Section Annual Report Instructions

According to the AAA by-laws, each Section is required to submit an Annual Report to the AAA. Reports are reviewed by a committee of fellow Section Assembly members and forwarded to the Executive Board for their final approval. These committees and the AAA Staff use the reports to plan the Association’s budgets and activities and track trends in Section membership and program development. Annual reports are also available to the membership via the AAA web site.

2008 Annual Reports should cover the period from January 1, 2008-December 31, 2008. The Section leader who was in office during this time period is the person responsible for submitting the Annual Report on behalf of their Section. If you would like to view the 2001-2007 Section Annual Reports please go to the AAA website http://www.aaanet.org/reports/index.htm

All Annual Reports are due to the AAA offices no later than January 31, 2009.

Briefly provide the information requested below (as bullet point items where possible). If the question does not apply to your Section, please note that it is “not applicable” instead of leaving it blank. Please return the Annual Report form electronically as an e-mail attachment created in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect to Kim Baker at kbaker@aaanet.org
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Please try to keep the responses to questions below as succinct as possible (no longer than 3 pages single sided).

Names and e-mail addresses of the Section officers during the period covered:
Michael Harkin, President harkin@uwyo.edu
Fred Gleach, President-elect fwg1@cornell.edu
Julia Offen, Treasurer offen@oswego.edu
Vilma Santiago-Irizarry, Secretary vs23@cornell.edu

Status, Activities and Accomplishments this year

1. Most up-to-date membership numbers: 261
   - List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership: Membership table at 2007 AAA meeting, membership drive via Listserve.

2. Financial balances for both Section budgets and publication sponsored budgets, if applicable (for 2008). $45,000
   - List any factors you think are affecting your Section’s finances: Wiley-Blackwell agreement, increased membership.

3. List your Section’s AAA meeting invited sessions, co-sponsored sessions, and any special events your Section sponsored or in which it participated:
   - Invited sessions:
     - Moving Experiences: Dance, Performance, and Embodied Ethnography
     - The Epistemology of Literary Ethnography
   - AAA writers group
   - SHA Workshops:
     - Documenting Actualities
     - Submitting to a Peer-reviewed Journal
     - Ethnographic Writing
     - The Thrills and Chills of Taking Students Abroad
   - Spring meeting activities (if applicable): Co-sponsorship of 2009 Society for Applied Anthropology meeting

4. Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following:
   - undergraduate and/or graduate students:
   - junior scholars:
   - independent scholars:

5. 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: Work with SfAA on cosponsoring annual meeting.

6. Awards presented this year on behalf of your Section, if applicable (please provide the title of the award, date presented, and full name, affiliation, and title of the project/paper/accomplishment of the awardees):
   - Victor Turner Prize: Richard Price (William & Mary) Travels With Tooy
   - Ethnographic Fiction Prize:
     - Don Mitchell, "Have You Seen Wanawo"
     - Michael Agrosino (USF), "Shrine."

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Poetry Prize: Marilyn Wilkey Merritt (George Washington), "Waiting for A Young Poet in Niamey, Dakar Rhythms of Ramadan.

Student Paper Awards:
- Undergraduate: Claire-Marie Hefner (UW-Madison), "Conversion and Longing: Autonomy and Gendered Cultural Expectations in Indonesia."

All prizes presented at AAA meeting 11/21/08

26.8. Status and use of Section internal communications such as a website, list serve, or newsletter (if applicable): Listserve became operational in fall 2007; Website migrated to AAA server and updated late 2008.

27.9. Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable): Change in membership dues structure.

Future plans or activities in the next 3-5 years

1. Do you have any plans or activities specifically aimed at increasing your membership and/or broadening your membership (i.e., students, independent scholars, scholars of color)?

2. Do you have any plans or activities aimed at creating new forms of scholarly communication or changing existing publications/communications? Expansion of website to include artistic and literary material from members. Exploring possibility of biannual meeting with other section or organization.

3. Any other projects that your Section has underway or discussed with its members:

4. What (if any) collaboration is your Section doing with other Sections, Interest Groups, or outside groups on the projects listed above?

Please tell us what your chief concerns and issues are, especially if they are not previously noted:

1. What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Section Assembly leadership?

2. What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board?

3. What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff?