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Status, Activities and Accomplishments this year

1. Most up-to-date membership numbers:  574 total: 174 student members

   Membership may be increasing as a result of the availability of fellowships for initial
   fieldwork for graduate students and for conferences: these are the Lemelson Student
   Fellowship Program and the Lemelson/SPA Conference Fund:

2. Financial balances for both Section budgets and publication sponsored budgets, if
   applicable (for 2008).

   Current balance for the SPA: $94,122; for Ethos $4308

3. List your Section’s AAA meeting invited sessions, co-sponsored sessions, and any special
   events your Section sponsored or in which it participated:
These were the invited sessions:

Integrating Local and Western Psychotherapies (co-sponsored with SMA--was listed under them as primary)

Is the Self Still Worthwhile to Think With?

Roundtable: Working with Children: Methodological and Ethical Issues in the Anthropology of Childhood

The Encultured Brain: Neuroanthropology and Interdisciplinary Engagement (Co-sponsored with the Central States Anthropological Society)

Collaboration in the Study of Childhood: Anthropological Perspectives on Learning (Co-sponsored with the Evolutionary Anthropology Society)

Other sessions included:

Children’s understanding of kinship and family history

Reconsidering selves in society: Intersectional approaches

Theory in practice: reflecting on the transdisciplinary and transnational impact of the work of Jean Lave

Methods roundtable

Projective self-practices: representations and transformations

Postcolonial disorders: subjectivity in the contemporary world

Living in community: (re) socialization throughout the life course

Legacies of violence: memory, symptom and intervention

Theorizing childhood

Negotiating selves: exploring paths from girlhood to womanhood in South Asia

Making modernities in youth cultures

Exploring identities in the clinic: conflicts, tensions and critiques of self-concepts

Disjunctive childhoods: children’s agency in cultural reproduction

4. Spring meeting activities (if applicable): None: the biennial meeting occurs March 2009

5. Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following:
   • undergraduate and/or graduate students:
   • junior scholars:
   • independent scholars:
This year the president offered a free drink for the first twenty five students at the business meeting; we were able to offer a small fellowship to students whose papers were accepted at the upcoming spring conference; we have benefited from the generous Lemelson gift in offering student fellowships and funding for conferences; we continue to reach out to scholars in other disciplines such as psychology and to include them in our panels and conferences.

6. 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: Members actively collaborate with scholars from other fields, particularly psychology and neuroscience.

7. 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): The Stirling Award was presented to Alex Hinton, for his book *Why Did They Kill?*

8. Status and use of Section internal communications such as a website, list serve, or newsletter (if applicable): The SPA currently has a listserv used judiciously for the announcement of section panels, upcoming conferences and so forth.

9. Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable): None

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)? We are continuing to seek ways to engage scholars from other fields. Ethos seems to be healthy and its submission rate and download rate appears to be increasing.

2. Do you have any plans or activities aimed at creating new forms of scholarly communication or changing existing publications/communications? No

3. Any other projects that your Section has underway or discussed with its members: We continue to discuss plans for future conferences.

4. What (if any) collaboration is your Section doing with other Sections, Interest Groups, or outside groups on the projects listed above? Our biennial conference will be held in March 2009 jointly with the Society for the Anthropology of Religion.

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? The Section Assembly has worked hard to make the voice of the sections heard. Our leadership has participated in this process and we are proud of the change in the structure of the AA Executive Board.

2. What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? We urge them to continue to be mindful of the health of our sections, which are the lifeblood of our organization.

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