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Membership:
Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 352

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
The section continues to grow steadily with a 7 member increase in the last year.

Finances:
Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 30,211.34

Publication Sponsored budgets.
None

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
Our expenses this year have resumed the regular levels we see each year unlike in 2011 whereby Montreal turned out to be cheaper and no Book award was given out. The section continues to seek ways of spending only the funds it brings in each year so as to remain stable financially.

Sessions:
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.

Session Type: Invited
Session: Mediated borders: Rouch, reversal, and reflections on ethnographic film

Session Type: Invited
Session: Land policies and their consequences for vulnerable populations in East Africa

Session Type: Invited
Session: Imagining anthropology without borders
Session Type: Invited
Session: Humanity and the san: rights, recognition, and liberal democracy

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Generation, gender and other issues of identity in modernizing Africa

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Sophiatown: making history and crossing boundaries in the new South Africa

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: State manipulation and public control across Africa

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Institutions and citizens in African contexts

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Africa on the move: migration, trafficking and IDPs

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Public performance, media and representing "culture" in African contexts

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Research frontiers in the study of children and youth in Africa - organized by ACYIG

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Witchcraft as governmentality: the intimacy of the state, the power of kin

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Politics, development, and the paradox of human rights

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: New dynamics of love and marriage in Africa

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: Elliott Skinner Book Award
Date: 01/01/2012
Recipient: Hans Lucht
Affiliation: University of Copenhagen

Award: Bennetta-Jules Rosette Graduate Student Paper Award
Date: 01/01/2012
Recipient: George Paul Mieu
Affiliation: University of Chicago
Project/Paper/ Accomplishment: "Beach-Boy Elders and Young Big Men: Queering the
Temporalities of Aging in Kenya's Ethno-Erotic Economies"

**Award:** Nancy Schwartz Undergraduate Paper Award  
**Date:** 01/01/2012  
**Recipient:** Divya Bhat  
**Affiliation:** University of California San Diego  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** "Survival Strategies as Islands of Security: Social Change and Development in the Congo"

**Award:** Distinguished Lecturer and Scholarship Award  
**Date:** 01/01/2012  
**Recipient:** Richard Werbner  
**Affiliation:** Manchester University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Divination's Grasp: Reflexivity, Prosthetics, Perception

**Award:** Distinguished Leadership and Service Award  
**Date:** 01/01/2012  
**Recipient:** Mwenda Ntarangwi  
**Affiliation:** Calvin College  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Leadership and Service

**Meetings**

Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
No

If granted, who/what was it/they used for?  
Incomplete

List spring meeting activities  
NA

**Mentorship:**

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.

Besides the two student awards mentioned above AfAA gave an honorable mention for the Bennette-Jules Rossette Award to a paper by Mohammed Abumaye, University of California San Diego, titled "Silenced into Non-Existence: Living History of Somali Orality" and the Nancy Schwartz Undergraduate Paper Award to Courtney Dehn-Gurbacki, McGill University, for a paper titled "The Mediation of Large-Scale Farmland Deals: A Tanzanian Case Study." One of the recipients attended the AAA meetings and the AfAA awards reception with a parent. This year we have continued our tradition of having a graduate student, Erica Fontana (University of California, San Diego), on the AfAA board and elected to be AfAA’s Electronic Editor.

**Early career scholars.**

We encourage their participation in the section and have one member on our board.

**Independent scholars.**
We have had a member on the AfAA board and is a consistent and active member of the AfAA.

Outreach:
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 AfAA reception continues to serve as one of our primary vehicles for outreach and this year we had another large turnout that required us to get extra chairs for the more than expected crowd.

Communications:
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.
We also use our website and column in the AN to reach out to possible members as well as share updates of our activities. Towards the end of the 2012 annual meetings our newly elected Electronic Editor started an AfAA facebook page that we hope to use to connect with more interested members and prospective ones to share our activities and program.

Governance:
Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
NA

Initiatives:
What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
Continue our steady progress in recruiting membership through our programs

Ask AAA:
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.
None at the moment

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.
None

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.
None