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Statement of Purposes
of the
American Anthropological Association

The purposes of the Association shall be to advance anthropology as the science that studies humankind in all its aspects through archaeological, biological, ethnological, and linguistic research;

and to further the professional interests of American anthropologists, including the dissemination of anthropological knowledge and its use to solve human problems.

Taken from the Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws, amended and restated in October 1983, of the American Anthropological Association.
As the President and Executive Director of the American Anthropological Association, we are pleased to report that over the past year, our association has grown stronger, become more efficient, and continues to work toward our goal of becoming a more publicly engaged organization. Along this vein, we’ve accomplished many things—we’ve worked with the Executive Board (EB), AAA staff and leadership to keep our finances strong, retain membership, and strengthen our publishing program—all while promoting greater democracy, inclusion and transparency throughout all of our institutional practices.

In an effort to make our internal governance practices more democratic, we have restructured the Section Assembly (SA) and its participation in AAA governance. For the first time in our association’s history, the SA convener was given a seat on the EB and, in the future, AAA members will be able to vote for two seats on the EB that are specifically reserved for candidates coming from a pool of SA representatives.

Also in the past year, the association continued its work on revising the AAA Code of Ethics, a process that included soliciting and incorporating valuable input from AAA commissions, committees, sections and members. While the membership voted on and approved certain changes to the Code of Ethics, the AAA Task Force for Comprehensive Ethics Review has undertaken—in part because of feedback from the aforementioned partners—a comprehensive review of the entire Code, and is expected to make final recommendations next year.

Two AAA committees in particular—the Committee on the Future of Print and Electronic Publishing (CFPEP) and the Committee on Public, Applied and Public Interest Anthropology (CoPAPIA)—developed new democratic processes to, respectively, increase editors’ involvement with future changes to AnthroSource and survey members with Master’s degrees to learn more about their needs and interests.

In terms of inclusiveness, we’ve reached beyond our national interests and boundaries to work with our anthropological partners around the globe. Through the Commission on World Anthropologies (CWA), we’ve laid a foundation to engage in critical work as diverse as journal translation and multidirectional knowledge exchange. We’ve also entered into direct relationships with the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) and the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA). These initiatives will not only make our annual meeting more diverse, but will also bring a much needed global perspective to AAA operations.

Finally, this past year we’ve continued to develop more transparency in the AAA decision making process. We’ve increased communication to membership through monthly articles in Anthropology News, made direct reports to membership at the 2009 annual meeting, and offered advice about how members can make the most of their AAA membership.

As AAA enters a new decade, we are pleased to report that the association is on firm ground, and will continue its efforts to spread anthropological knowledge worldwide.
In December of 2008, the Executive Board of the American Anthropological Association asked the Commission on the Engagement of Anthropology with the US Security and Intelligence Communities (CEAUSSIC) to thoroughly review the Department of Defense (DoD) Human Terrain System (HTS) program, so that the AAA might then formulate an official position on members’ participation in HTS activities. In December 2009, during a press conference at the AAA Annual Meeting, the CEAUSSIC officially issued its report. The report, which was widely covered in the mainstream media, addressed a number of key points.

First, the report noted that HTS and similar programs are moving to become a greater fixture within the US military. Given still outstanding questions about HTS, such developments should be a source of concern for the AAA and also for any social science organization or federal agency that expects its members or employees to adhere to established disciplinary and federal standards for the treatment of human subjects.

Second, the current arrangement of HTS includes potentially irreconcilable goals which, in turn, lead to irreducible tensions with respect to the program’s basic identity. These include the HTS attempt to concurrently fulfill a research function, serve as a data and intelligence source, and perform a tactical function in counterinsurgency warfare. Given this confusion, any anthropologist considering employment with HTS will have difficulty determining whether or not s/he will be able to follow the AAA Code of Ethics.

Third, although HTS managers insist the program is not an intelligence asset, the report authors noted that the program is housed within a DoD intelligence asset, that it has reportedly been briefed as such an asset, and that a variety of circumstances of the work of Human Terrain Teams (HTTs) “on the ground” in Iraq and Afghanistan create a significant likelihood that HTS data will be used as part of military intelligence, advertently or inadvertently.

Fourth, HTTs collect sensitive socio-cultural data in a high-risk environment while working for one combatant in

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ongoing conflicts. Given the lack of a well-defined ethical framework of conduct for the program and inability of HTT researchers to maintain reliable control over data once collected, the program places researchers and their counterparts in the field in harm’s way.

Fifth, when ethnographic investigation is determined by military missions, is not subject to external review, data is collected in the context of war, in a potential coercive environment, and results are integrated into the goals of counterinsurgency—all characteristic factors of the HTS concept and its application—it can no longer be considered a legitimate professional exercise of anthropology.

