I. Section Officers

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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: 720

Factors affecting Membership:

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General decrease over years due to mainstream nature of gender/feminist anthro, proliferation of special sections, and status of economy.

General stability in membership due to:

- expanded outreach
- active listserv
- active student member
- change in criteria to apply for AFA awards – now require AFA membership (except undergrad award)
- new dissertation award

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: 39,995

Publications: (if applicable)

Voices

Factors affecting Finances:

Stable because of relatively stable membership

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, volunteered or co-sponsored.

**Session Type:** Invited
**Session:** “Gender Justice: Beyond Rights-Based Frameworks"

**Session Type:** Invited, Co-Sponsored with NASA
**Session:** “Gender Violence in Melanesia and Human Rights Discourse: Toward a Research Agenda.”

**Session Type:** Invited
**Session:** “Feminist and Reproduction: Traces, Tidemarks and Legacies.” (double panel)

**Session Type:** Volunteered
Session: “Maternal Tidemarks: Tracing the Anthropology of Mothering.”

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: “Affect, Migration Encounters, and Mobility in an Age of Global Capitalism.”

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: “Occupations of Difference: Social Memory and Spatial Politics.”

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: “Herstories of Violence.”

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: “Interrogating ‘Harmful Cultural Practices’”

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Gendered Knowledge, Enchanted Expertise: Faith, Secrets, and Science in an Age of Improvement.”

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Test10

Other Events:
AFA Workshop: “Workshop on Teaching about Gender and Sexuality.”

4) * Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?

Requested Grant: Yes

If granted, who/what was it/they used for? (if applicable)

The AFA requested and received two section assembly waivers for discussant Rickie Sollinger and panel speaker Victoria Boydell, who both participated in the AFA invited session on Feminism and Reproduction.

5) List spring meeting activities (if applicable):

Not applicable

6) 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):

Award Title: AFA Dissertation Award
Date: 2011-11-17 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Shankari Patel
Affiliation: UC - Riverside
Project/Paper/etc: “Journey to the East: Pilgrimage, Politics, and Gender at Postclassic Yucatan.”

Award Title: Sylvia Forman Paper Prize – Undergrad  
Date: 2011-11-17 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Shannon Ward  
Affiliation: Wellesley College  
Project/Paper/etc: “Narrative, Embodiment, and Choice: Identity and Abortion in a Community of Tibetan Refugees.”

Award Title: Sylvia Forman Paper Prize – Graduate  
Date: 2011-11-17 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Jacob Nerenberg  
Affiliation: U Toronto  
Project/Paper/etc: “Gendering Resistance, Erasing Agency: Imperial Formations and Representations of Sexual Violence in

Award Title: Zora Neale Hurston Travel Award  
Date: 2011-11-17 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Erin Durban-Albrecht  
Affiliation: U Arizona  
Project/Paper/etc: For presenting paper, “Zonbi, Zonbi: Queer Responses to State Discourses of Sexuality in Haiti in th

Award Title: Zora Neale Hurston Travel Award  
Date: 2011-11-17 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Margie Serrato  
Affiliation: Texas A & M  
Project/Paper/etc: In support of her actively seeking employment as a feminist anthropologist at the AAA meetings, and

Award Title: Zora Neale Hurston Travel Award  
Date: 2011-11-17 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Wendy Vogt  
Affiliation: U Arizona  
Project/Paper/etc: In support of her actively seeking employment as a feminist anthropologist at the AAA meetings, and

7) * Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following (e.g., special activities, funding, awards, guidance/advising on professional matters, etc.):

Undergraduate and/or graduate students

* AFA Student Board member designed a workshop for graduate students and junior faculty on teaching about gender and sexuality

* AFA dissertation, paper and travel awards

Early career scholars:
* AFA travel awards

**Independent scholars:**

Not applicable

8) 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:

* part of Joint Reception at AAA with 5 other sections
* AFA liaison (Jane Henrici) to AAA Committee on Public Policy
* AFA editor of VOICES (Amy Harper) served on SA Advisory Group to the AAA EB’s Committee on the Future of Print and Electronic Publishing

9) 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:

* active AFA Listserv – for announcements about jobs, new publications, calls for papers, etc..
* active AFA website – announcements, book reviews, and more

10) 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?

* Continued exploration of possibility of founding peer-reviewed journal for feminist anthropology
* Continued exploration of possibility of video-based history of feminist anthropology project
* AFA Board agreed to start an AFA Facebook page
* Explore with Smithsonian (which houses AFA archives) how to treat digital archives
* develop a Google group web page to store reports and documents for online retrieval (and virtual archiving) by AFA Board members
* develop a generic email address for AFA president to ease transition and storage of information
IV. Please tell us what your chief concerns and issues are, especially if they are not previously noted:

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Section Assembly Executive Committee (SAEC)? Please be specific.

* Since the Wiley-Blackwell contract is under review for renewal, AFA believes that there should be a process for sections (like AFA) who were not part of original publication agreement to apply for consideration under new contract.

* AFA encourages the AAA to consider offering a one day, low-cost registration fee for non-members of the AAA so that they can afford to participate on panels

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* this online annual report system is a good idea, but very time-consuming and frustrating since so many bugs. That said, Travis has been very responsive. NOTE that there were not sufficient entries to allow me to put in all of our volunteered sessions -- 11 volunteered sessions are missing from the list as is one invited session co-sponsored with SLACA. I have spent 3 hours trying to upload and save this information over the course of 2 days and simply have no more time. I will email Kim a hard copy of the complete report.