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Membership:
Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 532

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: 3934.01

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: Volunteered
Session: ANALYZING WORDS: LOOKING INWARD (ANTHROPOLOGY AND EDUCATION) AND OUTWARD (FOOD AND HEALTH)

Session Type: Invited
Session: POLYVOCAL TRANSCRIPTS: PRODUCING INTERSUBJECTIVE KNOWLEDGE IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Linguistic Anthropology
Session: SEMIOTICS, MEDIATION, AND COMMUNICATIVE ENCOUNTERS: THE
SOCIETY FOR LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST PANEL

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: PEOPLE TALKING AND FEELING: STUDENT RESEARCH IN DISPARATE CONTEXTS

Session Type: Invited
Session: Old and new hierarchies of higher education and the future of the anthropological profession

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: PRODUCING ANTHROPOLOGY AS DISCIPLINE AND PERSPECTIVE

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: THE SOCIAL MOVEMENTS OF (AND PARTICIPATION IN) HEALTH AND POLITICAL

Session Type: Invited
Session: PRODUCING IDENTITY IN THE FIELD: IMPACTS ON METHODS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: ACCESS AND INTAKE: EXPLORATIONS THROUGH SPACE, PLACE, AND COMMUNITY

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: AES-NASA Emerging Leader
Date: 12/01/2014
Recipient: Aries de la Cruz
Affiliation: Rutgers University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Not applicable

Award: SLACA-NASA Emerging Leader
Date: 12/01/2014
Recipient: Kristen Connors
Affiliation: University of Louisville
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Not applicable

Award: NASA Emerging Leader
Date: 12/01/2014
Recipient: Joel Thomas
Affiliation: University of Louisville
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Not applicable

Award: SVA-NASA Emerging Leader
Date: 12/01/2014
Recipient: Isabella Alexander
Meetings
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?
Yes
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?
Emerging Leaders in Anthropology Program meetings waiver requests:
-- Aries de la Cruz
-- Isabella Alexander
-- Joel Thomas
-- Kristen Connors

List spring meeting activities
Not applicable.

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.
NASA's Emerging Leaders in Anthropology Program (ELAP) for undergraduate and graduate students includes a mentorship component, matching award winners with experienced professionals to help them work on a project of their design, eventually leading to publication. The four 2014 ELAP winners were acquainted with their respective mentors through the AES, NASA, SLACA, and SVA sections at the 2014 AAAs.

Additionally, at the 2014 AAA meetings in Washington, D.C., NASA continued an event we offered the previous year--a Peer Mentoring Event designed to provide both undergraduate and graduate students with the opportunity to learn from more experienced students about a variety of topics. Topics included:
-How to get admitted into grad school / How to apply to grad school
-Juggling education and family
-How to get published while a student
-How to turn your interests into a research project
-How to survive fieldwork
-How to get funding for research/fieldwork as an undergrad/grad
-How and why to present at conferences
-How to get a job after graduation
-How to market your skills as an anthropologist
-Post-docs

-Non-traditional ("older") / returning student support

This event was quite successful at providing attending students with support and advice. **Early career scholars.**

We award four large travel grants each year under the Emerging Leaders in Anthropology Program. In addition, we link program participants with mentors to advance their projects. **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.

We continue to count our Emerging Leaders program among our outreach efforts to other sections. The program brings focus to student issues within the larger AAA. In addition to ELAP, many members of our board have been active in the contemporary concerns within the US over the use of force by law enforcement officers, a point that was emphasized during the meetings through forms of protest.

**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.

URL: http://www.studentanthropologists.org/ hosted at https://studentanthropologists.wordpress.com/ (section website-external)
http://studentanthropologist.wordpress.com/ (section journal's website-external)
https://www.google.com/drive/students.anthropology (section owned drive -internal board coordination)
https://www.google.com/drive/vfisacks (section officer's personal drive -internal board coordination)
https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/nasa-list (ListServ)
https://twitter.com/NASStudentAnthro (General announcements - Internal constituency and External general publics)
https://twitter.com/Student_Anthro (Journal - Internal constituency and External general publics)
https://plus.google.com/u/0/108144399424640574564/posts (Google+ - Internal constituency and External general publics)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/46461027296/ (Facebook - Internal constituency and External general publics)
https://www.dropbox.com/ (Various individual board members personal Dropbox's for internal board coordination)

NOTE: We are also transitioning out of using Alex Orona's Dropbox account. I'm not sure if we will be purchasing our own Dropbox for NASA OR if we will be solely using the Google account attached to "students.anthropology@gmail.com" as our master cloud storage.
Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
No changes to the governance structure were made last year.

However we are considering changes for this year such as separating the Secretary-Treasurer posting into two separate postings to mirror other sections, as well as possibly turning the Communications/Web posting into an elected/voting position. These would require amending the Bylaws.

Initiatives:

What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
This year, the new leadership in NASA has decided to directly assess the interests of our constituency in order to create new meaningful initiatives. To meet that goal, we have polled our members about important decisions related to earlier initiatives, such as our interactive forum on our website.

All officers are currently in the process of collaboratively writing an editorial for our Anthropology News column, which will solicit further feedback from our constituency. Our on-going initiatives include increasing our social media presence through outlets such as the aforementioned forum, Facebook, our new Twitter account, and other potential outlets. Our editorial represents dual functions: it solicits student input, and showcases our under-utilized column as an avenue for making student voices heard.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of NASA, and we are in the preliminary stages of planning for an event at the AAA meeting in Denver, to reflect this milestone.

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.
Not applicable.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.
Not applicable.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.
Not applicable.