In summary, the report stresses that while constructive engagement between anthropology and the military is possible, CEAUSSIC suggests that the AAA emphasize the incompatibility of HTS with disciplinary ethics and practice for job seekers and that it further recognize the problem of allowing HTS to define the meaning of “anthropology” within the DoD.
One of the reasons why our association is so strong is because leadership, staff and membership are committed to weighing in on important issues that affect the discipline. AAA members and staff proved to be ardent advocates regarding a number of important issues including lobbying Capitol Hill for additional funding for the humanities, protecting human rights for indigenous peoples all over the world, federal initiatives that could possibly affect our publishing programs, rulemakings that protect valuable cultural resources, and protecting the rights of international scholars and students.

The association has not only shown its strength through external advocacy campaigns, but also through strengthening internal committees to increase their capacities and abilities to influence policy. Along this front, the AAA Executive Board (EB) drafted and approved a new charge for the Committee on Public Policy (COPP) and also issued new policies and guidelines for AAA committees that issue advocacy letters and statements. Both of these initiatives uniquely position AAA to influence and shape domestic as well as international policy.

As is the case every year, AAA Executive Director Bill Davis and Director of Public Affairs Damon Dozier visited members of Congress armed with an ambitious advocacy agenda, as they participated in the 10th annual National Humanities Advocacy Day in March. Joined by over 100 representatives from humanities-related organizations, both Davis and Dozier made impassioned appeals for increased funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the National Historical Publication and Records Commission (NHPRC), two agencies providing crucial financial support for a number of AAA members.

Speaking out against then-recent actions by the Peruvian government, AAA also joined the Organizing Committee of the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA) in writing to Peruvian President Alan Garcia expressing “deep concern” about the government’s violation of indigenous peoples’ human, territorial and legal rights. The statement also condemns the use of violence against peaceful protestors, as well as the executive decrees they were protesting against. These decrees, known as the “Law of the Jungle,” open indigenous territories to oil, lumber and mining concessions, and stand in direct violation of the constitutional and
Internationally recognized territorial and legal rights of Peru’s indigenous peoples.

In June 2009, the Peruvian government deployed 360 heavily armed police to disrupt a peaceful protest led by indigenous and non-indigenous protesters who were blocking a principal highway into the Amazon Jungle. In the resulting clash, at least 33 protestors were killed. The event sparked worldwide outcry by many international organizations besides the AAA, including the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Human Rights Watch, and the Coordinating Body of Indigenous Organizations of the Andes (COICA), a group representing indigenous organizations in Bolivia, Peru, Columbia and Ecuador.

On Capitol Hill, AAA petitioned both Congress and Federal agencies (specifically, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Departments of Energy and State, and the Environmental Protection Agency) asking that they support energy and climate change legislation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and accelerates the carbon-reduction timeline established by the Obama Administration. Writing that “legislation that helps moderate climate change is vital to preserving cultures, both past and present” and “global warming threatens to disrupt the realization of a range of human rights, including life, health, food, water, housing and self-determination,” AAA expressed its commitment to the promotion and protection of the right of people everywhere to the full realization of their humanity.

Also in the area of international human rights, a resolution was offered at the 2009 Annual Meeting Business Meeting that would have AAA support Hondurans who resisted their country’s June 28 military coup and subsequent actions. The resolution condemns the role of the Honduran military in the coup d’état and its aftermath and US financing and training of said military; supports Hondurans’ calls for the elimination of the Honduran military; urges President Barack Obama and members of the US Congress to acknowledge and condemn the human rights violations that have been committed by the de facto government in Honduras since the June 28, 2009 coup d’état; and gives support to the progressive forces in Honduras that are striving to create a real democracy and are worthy of the support that they have not received from the international community. At the Business Meeting, those present agreed that the resolution should be forwarded to the entire membership for a vote.

In an effort to provide a more democratic, open and transparent voting process, the EB created a new format whereby both sides of a resolution are presented to membership. In the past, members had sometimes presented both sides of a resolution through Anthropology News, but beginning with this resolution, links were provided on the AAA blog so that members could examine and respond to both PRO and CON statements co-authored by AAA members. Results of the vote were expected in early 2010.

In reaction to a Federal government request to comment on the feasibility of providing so-called open access to federally-funded research,
the AAA wrote to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) urging the Administration to withhold rulemaking on such efforts, stating that such initiatives would challenge the long-term survival of those groups (including AAA) that publish in the humanities and social science (H/SS) sector.

In the summer, the National Humanities Alliance Task Force on Open Access and Scholarly Publishing (of which AAA is a member) released a study not only highlighting the potential deleterious effects of open access proposals, but also establishing a key distinction between the ramifications of open access proposals upon those groups publishing in the H/SS sector and those publishing in the science, technical, engineering and medical sectors (STEM).

AAA Executive Director Bill Davis wrote that most proponents of open access base their advocacy on assumed cost upon the STEM journals without considering the costs of H/SS journals. Moreover, although there are attempts to “digitize” publishing, it is extremely unlikely that scholarly societies such as AAA would be able to abandon print completely in the near term.

