Section Annual Report Form

Briefly provide the information requested on the form below. If the question does not apply to your Section, please note that it is “not applicable” instead of leaving it blank.

Please try to keep the responses to questions below as succinct as possible

I  Please provide, names and e-mail addresses of the Section officers and board members during the period covered:

General Anthropology Division

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II  Status, Activities and Accomplishments this year

1) Provide the most recent membership numbers and list any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership:

Number of Members_________1223_________

Factors affecting Membership: unclear

2) Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets, if applicable). Also list any factors you think are affecting your Section’s finances:

Financial Balance: net assets (Oct 2010)= $90,786.24_____________________

Publications: (if applicable) __________________
Neither *General Anthropology Bulletin* nor *Anthro-At-Large* generate significant income, but we are happy to continue to support both publications, which are highly valued by GAD members.

Factors affecting Finances:

Membership numbers have decreased slightly, but our balance remains robust.

3) List the titles of your Section’s AAA meeting invited sessions, co-sponsored sessions, and any special events your Section sponsored or in which it participated. Check with your program chairs if needed: When providing session information please note if these are invited or co-sponsored and if the later please list them.

**INVITED SESSIONS 2010**

1. **Got Anthropology?**
   Organizer(s): Robert Myers (Alfred University) and Carol Morrow (Southeast Missouri State University)

2. **Strategies in Teaching Anthropology 2010**
   Organizer: David McCurdy (Macalester)

3. **Moving Bodies, Being Subjects: Ethnographic, Archaeological, and Historical Approaches to Mobility**
   Organizers: Michelle Lelievre (University of Chicago) and Maureen Marshall (University of Chicago)
   
   CO-Sponsored with Archaeology Division

**OTHER EVENTS:**

New Orleans: 4-0275: **TEACHING ROUNDTABLE WITH WINNERS OF THE AAA/OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS TEACHING AWARD** Organizer(s): SCOTT LUKAS (Lake Tahoe) Chair: SCOTT LUKAS (Lake Tahoe)

**GAD Distinguished Lecture:** Dr. Karen Strier, University of Wisconsin, Madison

4). List spring meeting activities (if applicable):

Not applicable

5) List 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):
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<td>Diana Forsythe Award (co sponsored by the Society for the Anthropology of Work)</td>
<td>November 2010</td>
<td>Elly Teman</td>
<td>Center for the Integration of Genetic Health Care Technologies, University of Pennsylvania</td>
<td><em>Birthing a Mother: The Surrogate Body and the Pregnant Self</em> (University of California Press, 2010).</td>
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<td>GAD Prize for Exemplary Cross-Field Scholarship</td>
<td>November 2010</td>
<td>David Hess</td>
<td>Professor, Department of Science and Technology Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</td>
<td>Crosscurrents: Social Movements and the Anthropology of Science and Technology. American Anthropologist, Sep 2007, Vol. 109, No. 3: 463–47</td>
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<td>GAD Prize for Exemplary Cross-Field Scholarship, Honorable Mention</td>
<td>November 2010</td>
<td>Pamela Geller</td>
<td>Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Miami</td>
<td>Bodyscapes, Biology, and Heteronormativity. American Anthropologist, Vol. 111, Issue 4, pages 504–516, December 2009</td>
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6) Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following:

One of GAD’s affiliated interest groups, the Committee on Teaching Anthropology (CoTA) has long been involved in mentoring anthropologists at all stages of their careers who are concerned about innovative and effective teaching.

GAD regularly sponsors teaching workshops for our colleagues, including one this year in New Orleans: **TEACHING ROUNDTABLE WITH WINNERS OF THE AAA/OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS TEACHING AWARD** Organizer(s): SCOTT LUKAS (Lake Tahoe) Chair: SCOTT LUKAS (Lake Tahoe)

7) 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:

The Diana Forsythe Prize is co-sponsored by GAD and the Society for the Anthropology of Work; CASTAC, one of GAD’s affiliated interest groups, has been active cultivating ties among anthropologists interested in science, technology, and medicine across the many subfields of our discipline.

GAD’s support of the teaching of anthropology is supported by the activities of another GAD interest group, FOSAP (The Federation of Small Anthropology Programs), which reaches out to colleagues in these programs, and GAD supports their publication *Anthro-At-Large*. GAD’s other publication, the *General Anthropology Bulletin*, keeps our members connected and up to date on current directions in the major subfields of our discipline.

8) Status and use of Section internal communications such as a website, list serve, or newsletter (if applicable): Please list internal communication tools you use and what they are used for

GAD maintains a website accessed via the AAA website, listing officers, awards, and posting other information about the annual meetings. We have begun a new project called Open Anthro which will be appearing in the coming year.

Gad has two listservs, one for the general membership and the other for the Executive Board. With the former, most messages are transferred without approval (as is the current listserv policy), except those that exceed binhost-set size limitations. In the case of the latter, we now use an approval process.

9) Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable):

not applicable
III  What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: Membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

The initiatives listed in point 8 above will continue into 2011. The expansion of Open Anthro will be emphasized.

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

Our chief concern this year was the fate of our GAD Distinguished Lecture in the Program of the 2010 meetings in New Orleans.

The GAD board engaged in careful advance planning with our 2010 Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. Karen Strier, to find a slot in the 2010 program that she could attend, and that would also be attractive to GAD members. Because Dr. Strier had other commitments in the evenings, we chose a midday slot, an arrangement which had worked very well for Dr. Tim Ingold’s Distinguished Lecture in 2009. This information was duly entered when I registered the GAD Special Events online.

I was therefore surprised to receive an e-mail from Jason Watkins, informing me that due to scheduling issues in the AAA Office, our GAD Distinguished Lecture had been rescheduled for an evening slot! I got in touch with Jason via e-mail, explaining the difficulty, which he remedied, finding another midday slot which worked for GAD and for Dr. Strier. The three of us shared a round of e-mail exchanges, making sure that the chosen room would have the electronic infrastructure to support her presentation. Everything seemed to have been settled in a satisfactory manner.

Imagine our surprise and dismay, therefore, when we looked at the New Orleans Program and found that Dr. Strier’s name appeared nowhere in the meetings program! Our Distinguished Lecture was listed, but no name was attached, even though this information had been included in my original online information setting up the Distinguished Lecture. Indeed, when we arrived at the assigned room for the Distinguished Lecture, the caterers had set up, but there was not even a notice in the plastic notice frame outside the room announcing our event! Naturally, attendance was practically nonexistent. (Interestingly enough, when we left the room after the Distinguished Lecture had ended, we found that a placard announcing Dr. Strier’s Distinguished Lecture had been posted in the interim. We gave it to her as a souvenir.)

Fortunately for us, Dr. Strier has a sense of humor about these things, but members of the GAD Executive Board were not amused, and our membership was ill served. It is my earnest wish, as outgoing GAD president, that the Meeting Organizers not allow this sort of thing to happen in future.
What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Section Assembly leadership?

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

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

Please see comments above.