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Society for the Anthropology of North America  
Annual Report  
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Accomplishments during the period covered:

Membership: Our membership bounces around between 400 and 500 members throughout the year. We have been monitoring the numbers especially closely this year because we have increased dues from $10 to $25. We tried to institute a tiered membership structure, however, so that students and anyone else who did not want to or felt financially constrained could pay a $10 student membership fee and be a full member. It's hard to break out the exact numbers, but it appears that most people went ahead and paid the $25.00. That is a 150% increase in dues that did not impact membership in a substantial way.

With the dues increase, we have been able to fully fund our student travel grants, North American Dialogue, and our transition to AnthroSource while maintaining a healthy fund balance.

Meetings: Between April 23-25 2004, we joined forces with the American Ethnological Society to host our spring conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme was "Containment and Transgression: Global Encounters with North America @ Twenty-first Century." It was a resounding success thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Don Nonini, Dana-Ain Davis, and Erik P. Revely. John Clarke came from England and Micaela Di Leonardo came from Chicago to strike the keynotes during their thought provoking and evocative addresses. Perhaps more importantly, graduate students, faculty members, and undergraduates, including a rather large contingent from Wesleyan (brought down by Gina Ulysse) participated in a very exciting and successful program. Registration was higher than expected and we actually came in well under budget when all the accounting was finished.

Between May 3-8 the Society for the Anthropology of North America will host its 2005 Spring Conference in Conference in Merida, Mexico. We are teaming up with the Canadian Anthropological Society / Societe Canadienne d'Anthropologie (CASCA), and the Facultad de Ciencias Antropológicas de la Universidad Autonoma de Yucatán (UADY). The theme will be Translocality: Discussing Culture and Change in the 21st Century. Registration is well on its way, and I should say that we are really
pursuing international outreach with this conference. Sessions will be held in French, English, and Spanish. Our Keynote will be Leith Mullings of the CUNY Graduate Center.

**Communications:** Perhaps this area is where we have invested the most this year. We have developed a web site, which is simple but successful. We hired a professional web developer, Rene Llewellyn, and pay her bi-annually to keep the site updated. She has been doing a wonderful job, and everyone is pleased by this new development. It is housed on Duke Universities servers, and the web address is [http://sananet.org](http://sananet.org) Please, check it out. On the website we have a bibliography (to help graduate students prepare for exams on North American Anthropology), a collection of syllabi, past volumes of *North American Dialogue*, membership information and a list of officers.

Although we had an e-mail list for members, in the wake of the 2004 meetings debacle we had to develop another approach to contact those members who wanted to be informed about the processes, etc. However, we did not want to produce more unwanted or unopened email in our constituents' email boxes. So, we just develop one of those "Yahoo groups," which is simple and efficient. Despite the ubiquitous advertisements, it is proving to be a good way to facilitate communication among members. The link to joining the list is provided on the web site.

**Prizes:** The SANA Prize for Distinguished Achievement in the Critical Study of North America may be awarded annually for a single work, a body of work, or lifetime achievement. For the calendar year 2004 it was awarded to **Faye V. Harrison** at the University of Florida.

We also award travel grants to offset the financial burden for graduate students presenting at the meetings. We funded eight students with our allocation of $2,000. Although the money was allocated before the SF meetings were cancelled, we allowed students to keep the money to present at either the applied meetings in New Mexico, the AES meetings in California, or our meetings in the Yucatan.

In general, this was an interesting year with SANA folks well represented within various initiatives, including the so-called Canterbury Statement and the statement issued by the AAA regarding Gay Marriages. We feel that North American Anthropology is as important as ever; a critical understanding of how power is distributed and how race, gender, class, and sexuality
are construed within and throughout N. America remains the driving
mission of our unit.

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