Society for the Anthropology of Europe 2011 Annual Report

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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: 463

Factors affecting Membership:

This is the number of members as of October 2011. Our membership had dropped in recent years but seems to be gaining again, especially after a dip in 2010. We believe that the visibility associated with the upcoming 25th anniversary of SAE has added membership and also our new category of "sustaining member" is helping us with revenues.

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: 31,332.00

Publications: (if applicable)

1) We have discontinued publication of JSAE
2) We work with Berghahn publishers on a translation project, coordinated by Sharon Roseman. It is called "European Anthropology in Translation." Three books have been published already and another will be out in 2012.

Factors affecting Finances:

The number above is as of 10/31/11. Our revenues are increasing with the increase in 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, Co-Sponsored with SUNTA
Session: • EMBATTLED CITIES: (POST)COLONIAL LEGACIES AND SPECTERS OF DIFFERENCE IN URBAN EUROPE

Session Type: Invited, Co-Sponsored with SVA
Session: • THE VISUAL TRACES OF POLITICS: ART, RELIGION AND SECULARISM IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE

Session Type: Invited
Session: • LOW TIDE IRELAND

Session Type: Invited, Co-Sponsored with APLA
Session: • SAE AND APLA: THE WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS DISTINGUISHED
LECTURE: DIDIER FASSIN, IN THE HEART OF THE STATE: THE MORAL ECONOMIES OF JUSTICE

Session Type: Invited
Session: • NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF EUROPE: THE SAE STUDENT PRIZE PAPER DISCUSSION

Other Events:
1) ERC (European Research Council) informational session sponsored by SAE
2) SAE Luncheon Roundtables
3) Cash bar and buffet following the Douglass lecture
4) Five panels organised from individually volunteered papers
5) 19 panels in total

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

Requested Grant: No

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

We normally do this for the Douglass speaker but did not need it this year.

5) List spring meeting activities (if applicable):

none

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: SAE William A. Douglass Book Award
Date: 2011-11-19 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Kristen Ghodsee
Affiliation: Bowdoin College
Project/Paper/etc: Muslim Lives in Eastern Europe (Princeton U Press)

Award Title: SAE Graduate Student Paper Competition
Date: 2011-11-19 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Naor Ben-Yehoyada
Affiliation: Harvard University
Project/Paper/etc: Segmentation Across Borders: Contested Casting between Sicilians and Tunisians

Award Title: SAE/CES Pre-dissertation Fellowship
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**

1) We offer a student paper prize to graduate students and organize a roundtable that includes both the winner and the finalists for this competition. These students are also mentored at the meetings by senior scholars who respond to their papers. This event is organized by our Special Projects Chair annually.

2) We collaborate with the Council for European Studies (CES) to offer a pre-dissertation Fellowship for travel during the summer to Europe ($5000). SAE funds the prize and CES administers the competition along with other Fellowships they offer. Each year this student is brought to the AAA meetings (we fund their travel to the meetings) to report upon the research they conducted during the previous summer.

3) SAE has a student representative who sits on our Exec Board and helps us to see the needs of graduate students in particular but also early career scholars/recent Ph.D.’s

**Early career scholars:**

At the present time we have no organized activities specifically for this group, but we invite their participation in the luncheon roundtables chaired by senior scholars and around thematic issues. Many early career scholars participate in these and this helps them enlarge their networks. We are very receptive to this group of scholars/members and try to reach out to them through our social occasions (esp the buffet and cash bar following the annual Douglass lecture) and by electing junior scholars to positions on our Exec board. See also the role of the student rep (above).

**Independent scholars:**

We have no organized activities specifically for this group, but see comments above about early career scholars which also applies. We have many members who are independent scholars and are receptive toward their inclusion.

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:

1) We collaborate with the Council for European Studies and actively participate in their annual or biannual meetings. We also, as noted in the section on prizes and on students, work with this group to offer a pre-dissertation fellowship for research in Europe.

2) We are associated with EASA (The European Association for Social Anthropology) and our country-specific networks also work with scholarly associations in their respective
3) We invited a representative from ERC (European Research Council) of the European Commission/EU to present about research collaborations and funding with European colleagues in a session open to the entire membership of AAA at the annual meetings.

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:

1) Website  http://www.h-net.org/~sae/sae/Welcome.html

This website provides a wealth of information about SAE and its activities. It also provides resources for teaching (syllabi and film lists) and for research.

2) H-SAE listserv

This listserv is open to all (including nonmembers of SAE) and provides information on fellowship and job opportunities as well as announcements of SAE activities. It has a broad and international membership.

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

none

III. What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: Membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

1) We are digitizing our archives and have plans to digitize the entire series of the SAE Bulletin and to put this on our website. We have already included one issue on the website and will add more soon.

2) We have reconstituted the Editorial Board for our H-SAE listserv.

3) Our student rep is working to add a student page with resources to our website

4) We plan to overhaul our website and update it

5) We are making plans for the 25th anniversary celebration of SAE at the 2012 meetings!!!

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.

Perhaps find a way for sections/units to be able to let each other know more about what they are doing during the Section Assembly Meeting, which is generally aimed at communicating to us from AAA. It might be nice to have more horizontal rather than only verticle exchanges of information. although we realise time is short and scarce during the meetings.
What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.

I would like to make sure they are aware that our unit can help serve as an important resource for ties to European colleagues as the recent effort at internationalization of AAA is taking place. Also, we have many members of SAE who work on issues of immigration and other policy issues that are raised by the Board and members of AAA (but typically viewed in terms of the US). We'd like to become more involved as a unit in such discussions.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.

We are pleased with staff and their responses to our queries.