In terms of protecting cultural resources, AAA was again very active, writing a letter to the New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee, supporting the nomination of Mount Taylor—a traditional cultural property site of significance to the Pueblo of Acoma, Pueblo of Laguna, the Navajo Nation, the Pueblo of Zuni and the Hopi Tribe—to the National Register of Historic Places and the New Mexico and State Register of Cultural Properties. Mount Taylor plays a key role in the retention and transmission of the traditional cultures of the above-mentioned tribes. The nomination was ultimately approved.

AAA has a long and proud history of protecting the rights of international scholars, and 2009 proved to be no exception as AAA joined a coalition of groups seeking to end the practice of “ideological exclusion.” AAA joined over 50 social science organizations in writing to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Attorney General Eric Holder condemning the practice of “ideological exclusion,” defined as refusing visas to foreign scholars, writers, artists and activists on the basis of their ideas, political views and associations. As a result of this practice, dozens of prominent intellectuals were barred from assuming teaching posts at US universities, fulfilling speaking engagements with US audiences, and attending academic conferences, including the AAA conference. Many of those barred from the United States were vocal critics of US foreign policy.

Finally, at the end of the year, the EB approved a new charge for COPP in order to make the committee more effective. As part of its revised charge, the committee will now explore the public policy-related activities of other associations and create an annual prize honoring those anthropologists making meritorious contributions to the discipline.

The whirlwind of activity throughout the course of the year positioned AAA as a strong voice in domestic and international activism, and laid a strong foundation for years to come.
With its motto of “Putting Africa Back on the Map,” the Association for Africanist Anthropology (AfAA) is one of the more robust sections of the AAA. The section has a membership of 345, including just over 100 graduate students, and has stated goals of stimulating, strengthening and advancing anthropology by promoting the study of Africa, Africanist scholarship and the professional interests of Africanist anthropologists in the US, Africa and elsewhere.

The AfAA has multiple stated goals, including:

- Facilitating the discussion of Africanist scholarship and to emphasize its relationship to the development of comparative theory, fieldwork methodology, and theoretical models for the discipline of anthropology, both historically as well as in the contemporary period;

- Emphasizing the contributions of African research and data for the development of the four-field approach in anthropology, and for the continued development of these sub-disciplines as well as the now global concerns of applied anthropology;

- Contributing anthropological knowledge to the interdisciplinary efforts to address the contemporary problems facing Africa and its people, and to encourage the discussion of Africa among non-Africanist scholars, associations, and research institutions;

- Encouraging African-focused perspectives and establishing links with anthropological associations in Africa and the African diaspora for professional collaboration in teaching, research and scholarship;

- Promoting the professional interests of Africanist anthropologists and to encourage stronger professional ethics in the anthropology of Africa;

- Encouraging and promoting existing African Studies programs and to foster the development of such programs within university settings; and

- Helping anthropology produce the next generation of anthropologists who will increasingly be called upon to serve in both governmental and non-governmental agencies concerned with global affairs.

Each year, AfAA gives three awards: the Elliot B Skinner Book Award, the AfAA Graduate Student Paper Award, and the Undergraduate Student Paper Award. In 2009, the AfAA Graduate Student Paper Award was presented to Lauren Adrover of Northwestern University for her paper entitled, “Festive Currencies of Value: Culture, Commodification, and Performative Action in Ghana,” and the Undergraduate Paper Award was presented to Josephine Pang of the University of California, San Diego for her essay “A Gendered Critique of Social/Sexual Network: The Case of HIV/AIDS in South Africa and Uganda.”

"Naribian Farm Worker Kids Having Fun" by Ryan Klataske. Finalist in the 2009 AAA Photo Contest.

"Baby Girl and Her Mother" by Shauna LaTosky. Third place winner in the 2009 AAA Photo Contest.
ASSOCIATION BRIEFS

AAA Provides Free Access to Archival AnthroSource Content

In a groundbreaking move to broaden access to 85 years of anthropological research, the AAA decided in December of 2009 to provide free access to content from *American Anthropologist, Anthropology News, Ethos,* and *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* that was published before 1974.

The initiative, among the first of its kind in humanities and social science publishing and made in coordination with publishing partner Wiley-Blackwell, was passed by the AAA Executive Board in 2009 and will enable access to these materials for the purposes of personal, educational and other non-commercial uses after a thirty-five year period. Content published from 1888 to 1973 will be available for these four titles via the Wiley-Blackwell platform, Wiley Interscience (http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=ANTH-SOUR). Previously, this content was only available via AAA membership, library subscription or on a “pay per view” basis.

In other news, last year the AAA Publishing Department announced, at members’ request, the debut of its “Back in Print” book program—providing an opportunity to access books that were once out-of-print.

The first re-released title is John R Shepherd’s *Marriage and Mandatory Abortion among the 17th-century Siraya,* and there are plans to re-release several additional titles, including Faye V Harrison’s *Decolonizing Anthropology.*

First Student Saturday a Huge Success

As part of efforts to reach out to its student members, AAA held its inaugural “Student Saturday” at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Both undergraduate and graduate students were offered a special one-day event registration fee of $50, and students from direct service programs received an additional discount.

