Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 472

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.

Our membership numbers have been steady this year. While economic difficulties may have led to the loss of some members, SANA's efforts to build membership via our program at the AAA, our awards, and creating opportunities for participation in the section's leadership seems to have balanced this out.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).

Financial Balance: 42305

Publication Sponsored budgets.

Incomplete

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.

Our strong membership numbers combined with efforts to keep expenses under control has allowed us to build up a substantial balance. We actually plan to use some of that balance in 2013 on section priorities, particularly conferences and additional awards to support student and contingent faculty travel to AAA and SANA meetings.

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 Co-Sponsored with SUNTA
Session: UNDERSTANDING MILITARISM: CRITICAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

Session Type: Invited
Session: AUSTERITY AND AUTHORITY: GOVERNING THE SOCIAL IN CRISIS

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with AFA
Session: ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES OF INCARCERATION AND ACTIVISM IN THE ERA OF MASS INCARCERATION
Session Type: Special Events
Session: MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ROBERT T. O'BRIEN

Session Type: Special Events
Session: NEIL SMITH (1954-2012): A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE AND WORK

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
Award: Delmos Jones and Jagna Sharff Memorial Book Prize
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Mark Auslander (Winner)
Affiliation: Central Washington University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Accidental Slaveowner Revisiting a Myth of Race and Finding an American Family

Award: Delmos Jones and Jagna Sharff Memorial Book Prize
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Khiara Bridges (Honorable Mention)
Affiliation: Boston University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Reproducing Race: An Ethnography of Pregnancy as a Site of Racialization

Award: SANA Prize for Distinguished Achievement in the Cr
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Michael Blakey
Affiliation: College of William and Mary
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: NA

Meetings
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?
No
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?
Not applicable
List spring meeting activities
Not applicable

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.

-St. Clair Drake Student Travel Grant

Early career scholars.
Developing award for contingent and graduate student paper prize to be introduced in 2013
Independent scholars.
Developing award for contingent and graduate student paper prize to be introduced in 2013

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.
Not applicable

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 continue to fine-tune our recently redesigned our website for announcements concerning section business. We are also using our section facebook page and email list serve for section announcements as well as relevant job listings, calls for papers, prize and award announcements, and so on.

Governance:
Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
Not applicable

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

-In 2012, SANA continued transforming North American Dialogue into a fully-fledged on-line only academic journal. Pages per publication were increased, the peer review process enhanced, the publication officially renamed, and the cover redesigned.

-SANA’s 2013 spring conference will be held March 15-16 at Duke University in Durham, NC., and will be structured and funded in innovative ways. To stimulate collegiality and in-depth discussion, the conference will be organized around several “tracks.” Each track will be dedicated to an important topics in North Americanist work, and will consist of a varied series of events involving 15-20 participants to be curated by a track editor(s) working with the conference chair and other SANA board members. To stress values of accessibility and citizenship, the conference will be funded using a “pay what you like” structure, whereby participants determine their own registration fees based on their perception of the conference’s value.

-The 2013 spring conference will mark the debut of SANA’s Happy Leacock Prize. Extending SANA’s historical dedication to supporting scholars whose work and/or identities places them outside the dominant disciplinary mainstream, this prize will provide support for conference travel and work for the rapidly increasing number of scholars who labor in positions outside the system. SANA intends to make this a regular prize, awarded both for its spring conference and the AAA annual meetings.

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.

Not applicable

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

Again, SANA members have general concerns about Wiley-Blackwell agreement, open access, and issue of for-profit-academic publishers in general. There is a lot of discussion in academia in general about the propriety of for-profit publishers generating profits from generally uncompensated labor of academic reviewers, writers, editors and so on, as well as the issue of publications often being behind expensive paywalls.

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

Not applicable