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Status, Activities, and Accomplishments
2007 was our second year as a regular section of the AAA. As in 2006, we organized invited sessions, held board and business meetings, and published a regular column in Anthropology News. We also held elections for officers rotating off the board.

Elections: EAS held biennial elections in Spring 2007. We elected 3 new board members (2 for 4-year terms, and 1 student member for a 2-year term) as well as a President-elect (to serve for 2 years prior to assuming EAS presidency), as listed above. A Nominations Committee consisting of Lee Cronk, John Patton, and student member Siobhan Mattison developed a list of nominees. The Board reviewed the nominees and made a final selection of candidates for the ballot. In addition, the appointed positions of Secretary/Treasurer and of Contributing Editor also turned over in 2007; the Board appointed Donna Leonetti (U of Washington) and John Ziker (Idaho State U) to assume these respective positions, to four-year appointments beginning December 2007.

Membership: Membership in EAS appears stable, and our finances are secure. As of November 2007 we had 354 members, of whom 234 were regular members and 120 student members. This represents a modest increase (3.2%) in overall membership in the last year, but a decline in the student segment (by 9.1%). Our mission statement emphasizes serving students and recent PhDs with interests in evolutionary anthropology, and students are well-represented in our organized sessions, so we are particularly sensitive to the student membership trends. At our Board Meeting this year we discussed various possible means of attracting more student members, as noted below.

Finances: Our financial resources are modest but steadily increasing. Revenues come strictly from the dues we charge members ($5 for students, $10 for others).

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<td>Membership - Regular</td>
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EAS coffers hold over $5300 (as of Nov. 30, 2007), an increase of about $1800 over the previous twelve months. While we do want to maintain a “cushion” for unexpected expenses, we clearly are in a position to increase our expenditures (see “Future plans,” below). We do not publish a journal, and thus have not been affected by AnthroSource financing issues; instead, we offer EAS members a reduced subscription rate to the journal *Human Nature*, one of the major journals for publications in evolutionary anthropology. This journal also offers the likelihood of publishing selected (and peer-reviewed) papers from one of the EAS invited sessions in a special journal issue each year (an EAS session from 2006 is currently in press via this channel, and a 2005 special issue was also published).

**AAA meeting:** The AAA meetings this year in Washington, DC featured three EAS-sponsored sessions selected by the 2007 EAS Program Committee (Pat Draper and Donna Leonetti). Presentation submissions (n= 30) substantially exceeded supply (limited to 3 sessions, 7 papers per session, including the poster session), so the Program Committee had to make some difficult choices. Our sponsored sessions this year were:

*Gendered Inequalities in Evolutionary Perspective* (Rebecca Bird and Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, organizers); papers by Rebecca Bird, Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, Carol Ember, Michael Gurven, James Jones, Charles Nunn, and Bram Tucker

*Evolutionary Theory and Strategic Choices* (Donna Leonetti, organizer); posters by Kersti Harter, Daniel Hruschka, and Peyton Moncrief

*New Research in the Evolutionary Ecology of Food Transfers* (Brian Wood, organizer); papers by Ian Gilby, Jeremy Koster, John Patton, David Watts, Brian Wood, and John Ziker

The gender session was originally submitted for consideration as a Presidential Session, but was not successful in that venue.

In addition, EAS reviewed two sessions that appeared on the program:

*Behavior in a Religious Context, Reproductive Competition, and Interhousehold Cooperation: Empirical Approaches* (Patricia Draper, organizer); papers by Adam Boyette, David Nolin, and Carmin Soler Cruz

*Expanding Frontiers in Evolutionary Anthropology: Approaches to Complex and Modernizing Societies* (Wesley Allen-Arave and Mary Shenk, organizers); papers by Wesley Allen-Arave, Kermyt Anderson, James Boone, Howard Kress, Bobbi Low, and Mary Shenk

**Recruitment:** At the invitation of AAA staff, several board members took turns manning an information booth in the Exhibit Hall for some 5 or 6 hours on Thursday and Friday. We prepared a flyer for this purpose (copy appended to this report), and distributed copies to interested parties at the booth, as well as other times during the meetings.

**Reception:** A highlight of the meetings for many was the well-attended EAS reception on Saturday night, graciously hosted by Bill Irons, and organized by yours truly and several assistants. An estimated 70 people showed up to talk shop, socialize, and consume refreshments.

**2007 Awards:** We had several eligible candidates for our awards this year. The judging panel (Wes Allen-Arave, Jim Boone, and Mike Gurven) selected the following winners from among the EAS-sponsored poster and oral presentations:

*Best Student Investigator Award:* David Nolin (U of Washington), paper presentation on “A Social Network Analysis of Food-sharing Behavior in Lamalera, Indonesia”
**Best New Investigator Award:** Daniel Hruschka (Santa Fe Institute), poster presentation on “Testing Models of Linguistic and Cultural History: A Likelihood Approach”

Each received a $250 prize and a nice addition to his c.v.

