal communication tools you use and what they are used for.

As already noted, in 2014 ALLA made a concerted effort to utilize the listserve to communicate information regarding jobs and funding opportunities to members.

- We also view the ALLA website as an important vehicle to communicate with interested parties the activities underway by ALLA, as well as the scholarship generated by its members. ALLA hopes to make the ALLA website an important source for anthropological research by Latinas/os, as well about the Latino experience in the United States, and the linkages to transnational dimensions of that experience.

- During 2014 ALLA maintained a Facebook and Twitter account. We plan to more aggressively utilize these to communicate ALLA activities, and generate greater interest in the scholarship of ALLA members. The individual contracted regarding the ALLA website will provide some support regarding these forms of communication.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

In 2014 we did not revise the ALLA Bylaws, However, at the Board Meeting in December, we discussed and voted on the rewording of the ALLA Mission in order to make it more concise and easier to communicate. In 2015, ALLA members will be asked to vote on the proposed revised mission statement.

Initiatives:

What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

- Based on the 2014 Board and Business meetings, ALLA will pursue the following initiatives over the next two years:

  a) Allow ALLA members to vote on the revised ALLA mission statement;

  b) Continue the redesign the ALLA website to better represent the activities of ALLA, and the scholarship of ALLA members;

  c) We will continue the mentoring activity initiated at the December conference for all of 2015.

Ask AAA:

Please tell us what your chief concerns and issues are, especially if they are not previously noted.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Section Assembly Executive Committee (SAEC)? Please be specific.
none at this time

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.

none at this time

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.

ALLA recommends the effort initiated in 2014 to make the AAA databases accurately searchable when names containing accents, tildes, and other grammatical markers be continued.