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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 253

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
Not applicable

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 4,721

Publication Sponsored budgets.
Incomplete

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
Not applicable

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: Other
Session: (Organized by ASAP) BEING IN IT BUT NOT OF IT. FROM THE POWER OF INFORMANTS TO THE INFORMANTS IN POWER IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER: Mariella Pandolfi, Janine R Wedel, Laetitia Atlani-Duault, Michel Agier, Marc Abeles, Pierre H Minn and Lynda Dematteo

Session Type: Other
Session: (Organized by ASAP) STATE REGULATORY POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND THE POLITICS OF INTERVENTION: Patricia Ensworth, Cris Shore, Sarbani Chakraborty, Andrew Tarter, William V. Pavlovich, Erica Farmer, and Michiel Swinkels

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: ANTHROPOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMS: Linda Abarbanell, Vania Smith-Oka, Oscar F Gil-Garcia, Koki Seki, and Craig Hughes

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: IMPACTS, INTERPRETATIONS AND SETBACKS OF CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMS: AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT APPROACH: Emmanuelle Piccoli, Jean-Pierre OLIVIER de SARDAN, Andres Dapuez, Fiona Amalia Samuels, Nicola Jones, Audrey Papucci, Freddy Houngbe, Palamanga Lompo, Maurice Yameogo, Myriam Ait Aissa, Patrick Kolsteren, Norma Belen Correra Aste, Terry Roopnaraine, and Nora Nagels

Session Type: Other
Session: (Organized by ASAP) MIGRATION AND DIVERSITY: POLICY REFRACTIONS AND PRODUCTIONS IN EAST ASIA: David W Haines, Jijiao Zhang, Masako Kudo, Yanzhong Wang, Yuk Wah Chang, and En-Chieh Chao

Session Type: Other
Session: (Organized by ASAP and co-sponsored by AAA Committee on Practicing Applied and Public Interest Anthropology) PRODUCING THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF POLICY ACROSS THE DISCIPLINE: Shirley J Fiske, Peter W Van Arsdale, Mary Odell Butler, Jennifer G Curtis, Lisa M Simeone, Douglas A Feldman, Kevin Preister, David Lewis, Kerry B Fosher and Marietta L Baba

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: PRESENT POLICY, ABSENT POLICY: ETHNOGRAPHIES OF POLICY-MAKING IN SOUTH ASIA: Aaron Mulvany, Stephen M Lyon, Ramya Swayamprakash, Jakob Williams, Shelley Feldman, and David Gilmartin

Session Type: Other
Session: (Sponsored by ASAP) GLITCHES, ROLLOUTS AND STAKEHOLDERS: THE
SOCIAL LIFE OF POLICY JARGON: Steven Sampson, Cris Shore, Jill P. Koyama, Hulya Demiridirek, Jericho Burg, Zeb Rifaqat, and Jon Harald Sande Lie

Session Type: Volunteered

Session Type: Other
Session: (Sponsored by ASAP) MEETING ETHNOGRAPHY: ANTHROPOLOGY IN/OF A UBIQUITOUS POLICY CONTEXT: Renita Thedvall, Jen Sandler, Christina Garsten, Nancy Kendall, and Dani O'Brien

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: BORDER STUDIES REVISITED: MIGRATION AND BORDER REGIME RESEARCH AS METHOD FOR A CRITICAL POLICY ANALYSIS: Maria Schwertl, Sabine Hess, Greg Feldman, and Marietta L Baba

Session Type: Other
Session: (Organized by ASAP) NEGOTIATING PUBLIC POLICY: ACTORS, KNOWLEDGE AND CONTESTED POLITICAL FIELDS: Todd Sanders, Cris Shore, Elizabeth Hall, Theodore Powers, Francis Bruce Prior, Yanna Lambrinidou, Jaclyn Rohel, and Rebecca Lynn Young

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: BUYING EMPOWERMENT: Christopher Michael Partridge, Janine R Wedel, Jerry Allen Moles, Andres Dapuez, Sidra Lawrence, Ruth Mandel, and Emily Vargas-Baron

Awards
  List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
  None

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
  Plans for Denver Annual Meeting: The ASAP Board discussed a possible featured session on “The State of Cannabis Policy.” ASAP is looking to combine resources with other sections for a featured panel and speaker(s) from the Denver area. Logical partners in this endeavor might be SMA (Society for Medical Anthropology), SPA (Society for Psychological Anthropology), APLA, and NAPA (National Association for Practicing Anthropologists). Several sections could also jointly fund a reception.

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. In past years we have conducted workshops targeted for graduate students and junior scholars. At our 2014 Annual Meeting, ASAP’s board decided that awarding graduate student prizes for papers or articles should be as key priority once the Section’s financial reserves can sustain it. Several board members are preparing a draft document on the matter for submission to the ASAP board.

2. Rebecca Peters, chair of the ASAP Committee for Public Policy School Outreach, is putting together a database of anthropologists with positions inside policy schools/departments. At least three board members (and a number of members) teach either in policy schools or in multidisciplinary schools, working with students in policy programs not from anthropology. ASAP is well positioned to develop a graduate curriculum/reading course/information source for policy scholars on how they can incorporate anthropology of policy perspectives into their courses or policy curriculum. Such materials could be disseminated through articles in policy magazines and journals, as well as a webpage.

