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Membership:
Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 285

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
SEA section membership experienced slight growth from last year. The latest numbers received from AAA indicate growth in student members and decline in general members. However, this may be an artifact of AAA’s audit of membership that may have reclassified members. In the prior year there was no inclusion of student members. Thus, the latest numbers are probably a more accurate depiction of actual membership. Good growth in membership has occurred since SEA became a section of AAA; more than doubling since 2/13. Visibility of SEA among AAA sections, growing interest in economic issues and global inequality, continued good attendance at SEA spring conference and now having sponsored sessions at the AAAs, and the launch of our new journal in 2014 may be factors increasing membership.

Finances:
Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 11709

Publication Sponsored budgets.
Not applicable

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
SEA's financial balance has grown from $9,434 in 9/13 to $11,709 in 9/14. The gain is primarily from growing membership, a slight profit on the SEA spring conference, royalty revenue received in 2014 from the SEA monograph series, and somewhat lower website expenses than anticipated. We have incurred greater than expected costs for copyediting for the new journal, Economic Anthropology, and those costs will continue to rise, especially if we pursue having 2 issues a year. These costs may necessitate consideration of increasing member dues and meeting registration fees, both of which are reasonably low (especially
member dues compared to other publishing sections).

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: EMERGING MARKETS: FROM PILLOW GOLD TO TIME BANKS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: COMMUNITIES AND COMMODITIES, PART 1: EMERGENT, COLLECTIVE, AND COALESCENT FIELDS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: NEW HUMAN ECONOMIES

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with AfAA
Session: WORLD ORDERS BEFORE IT WAS NEW: ENDURING PRECURSORS TO NEOLIBERALISM

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: REMUNERATIONS: MEASURING WORK'S WORTH

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: COMMUNITIES AND COMMODITIES, PART 2: CONTENTION AND ACCOMMODATION

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Visual Anthropology
Session: FIGURING EXPERT AND EVERYDAY ECONOMIES: REPRESENTATIONS/INTERVENTIONS

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with SfAA
Session: WHEN PASTORAL TERRITORIES BECOME 'PROPERTY': SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES OF FORMALIZING MAASAI LAND HOLDINGS IN EASTERN AFRICA

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: FOLLOWING THE MONEY: THE CHANGING VALUE(S) OF COMMODITIES

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: FUNDERS, LOCAL COMMUNITIES, THE ARTS, AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Anth Science
Session: NEVER, SOMETIMES, FREQUENTLY, ALWAYS: WHAT MISMATCHES BETWEEN RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS AND INFORMANTS' PERSPECTIVES REVEAL ABOUT CULTURE AND BEHAVIOR
Session Type: Volunteered
Session: WITHER MONEY? NEW QUESTIONS FOR BRINGING MONEY BACK IN

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SEA Board meeting

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SEA Business Meeting

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SEA Reception

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: Harold K. Schneider Paper Prize, Graduate Winner
Date: 09/25/2014
Recipient: Laura Tilghman
Affiliation: University of Georgia
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Role of Rural Resources in Urban Migrant Livelihoods: Insight from the 2011 Clove Harvest in Northeastern Madagascar.

Award: Harold K. Schneider Paper Prize, Graduate Runner-u
Date: 09/25/2014
Recipient: Nicolas Lainez
Affiliation: Ecole des Hautes en Sciences Sociales
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Debt, Migration and Sex Work: Beyond the Trafficking Paradigm

Award: Harold K. Schneider Paper Prize, Undergraduate 1st
Date: 09/25/2014
Recipient: Stefan Stackhouse
Affiliation: Reed College
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Managing the ?Global? Crowd: Amazon Mechanical Turk and the Discipline of the Virtual Worker

Award: Harold K. Schneider Paper Prize, Undergrad honorab
Date: 09/25/2014
Recipient: Nathan Eisenberg
Affiliation: Reed College
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Price of Exchange: Carbon Credits and Violence

Award: SEA Book Prize, 1st place
Date: 09/17/2014
Recipient: Sarah Besky
Affiliation: University of Michigan
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Darjeeling Distinction: Labor and Justice on Fair-Trade Tea Plantations in India
Award: SEA Book Prize, Honorable Mention  
Date: 09/17/2014  
Recipient: David Stoll  
Affiliation: Middlebury College  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: El Norte or Bust: How Migration Fever and Microcredit Produced a Financial Crash in a Latin American Town

Award: Halperin Fund  
Date: 02/13/2015  
Recipient: Andrea F. Rissing  
Affiliation: Emory University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Beginning Farmers and Agricultural Success in Iowan Sustainable Agriculture

Award: Halperin Fund 2014  
Date: 02/13/2015  
Recipient: Katie Orelmanski  
Affiliation: Rutgers University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Poster (Girl)Child: Gendered Education Projects in Rural Tanzania

Award: Halperin Fund 2014  
Date: 02/13/2015  
Recipient: Samuel Dira Jilo  
Affiliation: Washington State University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Resilience: Learning to save and ?Producing Big? among subsistence producers in Ethiopia

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

The SEA spring meeting was held April 24-26, 2014, in Austin, Texas, at the Hilton Garden Hotel. Twenty-three papers were presented in plenary sessions and 31 posters were presented during the poster session. There were 80 registered participants in the conference. The keynote address was delivered by Charles Hall, Professor Emeritus,SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry. A distinguished lecture was given by Joseph Tainter, Professor of Environment and Society, Utah State University. The graduate student winner of the Schneider paper prize, Mengqi Wang presented her winning paper during the Friday business meeting.
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.

