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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 310

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
This figures comes from the Sept 2014 report and represents the lowest figure in years. An important factor--but surely not the only one--in declining numbers for the SAE (and other sections), and one mentioned at the Section Assembly in Washington, DC, is the process of eliminating redundancies, etc., undertaken by the relevant AAA office.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 33,485
Publication Sponsored budgets.
None.

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
The figure given above is higher than that given in last year's report, but the number comes from a fall report, so it is unclear how much the cost of the 2014 annual meeting will reduce the sum. On one hand, declining membership has a negative impact on SAE finances; on the other, a number of initiatives (such as a sustaining membership category, fees for entrants for the annual book prize, and SAE membership as a pre-requisite for awards other than the book award) may well be buoying our finances.

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:** THE POLITICAL MATERIALITY OF BORDERS

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** INDIGNANT PERIPHERIES: PROTEST POLITICS, HISTORICAL IMAGINATION AND CONTESTED FUTURES OF NEW EUROPE

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** REFRAMING EUROPE'S SOUTH: ANTHROPOLOGIES ACROSS "P.I.G.S."

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** CULTURAL HERITAGE IN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES AND SPACES: CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF FOUR-FIELD EUROPEANIST ANTHROPOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** BEYOND NOSTALGIA: OTHER HISTORICAL EMOTIONS

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** PROTEST AND RESISTANCE IN AN ERA OF AUSTERITY: ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVES FROM EUROPE

**Session Type:** Invited Co-Sponsored with SAFN  
**Session:** FOOD ACTIVISM IN EUROPE: NETWORKS, ALLIANCES, STRATEGIES

**Session Type:** Invited Co-Sponsored with SLA  
**Session:** TALK IN CRISIS: HATE SPEECH, RELIGIOUS OFFENSE AND THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF COMMUNICATION IN EUROPE

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** THE POLITICS OF THE PITCH: ANTHROPOLOGICAL ENCOUNTERS WITH SOCCER

**Session Type:** Invited  
**Session:** MEDITERRANEANIST ANTHROPOLOGY

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** SECULAR EUROPE?: WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHO?

**Session Type:** Special Events  
**Session:** DISPLACEMENT, MIGRATION, AND EXCLUSION IN EUROPE

**Session Type:** Special Events  
**Session:** SAE Luncheon Roundtable- Migrants and City-Making Processes in Times of Crisis
Session Type: Special Events
Session: SAE Luncheon Roundtable- Crisis and Livelihoods in the European South

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SAE Luncheon Roundtable- Crossing the Divide: Looking at the Social(ist) in East and West

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SAE Luncheon Roundtable- Health, Gender, and Immigration in the European Union

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SAE Luncheon Roundtable- Producing Knowledge: Novel Sites and sources

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SAE Luncheon Roundtable- Professional Development and the Job Market: Prospects and Strategies for Early-Career Europeanists

Session Type: Special Events
Session: ROUNDTABLE OF SAE GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE FINALISTS

Session Type: Special Events
Session: WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE: "ACCELERATED CHANGE AND THE CRISIS OF EUROPEAN IDENTITIES" BY PROF. THOMAS HYLLAND ERIKSEN

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: PLACE-MAKING, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
Award: William A. Douglass Distinguished Lecture
Date: 12/06/2014
Recipient: Thomas Hylland Eriksen
Affiliation: University of Oslo
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Accelerated Change and the Crisis of European Identities

Award: William A. Douglass Book Prize
Date: 12/05/2014
Recipient: Krisztina Fehervery
Affiliation: University of Michigan
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Politics in Color and Concrete: Socialist Materialities and the Middle Class in Hungary

Award: SAE/CES Pre-dissertation Fellowship
Date: 12/05/2014
Recipient: Grace Gu  
Affiliation: NYU  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Work, Migration and Crisis in Spain: Evaluating the Eurozone Economic Model in Cultural Context

Award: SAE Graduate Student Paper Prize  
Date: 12/05/2014  
Recipient: Chelsi West  
Affiliation: University of Texas-Austin  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Anthropologist Takes the Stand: Thoughts on Race, Belonging, and Ethnography in Albania

Meetings

Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
Yes  
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?  
Yes, we applied for and received a registration waiver for Thomas Eriksen, who gave the William A. Douglass distinguished lecture.

List spring meeting activities  
NA

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. We offer an annual graduate student paper prize (described above under awards). The winner receives support to attend the AAA meeting and gives a short presentation at the general business meeting.

2. The six thematic luncheon roundtables listed above (under sessions) brought together students (mostly graduate) and early career/independent scholars with mid-career or senior anthropologist discussion leaders in an informal setting. Students pay a significantly reduced fee for the luncheon.

3. One of the six roundtables specifically addressed the theme of entering the academic job market as a Europeanist.

4. An additional table at the event was made up of the finalists for the graduate student paper prize (described under awards) and SAE executive members involved in the selection process.

