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Status, activities and accomplishments this year

1. Membership:  
1736 members, down 134 from last year

2. Financial Balances:  
a. section:  
$197,363.99 (ending 11/30/2009)  
b. journal:  
$7,236.22

3. AAA invited sessions, co-sponsored sessions and special events

“Where is ‘Audacity’ or ‘Hope’? Critical Responses to the Obama Administration’s First 300 Days”

“The ‘Training’ Problem in Socio-cultural Anthropology: Methods Courses and the Politics of Method in Anthropology Today and Tomorrow”

“Theories in Motion”

“Locating Migration: Rescaling Migrants and Cities,” co-sponsored with SUNTA.

“Invited Roundtable: Anthropology and its Publics”

“Anthropology at the Ends of the Human,” co-sponsored with SCA

“Making Daily Life Deadly: The Militarization of Everyday Life, North and South,” co-sponsored with AAA Executive Program Committee

“Extreme: Histories and Economies of Humanness inside Outerspaces,” co-sponsored with SCA

“The Value of Small Things”

“An Anthropology of Critical Engagement: Honoring Antonio Lauria-Perricelli,” co-sponsored with SLACA
“States of Desire: Citizenship, Political Subjectivity and Social Change,” co-sponsored with APLA

“War and Counter-Counterinsurgency: Demilitarizing Anthropology and U.S. Society,” co-sponsored with SUNTA

4. Spring Meeting Activities: The AES hosted a highly successful and well-attended meeting in May 2009 in Vancouver, British Columbia (co-hosted with CASCA) on the theme of “Transnational Anthropologies.”

5. Mentorship efforts.

--We encouraged panel organizers, both at the AAA meeting and the spring meeting, to involve graduate students in their panels.
--We reserved a percentage of panels at the AES meetings for graduate students.
--We drew upon our graduate student representative to canvass the National Association of Student Anthropologists so as to keep the section leadership informed about the needs and concerns of students.
--We sponsor workshops at the AAA meetings on publishing in the American Ethnologist.

6. Additional outreach efforts. AES was involved in planning and carrying out the changes in AAA governance that were approved by the AAA membership in 2008 and implemented in 2009. An AES representative participated in the Section Assembly Working Group that helped draft the new by-laws. One of AES’ primary goals throughout this process has been to give all sections, but especially the smaller ones, a greater voice in AAA governance. We are especially concerned about finding ways to include the concerns of historically marginalized groups.

7. Awards presented on behalf of AES. In 2009, we presented the Sharon Stephens Prize to Patty Kelly for Lydia’s Open Door: Mexico’s Most Modern Brothel, (UC Press, 2008) and to Winifred Tate for Counting the Dead: The Culture and Politics of Human Rights Activism in Colombia (Columbia, 2007). We will award the Senior Book Prize and the Elsie Clews Parsons Prize in 2010.

8. Status and use of section internal communications. AES maintains its own website. The site was redesigned and re-launched in 2009.

9. Changes in by-laws or governance structure. None.

Future plans and activities during the next 3-5 years

1. Broadening/increasing AES membership. We are discussing the possibility of polling recently-lapsed AES members to inquire why they have not renewed and to encourage them to do so. We are also considering whether we have a sufficiently discounted student rate or should further reduce it in order to encourage students to join.

2. New forms of scholarly communication. We hope to streamline our process for posting to and updating our website and our procedures for using the listserv.

3. Other projects under discussion. We are involved in an on-going discussion of new formats for scholarly presentation at meetings. We hope to roll out some of our ideas, particularly those highlighting connections to the local community, at the 2010 AAA meeting in New Orleans.
4. Collaborations with other sections, interest groups or outside groups. We regularly collaborate with other sections and interest groups on meeting sessions, and in hosting our spring meeting. We are also now participating actively with other groups in revised AAA governance venues.

**Our chief concerns**

1. We are concerned with the accuracy of current metrics for evaluating the impact of AAA publications and have been exploring the pros and cons of alternative measures. Current accounting measures used to distribute revenues from AnthroSource to the sections have generated efforts on the part of some sections to “game” the system—to devise ways of increasing downloads in order to receive additional funds. We believe that the Section Assembly should discuss alternative ways of measuring journal impact and distributing revenues from AnthroSource.

2. Issues to be raised with the executive board. None at this time.

3. Issues to be raised with the AAA staff. None at this time.