Also held at the Annual Meeting was a Graduate School Fair—over twenty schools participated. Both events were a great success, as well over 250 students attended the events Saturday, and, of that number, only three students had participated in past Annual Meetings.

CoPAPIA Coordinates MA Survey

Under the direction of the Committee on Practicing, Applied and Public Interest Anthropology (CoPAPIA) and with support from AAA, Terry Redding of Beta Associates coordinated a survey in 2009 of alumni from MA degree programs across all specialties and subfields of anthropology. AAA supplied staff and $5,000 to support the project. The survey had a very healthy response rate and the data has been analyzed. Preliminary results were presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting in both a session and to Department Chairs and Representatives.

A PowerPoint presentation of the preliminary results has been made available to the DSP Department Chairs and posted on the AAA web site. A final report is scheduled to be issued in spring of 2010.

“Feeding the Fire” by Brian Donahoe. Finalist in the 2009 AAA Photo Contest.

“Plowing a Rice Paddy with Buffaloes” by Glenn Stone. Finalist in the 2009 AAA Photo Contest.
AAA Membership Holds Strong, Challenges Remain

Despite a severe economic downturn, AAA membership only dipped 4.6% (or 500 members), and revenue dues were actually stronger than anticipated.

While membership numbers stayed relatively constant over the year, challenges remain. AAA's online Career Center was one item to sustain a significant revenue hit. Shrinking state budgets and private endowments caused severe cutbacks in hiring and millions of jobs were lost in the economy at large.

Association Briefs

“Balinese Woman’s Offerings” by Jeffrey David Ehrenreich. Finalist in the 2009 AAA Photo Contest.

MEMBER PROFILE: NIEL TASHIMA

Dr. Niel Tashima is a senior social scientist and one of the founders of, and a Managing Partner in, LTG Associates, the oldest anthropologically-based consulting firm in North America. He has rich and extensive experience in a variety of social service and health care issues. His work has taken him from developing non-profit organizations serving vulnerable populations to designing responses to international health task orders. He has developed novel qualitative research methods that seek to engage populations of interest to funders in the policy discussions and debates that will directly affect their communities. He maintains a strong interest in the ethics of community-based research and the role of communities in policy discussions.

Niel’s focus has always been on difficult to reach and vulnerable populations; this has taken him personally into communities and homes around the United States. He believes that the most effective approaches to the design and implementation of health and social services are through engagement of members of communities of interest.

Throughout his career, Niel has focused on developing opportunities for consumers to participate in policy discussions through program evaluation activities and community organizing assistance. In the US, his work has taken him from rural communities like the Colonias on the Texas/Mexico border to Garden City and Dodge City in Western Kansas.

Niel’s early career included the collection and analysis of psychiatric in-patient medication information provided to families through the Veterans Administration Hospital, Psychiatric Service in San Diego, California. This project was followed by an NIMH-funded study under his direction which focused on psychiatric issues of diagnosis and treatment for Asian American women married to US military service personnel.

Throughout all of Niel’s work, there has been a strong emphasis on monitoring and evaluation as a means of accountability and learning. He has taught evaluation methods to staff from government ministries and departments of health. He has worked with local organizations to tailor evaluation methods to particular community circumstances. Niel has stressed in his evaluation work with community organizations and government agencies that the information must have relevance to local communities and be able to address meta-questions posed by the funder.

Since 1991, Niel has been actively engaged in AAA activities. He has served two terms as Treasurer of NAPA (1991–1994) and President-Elect and President of NAPA (1994–1998). He has been a member of the AAA Section Assembly and Executive Board (1996–1997), Administrative Advisory Committee and Legislative Steering Committee (1997–1998), Professional Development Committee (1997–2000), Finance Committee (1999–2003) and Nominations Committee (2003–2007). Currently he is a member of the AAA Committee on Practicing, Applied and Public Interest Anthropology and the Ethics Task Force. He is a member of NAPA, SPA and GAD.

Niel earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of California at San Diego, a master’s degree from California State University, San Diego, and a PhD from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he was the last graduate student of Francis Hsu.
AA has announced the winners of the 2009 AAA Photo Contest. The submissions were both anthropologically informative and impressive in their technical quality and artistry, and selecting winners was extremely challenging. Building off of last year's popular competition, the contest committee reviewed 311 entries from 78 participants, selecting 52 photos for special recognition: 20 finalists (including first, second and third place winners) and 32 semifinalists. Some of the winning and finalist photos are featured throughout this Annual Report. Photos can also be found in the AAA online Flickr gallery (www.flickr.com/photos/anthropologynews).

Winning, finalist and semifinalists photographer names and affiliations are listed to the right. Where multiple photographs from the same entrant were selected, names are repeated (across recognition levels) or the number of selected photographs is indicated in parentheses (within the same level).

