Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)
2009 Annual Report

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Elected members-at-large included Martin Manalansan and Ara Wilson (whose terms ended in December, 2009) and Srimati Basu and Deborah Elliston, both of whom will remain on the AFA Executive Board until 2011. Appointed positions included: Jodi Nettleton as Program Chair, Suzanne Baker as website manager, and Colleen Morgan as the listserv coordinator. Amy Harper served as the editor of the AFA journal, Voices. Jessica Smith and Damla Isik were co-contributing editors to the Anthropology News. The book review editor was Lauren Fordyce.

Status, Activities and Accomplishments for 2009
Membership
Despite decreasing membership numbers, AFA continues to be a mid-sized section. Membership totals have been an issue of concern for AFA since 2004. In fact, the AFA has lost 247 members since September 2004. More recently, AFA membership in October 2009 was 699, a 62 member decrease from the October 2008 membership total of 761. In terms of percentages, the loss of 47 student members in one year (2008-2009) reflected a 16% decrease; the loss of 19 regular members reflected a 4% decrease. On the upside, AFA gained four retired members. The most recent membership figure of 699 includes 429 regular members, 246 student members, and 24 retired members. As suggested in the 2008 annual report, this membership decrease is occurring in the wake of a serious and ongoing international economic crisis.

Financial Balances

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2009

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EXPENDITURES:
Prof/Consult/Honorarium 700.00          0.00
Travel and Expenses     3500.00          0.00
Awards & Honors         1500.00          3000.00¹
Web Site                100.00           0.00
Postage                 100.00           0.00
Office Supplies         100.00           0.00
Photocopy/Duplication   100.00           0.00
Miscellaneous expenses  400.00           0.00
Meetings                1800.00          0.00
Development & Promo     1000.00          0.00
Storage                 140.00           119.25

YTD Pub (Rev) less exp*  (- 117.00) (- 749.80)
Total Expenditures      9323.00        2369.45

Net Assets BY2009      31,204.84
Change in Net Assets    $5,001.65
Net Assets as of Oct. 2009 $36,206.49

¹ Includes the Forman Awards: Graduate ($1000) and Undergraduate ($500) = $1500, and the Hurston Awards: (3x$500) =$1500.

² Expected expenses for 2009 include $600 for the joint reception at the AAA meetings, $1600 for Board meeting food and space, and $1600 for officer travel for a total of approximately $6919, which is less than our revenues received so far for this year ($7371), leaving us with another positive increase in net assets.

Note: Total budgeted for VOICES was $600.00

2009 AAA Meeting Highlights
AFA sponsored one Presidential Panel, “Endings and/or New Beginnings? Feminist, Medical, and Public Anthropology in the Work of Louise Lamphere.” Organizers: Deborah Boehm (Univ. of Nevada, Reno) and Nancy J. Burke (Univ. California, San Francisco). Four Invited Panels included the following:
Feminist Anthropology Meets Queer Anthropology: A Tribute to the Work of Liz Kennedy co-sponsored with SOLGA
Masculinities in Motion: Violence, Non-Violence, and Beyond. Organizer: M. Cristina Alcalde (University of Kentucky)
Forging an Activist Anthropology in the Halls of Power. Organizers: Melissa Fisher (Georgetown) and Linda Basch (National Council for Research on Women)
Moral Borders and the Boundaries of Labor: Culture and Commodified Sexualities in the Neoliberal Era. Organizers: Patty Kelly (GWU) and Susan Dewey (DePauw)

Additionally, six (6) volunteered panels were submitted and accepted. Twenty-two individual papers were submitted and organized into sessions. All were accepted by the AA program committee. In all, the Association for Feminist Anthropology had 15 panels on the 2009 AAA program, including 1 Presidential panel and 4 invited sessions. There
was also a Roundtable on the program, a poster session with two posters. There were two workshops: “How to Publish Your First Article and Book” and “Negotiating Basics for Academic Women”. In addition to these events, AFA co-sponsored a reception with several other sections. This was the fourth year for this popular gathering.

Awards
During the 2009 AFA Business meeting the Forman prize winners were announced. Forman Committee chair, Dorothy Hodgson, presented certificates and cash prizes to the winners. The undergraduate winner was Tiffany Black (U of New Hampshire), whose essay was entitled, “Conceptualizing the Two-Spirit Gender of Native North Americans: Occupation is Where It’s at, not Sexuality” (advised by Dr. Ellie Harrison-Buck). The graduate winner was: Vanessa Agard-Jones (NYU), whose essay was entitled “Le Jeu di Qui? Sexual Politics at Play in the French Caribbean (paper for Dr. Lila Abu Lughod, advised by Dr. Aisha Khan). Another meeting highlight was the Zora Neale Hurston Travel award, which was presented by committee chair, Martin Manalansan. The Hurston awardees included: Rania Kassab Sweis (Stanford University), Jenny L. Davis (University of Colorado at Boulder) and Camee Maddox (University of Florida).

Voices, website, listserv and column
- Volume 9 of Voices became available on the website in early 2009. The contributors in the issue were presenters in the 2008 Squeaky Wheel panel and include Naomi Quinn, Louise Lamphere, Adrienne Zihlman, and Joan Gero, along with a paper co-written by Keri Brondo, Carla Guerron Montero, Catherine Kingfisher, and Elizabeth Tunstall. The papers are reflections on the status of women/feminism in anthropology and Naomi Quinn’s in particular includes discussion of the founding of the AFA.
- The AFA Executive Board will be exploring ways to revise the website and reinvigorate the listserv.
- The two new co-contributing editors to the AN were actively engaged in maintaining the visibility of the AFA column. Jessica Smith and Damla Isik encourage dialogues within the column related to a specific area of concern and would like to promote more of this in future columns.

Future Plans
- AFA still has not followed up on the dissertation fellowship; this is an initiative to develop in 2010. The Executive Board discussed a plan for announcing
  - Revise website and website management. Board members suggest having an elected web-site officer, or incorporating web-site review into job description of secretary (as communications with membership) with money allocated for technical support.
  - Continue to develop Voices. The journal is back; AFA needs to work on strategies to make this a stronger publication.
• Be proactive about nominating or supporting AFA members for AAA committees.

• Continue work on AFA History project.

**Concerns**
Membership continues to be a major concern. Through various activities (student prizes, workshops, Voices, website, listserv), AFA continues to work on its visibility and accessibility to new members. The AFA Executive Board is very interested in developing other strategies for increasing membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Rodriguez
President, Association for Feminist Anthropology
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