5. The SAE student representative continues to gather information via survey and informal conversations with graduate students regarding mentoring (among other themes) and offers relevant support where possible. At this year's annual meeting, this included the roundtable devoted to the job market and an off-site social event (which due to unforeseen circumstances was cancelled).

6. The student representative is also charged with collecting the titles of recent dissertations
in the field of Europeanist anthropology.

**Early career scholars.**

Several of the items listed above apply to early career scholars (see 2, 3, and 6).

**Independent scholars.**

Of the items listed above, 2 and 3 may apply to independent scholars. We do not, however, offer events specifically tailored to this category.

**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.

When appropriate, we (or, the program chair, to be specific) solicit or entertain co-sponsorship for sessions and events. This year SLA and SAFN co-sponsored two of our sessions. The new Association for the Anthropology of Policy did not have funding sufficient to formally co-sponsor our annual William Douglass distinguished lecture, but did publicize the event among its members. In addition we have links to CES (Council for European Studies), with whom we award one pre-dissertation fellowship annually. Owing to overlapping membership on other executive committees, we also have variable communication with other AAA sections and interest groups. Finally, we are in contact with the EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists); in fact, this past July several members of the SAE executive committee with EASA counterparts at the conference in Tallinn.

**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.

We utilize any number of forms of communication within our ranks and with others. The executive committee communicates via a dedicated group email (SAE-Exec). Our secretary is responsible for placing section related material in Anthropology News. We continue to improve our webpage. The listserv, H-SAE, allows us to share messages, announcements, etc. with interested parties (SAE membership is not required to receive the listserv messages). The new format of H-NET allows for the "daily digest," that is, email notifications of items of relevance, such as calls for papers, etc. Our webmasters will soon be able to send out blast emails, about once a month, to the membership using the list provided by the AAA membership department. Finally, starting early in the year (2014) we now spread the word via social media, namely Twitter and Facebook.

**Governance:**

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

NA

**Initiatives:**

What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
The SAE has a number of ongoing and new initiatives. 1) We continue to support Berghahn's European Anthropology in Translation series, in the form of editorial and review support. We have asked ourselves whether and to what extent the SAE should provide funds to the project. 2) We continue to support graduate students through the events and initiatives described above, including the pre-dissertation fellowship and the graduate student paper prize. 3) We continue to support scholarship via the Douglass book prize and distinguished lecture. 4) Our new social media presence has been a success, so we will continue to pursue emerging avenues for communication. 5) Frustrated by the cost of meeting events involving meals, we have taken to organizing events offsite (e.g., luncheon roundtables). However, given the drawbacks of this approach (the cumbersome registration process, research required, financial exposure for the program chair elect responsible for organizing the event, among others), we are exploring other ways to foster informally or semi-formal ways to provide communication and mentorship. 6) At the initiative of the program chair, we have begun to use GoogleDrive as a repository or sorts for SAE history.

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. The high-handed manner in which Mary Gray, program chair for the 2014 annual meeting, acted caused our own program chair (and program chair-elect) no end of problems. These issues are well known and were in fact aired at the Section Assembly. While some of the changes were for the better, the SAE continues to experience significant and persistent scheduling issues. This year alone these included multiple sessions scheduled at the same time; main events (our distinguished lecture, to which we devote considerable resources) relegated to the unpopular late Saturday evening time slot; having our executive committee meeting initially assigned to the same time as the Section Assembly meeting, and so on. We acknowledge the meeting has grown in complexity, but there should be a way to avoid the most egregious of these conflicts.

2. At the SA meeting in Washington, the idea of extending the annual meeting was floated (the idea being that workshops would start on Tuesday). The SAE opposes this notion in the strongest possible terms.

3. The template for this annual report could use some serious upgrading. This year and last I have experience glitches and freezes while filling out the report, requiring me to log out and back in again and engage in retyping material. Large sections of the report, such as listing all section sessions and events, require what is essentially a copy/paste exercise, yet the tool only permits pasting for certain items. All this means that the report requires far more time than it should.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.
1. We have experienced significant and persistent problems accessing materials in archived Anthropology News issues. Instead of being easy to locate, items from even recent issues can be challenging to find. This reflects a larger problem with the functionality of nearly all aspects of the AAA website.

2. Please do not monopolize the primest of times (e.g., Saturday evening) for AAA executive/sponsored events. It is important to realize that most people attend the annual meeting in order to network with like minded individuals, not review events of a general anthropological nature. This year's scheduling mandates required us to bump our own very expensive distinguished lecture to the unfavorably late hour of 8:30 and resulted in reduced attendance.

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

1. To repeat an idea from last year's report, it would be great if the AAA could arrange some kind of electronic storage ability for sections and interest groups and other AAA components. Continuity is a real challenge when executive board members cycle on and off and meet perhaps once a year briefly. The SAE has started to use a shared Google Drive, but this option is not without its problems/limitations as well. It would behoove the AAA to look into this.

2. See number 3 above regarding the functionality of the annual report tool.