The contest committee was chaired by Anthropology News (AN) Production Editor Amy Goldenberg and comprised of 2008 AAA Photo Contest winner Peter Biella (San Francisco State U) and AAA staff members with expertise in diverse anthropological subfields, including Dinah Winnick (AN Managing Editor), Joseph Jones (RACE Project Grant Manager), and Brian Estes (AAA Public Policy Associate).

Winning Photographers
First Place
Brian Donahoe, Max Planck Institute

Second Place
Emily Yates-Doerr, New York U

Third Place
Shauna LaTosky, Johannes Gutenberg U

Finalists
Brian Brazeal (2), CSU Chico
Brian Donahoe (3), Max Planck Institute
Jeffrey David Ehrenreich, U New Orleans
Andrea Heckman, U New Mexico
Donald Holly, Eastern Illinois U
Barry Kass, ImagesofAnthropology.com
Ryan Klatakske, Michigan State U
Anika Koenig (2), Australian National U
Olivier Le Guen, Max Planck Institute
George Nicholas, Simon Fraser U
Carmen Paz, Independent Scholar
Glenn Stone, Washington U
Aleksandra Wierucka, U Gdansk

Semifinalists
Brian Brazeal (2), CSU Chico
Brian Donahoe, Max Planck Institute
Jeffrey David Ehrenreich, U New Orleans
NJ Enfield (3), Max Planck Institute
Andrew Epstein, U Wisconsin-Madison
Jessica Falkenhagen (2), UC Los Angeles
Hermon Farahi, George Washington U
Adam Fish, UC Los Angeles
Harjant Gill, American U
Andrew Heckman (2), U New Mexico
Ginger Johnson (2), U South Florida
Barry Kass, ImagesofAnthropology.com
Ryan Klatakske (2), Michigan State U
Anika Koenig, Australian National U
Jonathan Marion, CSU San Marcos
Carmen Paz (2), Independent Scholar
Bryce Peake, U Oregon
Benjamin Purzycki, U Connecticut
Glenn Shepard (2), Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi
Glenn Stone (2), Washington U
Emily Yates-Doerr (2), New York U
Willa Zhen, U London

Finalists in the 2009 AAA Photo Contest, clockwise from the top: “Garimpeiro at the Mouth of the Mine” by Brian Brazeal; “Bonpo Monks inside Menri Monastery” by Andrea Heckman; “The Offering” by Brian Donahoe; “Quichua Kids on the Bank of the Napo River” by Aleksandra Wierucka. Far right: “Preparing Wood Bark for a Bidé” by Anika Koenig.
This past year was the third year for *RACE Are We So Different?*—AAA’s landmark public education program on race and human variation. The award-winning program continued to reach new audiences with its three key messages: 1) race is a recent human invention; 2) race is about culture, not biology; and 3) race and racism are embedded in institutions and everyday life. RACE was developed over five and a half years with a combined $4.5 million in funding and contributions from the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the AAA. Launched in 2007, the RACE program consists of a traveling museum exhibition, an interactive website (www.understandingRACE.org) and downloadable family and teacher guides.

Since opening in January 2007, over one million people in nine cities have experienced the *RACE Are We So Different?* museum exhibition, which continues to generate overwhelmingly positive responses from museum visitors. Host cities in 2009 included Cincinnati, Ohio; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Los Angeles, California, where RACE helped to increase and diversify museum audiences. The exhibit’s national tour is sponsored by the Best Buy Children’s Foundation.

From January through April the exhibit was on display at the Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC) in Cincinnati. Local media outlets, including the Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati Magazine and Streetvibes, covered the exhibit, and an Enquirer article published the week prior to its opening quickly generated over 400 comments in its online forum. On January 20, CMC hosted a community viewing of the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama, which raised questions about race for which many sought answers within the exhibit. CMC also hosted a community conversation series, “Cincinnati is Talking about Race,” and a public lecture by Anthony Perzigian (U Cincinnati) on “The Concept of Race: A Darwinian Perspective,” and partnered with BRIDGES for a Just Community to offer talking circles for school, corporate and civic organizations. CMC was the first exhibition venue to capture visitors’ responses on video. At the RACE Story Kiosk, visitors shared their impressions of the exhibit and their thoughts about race in Cincinnati with other museum-goers.

The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia hosted the exhibit from May to September. Facilitators from the Anti-Defamation League conducted workshops exploring “identity, language, bias/prejudice and challenges in a diverse population” for high school students and professionals in conjunction with the exhibit. RACE programming in Philadelphia included a lecture and panel discussion on the topic “Can or Should America Be Colorblind?” that featured RACE Project Co-chair Alan Goodman (Hampshire C). Goodman was joined by local community activists in critically assessing colorblindness as both method and goal in light of current race practices and racial disparities in the United States.

