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Membership:
Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 234
List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
As of Sept. 2014, membership was 234. The highest membership was 273 in June 2013. Membership fluctuates during the year. We are concerned, especially about student membership which fell to 45 in Sept. of 2014. SHA board members are discussing ways to increase membership. 2015 will mark SHA's 40th anniversary with special events and efforts.

Finances:
Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 140,798.73
Publication Sponsored budgets.
SHA is in solid financial shapeWe have two accounts: the general account 140,798.73;and the Victor Turner Fund restricted account 29,094.93. account has
List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
SHA writing prizes submissions have increased across the board: The Victor Turner Prize received 74 submissions, The Fiction Prize received 15 submissions and the poetry competition has increased as well.

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: THEORY, (AUTO)ETHNOGRPHY, AND FICTION Sascha Goluboff, Jonathan S Marion and Julia L Offen

Session Type: Invited
Session: WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF ILLNESS?: PART 1 OF A DISCUSSION OF AFFLICTION BY VEENA DAS Sameena Mulla, Clara Y Han and Michael Lambek
Session Type: Volunteered
Session: EXPLORING SENSORY ETHNOGRAPHY Joshua Tucker

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: ANTHROPOLOGY AND STORYTELLING Coralynn V Davis, Gina Athena Ulysse, Carole McGranahan, Mary M Steedly and Jason Antrosio

Session Type: Invited

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: ANTHROPOLOGY AND CREATIVITY: PRACTICE AND PROCESS Tulasi Srinivas

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: APPRENTICESHIP PILGRIMAGE AND THE PRODUCTION OF EMBODIED EXPERTISE Lauren Miller Griffith, Jonathan S Marion, Lauren Miller Griffith and Helena Wulff

Session Type: Invited

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: EMPATHY, CONFORMITY, AND (IM)MORAL KILLING: ANTHROPOLOGY AT THE LIMITS OF KNOWLEDGE Sarah Mathew, Carolyn R Nordstrom, Bilinda S Straight, Peter D Little, Ivy L Pike, Günther Schlee and Bilinda S Straight

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: Victor Turner First Prize
Date: 12/05/2014
Recipient: S. Lochlann Jain,
Affiliation: Department of Anthropology Stanford University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Malignant: How Cancer Becomes Us

Award: Victor Turner End Prize
Date: 12/05/2014
Recipient: Anand Pandian and M.P. Mariappan
Affiliation: Dept. of Anthropology Johns Hopkins University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Ayya's Accounts: A Ledger of Hope in Modern India

Award: Victor Turner 3rd Prize
Date: 12/05/2014
Recipient: Zareena Grewal
Affiliation: American Studies at Yale
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Islam is a Foreign Country: American Muslims and the Global Crisis of Authority

Award: 1st Prize Fiction  
Date: 12/05/2014  
Recipient: Caitlin Baird  
Affiliation: Department of Anthropology University of Florida  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Rain

Award: Fiction Honorable Mention  
Date: 12/05/2014  
Recipient: Kesia Alexandra  
Affiliation: none  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Street Will Never Love You Like I Do

Award: 1st prize Poetry  
Date: 12/05/2014  
Recipient: Heather Altfield,  
Affiliation: California State University, Chico, English Dept.  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Apperson Ranch, 1908

Award: 2nd prize Poetry  
Date: 12/05/2014  
Recipient: Adrie Kusserow  
Affiliation: St. Michael's College, Anthropology Department,  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: American Bardo

Award: 3rd Prize Poetry  
Date: 12/05/2014  
Recipient: . John O'Connor  
Affiliation: Northwestern University, School of Education and Social Policy  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Sun Poisoning

Award: Lifetime Service Award  
Date: 12/05/2014  
Recipient: Edith Turner  
Affiliation: Dept. of Anthropology University of Virginia  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: none

Meetings  
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
Yes  

If granted, who/what was it/they used for?  
Applied for community engagement grant. It was not granted.  

List spring meeting activities  
none
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.

Mentorship is provided by SHA workshops. At the Washington DC meeting, 10 workshops were offered with a total of 150 registrants.

Stories from the FIELD: Crafting Narrative Ethnography  Kirin Narayan

Writing Ethnographic Memoir  Ruth Behar

Poetry for Ethnographers  Renato I Rosaldo

Blogging Bliss: Writing Culture in the Blogosphere  Paul Stoller

Crafting Narrative Ethnography  Julia L Offen

Art and Imagination  Petra Rethmann

Utilizing Facebook for Ethnographic Research  Erik A Aasland

Writing Ethnography: Experimenting on Paper, Experimenting Online  Alma Gottlieb

Exploring Arts-Based Ethnographic Writing
Billie Jean Isbell, Ather Zia and Naomi S Stone

Early career scholars.

Submitting a Manuscript to a Peer-Reviewed Journal  Michael Harkin

Independent scholars.

We did not record independent scholars who attended the workshops.

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.

SHA applied for a Community engagement grant but was not funded.

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.
SHA has a website, Facebook page and uses the AAA Presidential listserve. We plan to increase the use of social media beginning in 2015.

Governance:

**Changes in bylaws or governance structure.**
Changes in the bylaws were voted on and passed in 2013 and posted on the SHA Website. In addition to the five (5) officers, there shall be 10 Executive Board Members (including Programming Co-chair, Student Member, and Nominations Co-chair on the executive board.

In 2014, the executive board appointed a new editor, Kathryn Anne Lichti-Harriman, of our journal, Anthropology and Humanism, for a five year term.

Initiatives:

**What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?**
SHA will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Society with special events at the 2015 meeting.

The board has elected Ather Zia as the social media coordinator.

The board voted on providing up to a $500 subsidy each for the President and Treasurer to attend the annual AAA meeting.

SHA has submitted a five year plan for publication of Anthropology and Humanism.

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.**
We appreciate the efforts of SAEC to transform the meeting structure. However, having the various section business meetings at the same time makes it difficult for members who belong to more than one section, and most of our member do.

**What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.**
The workshops scheduling and management needs to be improved. Advance registration and communication before the meeting would improve the workshops.

**What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.**
The staff who supervised the workshops need better training. We had difficulty even finding them at the meeting.