Three Halperin awards were granted to graduate students to support their dissertation field research in 2014. These students will also be supported to attend an SEA annual conference to present their research findings.

Two Schneider paper awards were presented for the best graduate and undergraduate student papers. These include a cash prize and the graduate winner is invited to present his/her paper at the next year's spring SEA meeting.

The SEA changed its by-laws to include a student board member and the first one was elected to the board in 2014 (term began after 2014 AAAs). We anticipate that the student member will work to attract more students and to communicate student needs and interests to the organization.

We held a networking reception at the AAA meeting in Washington DC and it was well attended by students as well as regular members. Our annual spring meeting also included many student attendees (roughly 1/3 of attendees were students). The meeting provides many opportunities for interaction with senior members during sessions, poster sessions, and social events. Our journal is also a venue for publication for students interested in publication.

Early career scholars.

The SEA spring meeting is an opportunity for young scholars to share their research, network with colleagues, and make connections with those in the field of economic anthropology. In addition, we held a reception at the AAA meeting in December, 2014 where these scholars could interact with others with similar interests and learn about the SEA. The SEA book prize was awarded in 2014 to a young scholar and she was invited to discuss her book at the SEA business meeting at the AAAs. We also have elected two early career scholars to the SEA board in 2014, and have other opportunities for them to serve on SEA committees such as the Halperin Award, Schneider Award, and Book Prize. Our journal is also a venue for publication for early career scholars.

Independent scholars.

The SEA spring meeting is an opportunity for independent scholars to share their research, network with colleagues, and make connections with those in the field of economic anthropology. In addition, we held a reception at the AAA meeting in December 2014 where these scholars could interact with others with similar interests and learn about the SEA. The SEA listserv is another resource for independent scholars to interact with others with similar interests. We have had several engaging discussions during 2014 on the listserv. Our journal is also a venue for publication for independent scholars.

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.
The SEA has done the following in 2014:

- co-sponsored invited sessions at the AAA meeting with the Association for Africanist Anthropology, the Society for Visual Anthropology, and the Society for Anthropological Sciences

- co-located our 2014 meeting to coincide with the annual meeting of the Society for American Archeology in order to engage more closely with colleagues in archeology

- The Anthropology and Environment section contributed support to the SEA's spring meeting in 2014 in recognition of our common interests and A&E's interest in exploring having an annual meeting

-- The SEA website and Facebook page are active ways that we reach out to various communities

- The SEA elected its first student board member to improve outreach and services to student members

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.**

The SEA uses its website for the following functions:

- Information about activities of the association such as Spring meeting, AAA meeting, and awards
- A forum for research projects by members of the SEA
- Teaching and learning resources repository
- In 2014 we added listings and information about anthropology programs in economic anthropology

The facebook page provides:

- Updates on SEA activities
- Opportunities for member networking and discussion

SEA has contributed to the Anthropology News section

SEA uses its listserv for various announcements about upcoming events and activities, opportunities (like Board elections), and for discussions of scholarly issues, contemporary debates and issues, etc.

Governance:

**Changes in bylaws or governance structure.**

SEA completed a revision of its by-laws in 2014 and these were approved by the AAA Executive Board and are posted on the SEA website. The new by-laws bring SEA into compliance with AAA requirements and also included some changes to board composition including adding a student member and a President-elect position. The new by-laws also clarify roles and responsibilities of various officers and board members, terms of office, and election processes. Information about the new journal's governance were also included. We held elections for new board members and president-elect in 2014 and had considerable
interest yielding a strong slate of candidates. All new members came on board following the December AAA meeting.

Initiatives:

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

Upcoming SEA initiatives:

- Annual spring meeting on the theme "Technologies and the Transformations of Economies" to be held in Lexington, Kentucky on the campus of the University of Kentucky, April 9-11, 2015.

- The second issue of Economic Anthropology, The Political Economy of Cities, appeared in January, 2015. We will have a second issue, "Inequality" appearing in June, 2015. We anticipate moving from one to two issues per year on a regular basis. We have appointed a new editor for the journal, Kate Browne, whose terms begins in March, 2015, with several months overlap with outgoing editor, Lisa Cliggett. Moving from one to two issues a year will be a significant challenge both in terms of labor and finances, but we have indications that there is interest in the community to have more publishing opportunities, so we will pursue this.

- SEA submitted its 5-year sustainability plan for Economic Anthropology to the publishing committee at AAA; we look forward to continued participation in AAAs publishing program as it moves toward a new contract in 2017. SEA will continue to build membership through making its activities visible through the website, AN News, Facebook, and active participation at the AAA meeting.

- SEA is considering approaching AAA about hosting our website to see if that will provide some support to members who have been managing it; we continue to look for ways to enhance the website for best use for members
- With our new student board member, SEA will be considering new ways to engage students in the organization
- In 2015, we are making a drive to increase membership by contacting lapsed members, sending letters to those who subscribe to the listserv but aren't members, as well as encouraging current members to renew.

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.

none at this time