On October 3, the RACE exhibit debuted on the West Coast at the California Science Center (CSC) in Los Angeles, where it was on display until December 31. The highlight of RACE programming at the CSC was "The Medicalization of Race," a panel discussion on the validity, uses and abuses of race in medical practice and research moderated by PBS and PRI personality Tavis Smiley. Panelists included RACE Project Co-chair Yolanda Moses (U California, Riverside), Michael Montoya (U California, Irvine), Esteban González Burchard (U California, San Francisco), and Pragna Patel (U Southern California).

This year, the AAA and Science Museum of Minnesota completed development of a 1,500-square-foot version of the RACE exhibit that will tour universities, museums and other institutions unable to accommodate the full 5,000-square-foot exhibit. The condensed exhibit includes all of the major themes of the original as well as a new component on race and politics. Beginning
in January 2010, the condensed and a full-sized replica version of the RACE exhibit will join the national tour through 2014.

In November, the project engaged two new audiences interested in how anthropological frameworks and perspectives can inform efforts for racial justice. On November 5, Yolanda Moses, Janis Hutchinson (U Houston) and Joseph Jones (AAA) attended the Third Annual Statewide Disproportionality Meeting of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). Representatives from Texas DFPS, Casey Family Programs and the National CASA Association were on hand to hear about ways that RACE educational materials can be used to bolster their efforts toward eliminating racial disproportionality in the area of child welfare. On November 18, Goodman and Michael Blakey (C William and Mary) joined policymakers, National Urban League President Marc Morial, and other scholars to examine the evolution of race and racism over the twenty-five years since Reverend Jesse Jackson first United States presidential bid. The event, “Discussion on Race,” took place on Capitol Hill and was sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus.

The project joined with the Association of Black Anthropologists, the Society of Cultural Anthropology and California Newsreel to co-sponsor a screening of the documentary Herskovits at the Heart of Blackness at this year’s AAA Annual Meeting. Following the screening, Moses moderated a discussion in which two of the film’s main contributors, Johnnetta Cole (Smithsonian Museum of African Art) and Lee Baker (Duke U), elaborated upon Melville Herskovits’s key and controversial roles in anthropology and African studies and related issues of academic and cultural power and identity. The meeting in Philadelphia also provided forums for AAA members to offer valuable input for the further development of RACE educational materials.

With the expanded exhibit tour, new partnerships, and a growing awareness of the role that anthropology and anthropologists should play in understanding and addressing major social challenges, 2010 should prove an equally exciting and successful year for the AAA RACE Project.
committed to building bridges within and beyond the discipline of anthropology and to blending scientific study with the goal of social justice, leading to ground-breaking publications on the language of racism in the US. Jane Hill’s publications include eight books and 129 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, many of which have become classics in their respective fields.

AAA/Oxford University Press Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching of Anthropology

AAA presented the 2009 AAA/Oxford University Press teaching award to Maria Davoren Vesperi—Princeton PhD, professor of anthropology at the New College of Florida, and author of City of Green Benches (1985) and Anthropology off the Shelf (2009, with Alisse Waterston). New College’s anthropology program has one of the college’s highest rates of sending majors to graduate school. Vesperi has directly supervised the senior theses of 62 anthropology majors, approximately 25 percent of whom have gone on to graduate programs in anthropology, with many more pursuing graduate school and careers in related fields. Maria’s outstanding success as a teacher and mentor is embodied in her consistently high enrollments, her heavy senior thesis load, and the wide range of tutorial topics she teaches on top of her regular courses. These endeavors have been coupled with her work as a public intellectual and her continued affiliation with the Poynter Institute for Media Studies.

Anthropology in Media Award

John Noble Wilford, senior science writer for the New York Times, is the recipient of the 2009 AAA Anthropology in Media Award, which honors “those who have raised public awareness of anthropology and have had a broad and sustained public impact at local, national and international levels.” Wilford has consistently reported on the latest developments in anthropology to the New York Times’ one million subscribers and 1.4 million online readers, and his columns are frequently reprinted in subsidiary publications. In the last four years alone, he has produced 100 articles on topics such as archaeology in Greece and Egypt, genetics, human paleontology, environmental anthropology, primatology and paleopathology. He has even written obituaries of significant figures in our discipline. His columns consistently provide in-depth analysis, multiple perspectives on complex topics, and illuminating interviews with researchers.

Wilford received a BS degree from the University of Tennessee in 1955 and MA from Syracuse University. Before joining the New York Times 43 years ago, he reported for the Wall Street Journal and Time magazine. Wilford won a Pulitzer in 1984 for his national reporting of science topics and shared a second Pulitzer for a team effort in reporting on the Challenger explosion. He has also received two awards from the Aviation-Space Writers Association, the GM Loeb Achievement Award (U Connecticut), the National Space Club Press Award, the Westinghouse Science Writing Award, and two honorary doctorates.