3. In 2014 Rebecca Peters continued her outreach effort for ASAP. She is preparing a manuscript for the PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review, that draws from the ASAP public policy school panel at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Early career scholars.
Our leadership is involved in publishing special issues of non-anthropology journals based on ASAP panels, editing the Stanford University Press book series in the anthropology of policy, and teaching anthropology of policy to anthropology and non-anthropology students, as well as to current and future practitioners. We also are working with junior and senior scholars across the Atlantic and the Pacific with the goal of building a global community of scholars interested in the anthropology of policy.

Independent scholars.
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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.
1. **Outreach within anthropology.** A priority for ASAP is to cosponsor as many as possible panels, roundtables, and other activities with other sections. We are in touch with other sections, including the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, the Society for the Anthropology of Europe, and the Council on the Anthropology of Education. Treasurer Carol MacLennan submitted a budget to AAA for 2015 at $1500, from which expenditures for receptions and other activities could be drawn.

2. **Anthropology of Policy book series:** One of our board members, Cris Shore, together with Susan Wright, edit an Anthropology of Policy series at Stanford University Press (http://www.sup.org/anthropolicy). The series seeks to promote innovative work that helps advance the anthropology of policy.

3. **International outreach.** We have contacts with colleagues, scholarly societies, and their conferences in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, and South Korea. Outside of anthropology, ASAP leaders are active in the American Political Science Association’s working group on political ethnography, the International Studies Association, the Interpretive Policy Analysis conference, and the latter’s nascent offshoots in the Australian Political Studies Association and the New Zealand Political Studies Association, among others.

4. **Dialogue with other disciplines and policy practitioners.** We aim to stimulate dialogue between anthropology and disciplines such as political science and sociology and between the academic world and those of government officials and other practitioners. Toward these ends, our leadership is involved in publishing special issues of non-anthropology journals based on ASAP panels, editing the Stanford University Press book series in the anthropology of policy (see above), and teaching anthropology of policy to anthropology and non-anthropology students, as well as to current and future practitioners. We also are working with junior and senior scholars across the Atlantic and the Pacific with the goal of building a global community of scholars interested in the anthropology of policy. In 2014 Rebecca Peters continued her outreach effort for ASAP. She is preparing a manuscript for the *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, that draws from the ASAP public policy school panel at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

5. **ASAP column in Anthropology News.** The column helps promote ASAP’s perspectives and research. Our new editor, board member Bill Beeman plans to solicit members for their contributions on current research in the anthropology of policy. In an effort to make use of the new e-publishing policy of *AN*, which allows for more frequent publishing electronically, the editor plans to contact section members via ASAP’s new list serve to encourage more members to submit texts about their work and findings, as well as to reach out to other sections and interest groups. Ideas for upcoming articles include summaries of books published in the Stanford University Press series and elsewhere, Rebecca Peter’s article in POLAR; and greatest hits from ASAP events at the 2014 meeting.

**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.
With the help of board member and ASAP communications director David Haines, we launched a new website (http://aaa-asap.org/) this past year. At the Annual Meeting we discussed the work still needed to bolster its content. This includes compiling updated syllabi from courses where anthropology of policy is a main or large component. The education committee is slated to begin this task.

Another goal is to update bibliography previously posted. The idea is to make them available to scholars to aid in the development of new courses in the anthropology of policy or in the inclusion of a policy section in other courses. We may also link our website to those of related organizations and activities.

In addition to redesigning the website, David Haines created a list serve for ASAP members (asaplistmanager@gmail.com). It is used to call for panel ideas for the Annual Meeting, candidates for office, and articles for the *AN*. It is also sometimes used to post related conferences, publications, initiatives, and other section news.

**Governance:**

**Changes in bylaws or governance structure.**

Not applicable

**Initiatives:**

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

1. Plans for Denver Annual Meeting: The ASAP Board discussed a possible featured session on “The State of Cannabis Policy.” ASAP is looking to combine resources with other sections for a featured panel and speaker(s) from the Denver area. Logical partners in this endeavor might be SMA (Society for Medical Anthropology), SPA (Society for Psychological Anthropology), APLA, and NAPA (National Association for Practicing Anthropologists). Several sections could also jointly fund a reception.

2. Please also see the list of activities detailed under Outreach.

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**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.
1. One of our chief frustrations is the difficulty of inviting non-anthropologists (be they other academics or practitioners) to the AAA annual meeting without their having to join the AAA and pay costly membership and conference fees. This AAA policy makes it very difficult for ASAP to fulfil some of its objectives (that would enrich anthropology as a whole), including multidisciplinary dialogue and the inclusion of practitioners and anthropologists from abroad whose travel costs are considerable, if not prohibitive. We are a section with a sizable membership outside of the United States.

   It would be difficult to overstate the importance to ASAP of breaking down this barrier.

This issue is especially difficult for a young organization with few funds. We would like to request help in attracting non-members and international members to our meetings, through an AAA waiver or reduction of fees.

   We note that both EASA (the European Association of Social Anthropologists) and several political science associations have found a way around this problem.

2. Co-sponsorship of panels with other sections should be easier and a more frequent occurrence. Co-sponsorship could be better encouraged by allowing more co-sponsored panels per section.

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

We would like to request AAA help in attracting to our ASAP panels, roundtables, and other activities at the annual meeting: (1) non-member government officials, policy specialists from other professional associations, national and international policy leaders from the public and private sectors, politicians, and other practitioners; (2) members of other disciplines; and (3) international non-members or members who face costly travel expenses.

   We kindly ask that the AAA consider waiving or substantially reducing fees for such participants.

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

   Graduate students have been experiencing hardship in signing up for membership in ASAP: some have told us they gave up entirely. Please correct this and make the system user friendly for students!