**Future Plans**

**AAA program:** Discussion at the business meeting revolved around how to expand our representation in the program beyond our official allotment, which many other sections have done more successfully than EAS. To this end, decisions were made to:

- Encourage our members to submit presidential sessions to the AAA Program Committee directly
- Co-sponsor sessions with other sections (particularly ones that might not be utilizing their poster sessions)
- Provide detailed guidance to our members on how to submit papers and sessions to the AAA Program Committee if they are not accepted for our invited sessions (this will be done both via our *Anthropology News* column and via an email to members in February)
- Consider organizing roundtables or other non-standard offerings for the AAA program

**Other initiatives:** At the 2007 board and business meetings, we discussed possible additional initiatives, including travel awards for students and foreign scholars presenting at EAS sessions, and a book award. We decided against a book award at this time, but in favor of offering subsidies to student members whose papers or posters are accepted into the program (whether in EAS invited sessions or otherwise). A board subcommittee will draft a proposed plan for administering these awards.
The Evolutionary Anthropology Society (EAS) promotes the application of evolutionary theory in all subfields of anthropology. It was formed in 2003, and became a regular AAA section in 2005. It currently (2007) has over 350 members, about one third of them students.

The goals of the EAS are to

- promote the application of modern evolutionary theory to the analysis of human behavior and culture (including paleontological, archaeological, and linguistic manifestations)
- foster scholarly exchange between evolution-minded researchers in all subfields of anthropology and other disciplines
- support the dissemination of evolutionary anthropology in teaching and research
- provide a forum for those who are concerned with the communication of evolutionarily-informed anthropological research to the general public
- provide a greater opportunity for evolutionarily-oriented graduate students to present papers at the national meetings, and gain other AAA membership benefits

The services EAS provides to members include

- organizing and hosting sessions on topics relevant to evolutionary anthropology at the annual AAA meeting
- publication of a regular column in the AAA’s Anthropology News
- awards for best student paper and best paper by a new investigator in the sessions organized by EAS at the annual AAA meeting
- compiling and disseminating information about graduate programs and job openings relevant to evolutionary anthropology

Student dues are $5 for EAS section membership (plus AAA dues); regular dues are $10 (plus AAA dues). If you are already a member of the AAA, all you have to do is add EAS as one of your section memberships next time you renew.

Further information, including bylaws and mission statement, can be found on the EAS web site (www.evolutionaryanthropologysociety.org)

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Evolutionary Anthropology Society Events at AAA 2007

EAS Sponsored Sessions:

**Gendered Inequalities in Evolutionary Perspective**
- Rebecca Bird and Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, organizers
- Friday, November 30, from 4:00 to 5:45 pm in Cotillion South
- Papers by Rebecca Bird, Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, Carol Ember, Michael Gurven, James Jones, Charles Nunn, and Bram Tucker

**Evolutionary Theory and Strategic Choices**
- Donna Leonetti, organizer
- Saturday, December 1, 1:30 to 3:30 pm in Exhibit Hall B South
- Posters by Kersti Harter, Daniel Hruschka, and Peyton Moncrief

**New Research in the Evolutionary Ecology of Food Transfers**
- Brian Wood, organizer
- Sunday, December 2, 10:15 am to 12 noon in Washington Room 1
- Papers by Ian Gilby, Jeremy Koster, John Patton, David Watts, Brian Wood, and John Ziker

EAS Reviewed Sessions:

**Behavior in a Religious Context, Reproductive Competition, and Interhousehold Cooperation: Empirical Approaches**
- Patricia Draper, organizer
- Wednesday, November 28, 6:00 to 7:15 pm in Washington Room 4
- Papers by Adam Boyette, David Nolin, and Carmin Soler Cruz

**Expanding Frontiers in Evolutionary Anthropology: Approaches to Complex and Modernizing Societies**
- Wesley Allen-Arave and Mary Shenk, organizers
- Thursday, November 29, 8:00 to 9:45 am in Washington Room 2
- Papers by Wesley Allen-Arave, Kermyt Anderson, James Boone, Howard Kress, Bobbi Low, and Mary Shenk

EAS Events:

**EAS Annual Business Meeting**
- Saturday, December 1, 12:15 to 1:30 pm in Harding
- Please feel free to bring friends or colleagues who are not yet members.

*The EAS Party* will be held on Saturday evening. The place and time will be announced at the EAS Business Meeting.