Robert B Textor and Family Prize for Excellence in Anticipatory Anthropology

AAA presented the 2009 Textor Prize to Alexander Laban Hinton in recognition of his path-breaking work in the anthropology of genocide. Hinton’s extensive research, particularly on Cambodia, develops a distinctly anthropological approach to genocide, employs illuminating comparative and interdisciplinary analysis, and tries to answer simultaneously why genocides take place and how perpetrators are motivated to kill. His groundbreaking 2005 ethnography Why Did They Kill? Cambodia in the Shadow of Genocide combines compelling theoretical work with fine-grained analyses of structure and action, ideology and motivation, and culture and conduct during the Khmer Rouge regime into a sophisticated explanation of the Cambodian genocide, which cost the lives of 1.7 million people.

Margaret Mead Award

The AAA and Society for Applied Anthropology awarded the 2009 Margaret Mead Award to Sverker Finnström for his book Living with Bad Surroundings: War, History and Every Day Moments in Northern Uganda (Duke U Press 2008). Anthropologist Michael Jackson has commented that the book “is a lucid, compelling, in-depth, and detailed exploration of the vexed position of youth in poverty-stricken Africa; a painstaking and authoritative account of one of the most refractory and long-running wars on that continent; and a demonstration of how imperative it is to complement historical and political-economic explanations of Africa’s conflicts with ethnographic perspectives that encompass local symbolic reality, local readings of history and tradition, local expectations and desires, and local understandings of power, morality, and reconciliation.” Finnström is a lecturer in the department of social anthropology at Stockholm University.

David M Schneider Award

Finally, the AAA awarded the 2009 David M Schneider Award for an original graduate student essay to Junji Chen, a PhD candidate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Throughout his life, David Schneider’s work on kinship, cultural theory and American culture was provocative and iconoclastic. The $1,000 award recognizes a work that treats one or more of these topics in a fresh and innovative fashion. Chen’s dissertation-in-progress is titled “While the State Claims the Intimate: Population Control Policy and the Ethics of Chinese Modernity.” His research and writing have been supported by the Wenner-Gren Foundation, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and several units at the University of Illinois.
### 2009 SECTION AWARD WINNERS

#### American Ethnological Society
- **Sharon Stephens Prize**
  - Patty Kelly
  - Winifred Tate

#### Anthropology & Environment Section
- **Roy A Rappaport Graduate Student Award**
  - Nikhil Anand

#### Archeology Division
- **Gordon R Willey Prize**
  - Chip Colwell-Chanthaphonh
  - TJ Ferguson

#### Association of Africanist Anthropology
- **Elliott P Skinner Book Award**
  - Ben W Jones

#### Association for Feminist Anthropology
- **Graduate Student Award**
  - Vanessa Agard-Jones

#### Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
- **Student Paper Prize**
  - Jessica Johnson

#### Association of Black Anthropologists
- **Vera Green Award**
  - Aimee Cox

#### Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists
- **Book Award**
  - Alejandro Lugo and Leo Chavez

#### Biological Anthropology Section
- **WW Howells Book Prize**
  - Pat Shipman

#### Central States Anthropological Society
- **Leslie A White Award**
  - Sarah Trabert

#### Council on Anthropology and Education
- **George and Louise Spindler Award**
  - Douglas E Foley

#### Culture and Agriculture
- **Robert M Netting Student Paper Award**
  - Shiloh Moates

#### General Anthropology Division
- **Prize for Exemplary Cross Field Scholarship**
  - Michael Fischer

#### Middle East Section
- **Distinguished Scholar Award**
  - Brinkley Messick

#### National Association of Practicing Anthropologists
- **Student Achievement Award**
  - Andrew Flachs

#### National Association of Student Anthropologists
- **Student Travel Award**
  - Angela Glaros

#### Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges
- **President's Award**
  - Melvin Johnson

#### Society for Cultural Anthropology
- **Cultural Horizons Prize**
  - Omri Elisha

#### Society for East Asian Anthropology
- **Francis LK Hsu Book Prize**
  - Nicole DeJong

#### Student Diversity Travel Awards
- **Shankari Patel
  - Rhianna Rogers
  - Tsim Schneider
  - Ana Tejeda

#### Student Paper Prize
- **Undergraduate Student Award**
  - Molly Zuckerman

#### Student Paper Prize
- **Undergraduate Student Award**
  - Mary C Benedetto

#### Student Paper Prize
- **Undergraduate Student Award**
  - Canay Ozden

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2009 AAA Section Award Winners
Society for Humanistic Anthropology
Victor Turner Prize in Ethnographic Writing
Matthew Engelke

Fiction Prize
James Wood
Laura Biaggi

Poetry Prize
Christina Lovin

Graduate Student Paper Prize
Pearl Chan

Undergraduate Student Paper Prize
Shad Stroh

Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
Roseberry-Nash Graduate Award
Ellen Sharp

Whiteford Graduate Student Prize in applied Anthropology
US Prize:
Mauricio Magana
Latin Prize:
Cynthia X Ingar

Society for Linguistic Anthropology
Best Graduate Essay
Benjamin K Smith
Best Undergraduate Essay
Ruairidh Flaconer

Society for Medical Anthropology
New Millennium Book Award
Athena McLean
The Steven Polgar Professional Paper Competition
Melissa Park
Eileen Basker Memorial Prize
Janelle Taylor
Career Achievement Award
Charles Leslie
CAR Paper Prize
Junjie Chen
George Foster Memorial Prize in the Practice of Medical Anthropology
Noel Chrisman
MASA Dissertation Award
Sera Lewise Young
MASA Mentoring Award
Carole Browner
Rudolph Virchow Professional Award
Sherine Hamdy
Rudolph Virchow Graduate Student Award
Ari Samsky
Rudolph Virchow Undergraduate Student Award
Serena Stein
Clark Taylor Professional Prize
Manjeri Mahajan
Graduate Student Paper Prize
Hanspeter Reihling
Alcohol, Drug & Tobacco Study Group Graduate Student Paper Competition
Kate R Goldade

Society for Psychological Anthropology
Stirling Award
Angela Garcia
Rebecca J Lester
Boyer Prize
Naomi Quinn
Bambi Chapin
Condon Prize
Kristin Yarris

Society for the Anthropology of Europe
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Pre-Dissertation Fellowship Award
Lindsey West
Graduate Student Paper Prize
Maryna Basyulevych
Undergraduate Student Paper Prize
Marguerite Hoyler

Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition
Distinguished Speaker
Ellen Messer
Christine Wilson Award for Graduate Student Paper
Emily Yates-Doerr

Society for the Anthropology of North America
Prize for Distinguished Achievement in the Critical Study of North America
Leo Chavez
Delmos Jones and Jagna Sharff Memorial Prize for the Critical Study of North America
Jessica Cattelino

Society for Urban, National and Transnational/Global Anthropology
Leeds Prize
Bob W White
Graduate Student Prize
Nikhil Anand
Undergraduate Student Prize
Colt Michaels
Hannah McElgunn

Society for Visual Anthropology
Lifetime Achievement
Asen Balikci
Richard Chalfen
Special Award for Distinguished Service
Thomas Blakely

Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists
Single-Authored Monograph
Mary Gray
Edited Volume
Bill Leap
Ellen Lewin
Kenneth W Payne Student Prize
Gregory Mitchell
# Statement of Financial Position

**December 31, 2009**  
(With Summarized Financial Information as of December 31, 2008)

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Net Assets

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Information has been excerpted from our audited financial report for 2009. For a complete copy of the audited financial statements please contact the AAA offices at 703-528-1902.
### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009
(With Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended December 31, 2008)

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| **EXPENSES**         |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| Program services:    |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| Publications         | 1,014,630    | —                      | —                      | 1,014,630  | 1,098,871  |
| Public education     | 378,658      | —                      | —                      | 378,658    | 240,392    |
| Sections             | 355,937      | —                      | —                      | 355,937    | 401,524    |
| Annual meeting       | 441,792      | —                      | —                      | 441,792    | 426,835    |
| Membership           | 413,973      | —                      | —                      | 413,973    | 371,779    |
| Academic services and media relations | 291,991 | — | — | 291,991 | 249,377 |
| Government relations and minority affairs | 197,815 | — | — | 197,815 | 183,340 |
| Total Program Services | 3,094,796 | — | — | 3,094,796 | 2,972,118 |
| Supporting services: |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| Management and governance | 1,483,567 | — | — | 1,483,567 | 1,566,709 |
| Development          | 83,073       | —                      | —                      | 83,073     | 76,647     |
| Total supporting services | 1,566,640 | — | — | 1,566,640 | 1,643,356 |
| Total Expenses       | 4,661,436    | —                      | —                      | 4,661,436  | 4,615,474  |
| Change in Net Assets before Investment Income | 351,550 | (234,908) | 14,643 | 131,285 | 1,030,095 |

|                      |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| Investment income (losses/fees) |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| Realized (losses) gains on investments | (397,741) | - | - | (397,741) | (256,590) |
| Interest and dividends | 204,767 | 30,317 | - | 235,084 | 312,578 |
| Investments fees      | (68,424)     | -                      | -                      | (68,424)   | (78,180)   |
| Unrealized losses on investments | 1,341,143 | - | - | 1,341,143 | (1,395,833) |
| Total investment income (loss), net | 1,079,745 | 30,317 | - | 1,110,062 | (1,418,025) |
| Change in Net Assets | 1,431,295 | (204,591) | 14,643 | 1,241,347 | (387,930) |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | 6,316,437 | 671,523 | 328,551 | 7,316,511 | 7,704,441 |
| Net Assets, End of Year | $7,747,732 | $466,932 | $343,194 | $8,557,858 | $7,316,511 |
As part AAA’s commitment “to advance knowledge of who we are, how we came to be that way—and where we may go in the future,” we have chosen to use environmentally responsible, budget-conscious printing paper and ink for our Annual Report.
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