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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 1,338

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

The AAA fees are perceived to be too high by some former SMA members, according to a lapsed members study that we have recently conducted. We anticipate that our student membership might increase in 2013 because we have lowered our dues temporarily from $20 to $10. In 2013, we plan to do a qualitative research study of our SMA membership to determine the levels of satisfaction with our services.

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 187,706.03

Publication Sponsored budgets.

The Medical Anthropology Quarterly (MAQ) budget is $51,774.00.

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

In 2013, publications costs for the Medical Anthropological Quarterly have significantly increased. We are hopefully that this is a temporary phenomenon.

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: Of National Bodies, Borders, and Medical Nations: Rethinking the Body Politic, a double session organized by Stephan Kloos (Austrian Academy of Sciences) and Theresa MacPhail (NYU)
Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Psychological Anthropology
Session: Related but Distinct: Chronic Illness, Disability, and Comorbidity in the 21st Century, a single session organized by Lesley Jo Weaver (Emory)

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Psychological Anthropology
Session: Embodied Morals, Demoralized Minds: Crossing Contested Boundaries, a single session organized by Neely Myers (George Washington University)

Session Type: Invited
Session: Dis/counting Evidence: The Politics of Exclusion in Global Health, a single session organized by Elsa L. Fan (University of California, Irvine and Colby College) and Denielle A Elliott (York University)

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Special Interest Group Chair's Meeting.

Session Type: Other
Session: SMA Board Meeting.

Session Type: Other
Session: SMA Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony.

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: Career Achievement Award
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Robert Hahn
Affiliation: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Lifetime achievement

Award: Polgar Prize
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Cecilia Van Hollen
Affiliation: Syracuse University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Breast or Bottle? HIV-Positive Women's Responses to Global Health Policy on Infant Feeding in India

Award: Polgar Prize
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Maryna Bazylevych
Affiliation: Luther College
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Vaccination Campaigns in Postsocialist Ukraine: Health Care Provider Navigating Uncertainty

Award: The Hughes Graduate Student Paper Prize
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Daisy Deomampo
Affiliation: CUNY Graduate Center
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Substantiating Kinship in Indian Transnational Surrogacy: Intended Parents on Blood and Bio-Genetic Relations

Award: AARG Distinguished Service Award  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Merrill Singer  
Affiliation: University of Connecticut  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Lifetime achievement

Award: ADTSG Annual Graduate Student Paper Prize  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Saiba Varma  
Affiliation: Cornell University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Love in the Time of PTSD: Loss, Longing, and Addiction in Kashmir

Award: (MASA) Graduate Student Mentor Award  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Peter J. Brown  
Affiliation: Emory University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: awarded for mentoring

Award: CAGH Virchow Undergraduate Student Paper Award  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Victoria Koski-Karell  
Affiliation: Cambridge Health Alliance  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Knowledges of the Unknown: Living with (Bad) Cholera in North Haiti

Award: CAGH Virchow Graduate Student Paper Award  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Nora J. Kenworthy  
Affiliation: Columbia University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Body Sac(RED): Public Treatment and Private Interests in Lesoto's Transnational Garment Sector

Award: CAGH Virchow Professional Award  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Sarah Willen  
Affiliation: University of Connecticut  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Do Illegal Migrants have a Right to Health? Engaging Ethical Theory as Social Practice at a Tel Aviv Open Clinic

Award: STM Graduate Student Paper Prize  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Natalie Porter  
Affiliation: Oxford University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: "Bird Flu Biopower: Strategies for Multispecies..."
Coexistence in Viet Nam"

**Award:** CAR Most Notable Recent Collection  
**Date:** 11/16/2012  
**Recipient:** Carole Browner and Carolyn Sargent  
**Affiliation:** UCLA and Washington University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives

**Award:** CAR Most Notable Recent Collection  
**Date:** 11/16/2012  
**Recipient:** Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli and Marcia Inhorn  
**Affiliation:** University of Haifa and Yale University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Assisting Reproduction, Testing Genes: Global Encounters with New Biotechnologies

**Award:** CAR Graduate Student Paper Prize  
**Date:** 11/16/2012  
**Recipient:** Kathryn Goldfarb  
**Affiliation:** Harvard University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Replacement and Remediation: Loss and the pleasures of the genealogical

**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  
We met in Baltimore with the Society for Applied Anthropology during March 2012. We will be meeting in Tarragona, Spain with the Medical Anthropology Network of the European Association of Social Anthropologists during June 2013.

**Mentorship:**

Mentorship effors (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.

This year's recipient of the Medical Anthropology Student Association's Mentor Award is Professor Peter Brown of Emory University. The committee unanimously agreed that he should receive this award. They were impressed by the number of letters of support that he received (16 letters), as well as the numerous testaments to his mentorship within each letter.

MASA also joined a new AAA Emerging Leaders Program. SMA and the AAA each contributed $250. The AAA selected an advanced undergrad who has done fieldwork in Senegal. They will now find him a mentor.
The SMA granted five $500 student travel awards for the 2012 San Francisco AAA conference. We are also planning to grant eight $800 student travel awards for the Spain Conference in June 2013.

**Early career scholars.**
N/A

**Independent scholars.**
The SMA Board is diverse, and includes at least one independent scholar (Diane Weiner).

The SMA has been awarded a Wenner-Gren grant for the purpose of providing travel funding for scholars from developing countries, including independent scholars.

**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.*

At the suggestion of the AAA President, we contacted in January 2012 the MCAT developers to encourage them to include anthropological and medical anthropological information on the MCAT test for admissions to medical schools. We have not yet heard back, but we may follow-up.

During the summer 2012, we began planning our 2013 conference with the European Association of Social Anthropologist, the Medical Anthropology Network, and the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona, Spain. We also obtained a Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research grant to fund bringing medical anthropologists from the developing/less developed world to our conference in Spain.

**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.*

Sean Bruna-Lewis (the new SMA webmaster) is working on updating the SMA website and removing obsolete information. Now members can update their own directory profiles, add new CVs, submit information about postdocs, etc… People from 73 countries have looked at it recently. Sean Bruna-Lewis will also work with the SMA Special Interest Groups to update their websites, if they so request.

Dinah Winnick is the new SMA newsletter editor. The newsletter has been given the title of “Second Opinion.” It will consist of approximately eight pages. The first issue includes an article on award winners. Sean Bruna-Lewis and Dinah Winnick are also working together on social media. The SMA blog is mobile phone compatible, and has had 1,000 “click throughs.” We are now also on Facebook and Twitter.

In addition, the SMA also has its own listserv for all members, which is edited by Dr. Feldman.

**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?

The Society for Medical Anthropology is co-hosting the Spain Conference with the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)/Medical Anthropology Network (MAN), Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV), and the Fundacio URV (FURV). They have all signed a contract, which the AAA has approved. The Conference, “Encounters and Engagements,” will occur in Tarragona, Spain June 12-14th, 2013. We believe that this conference will be very successful, bringing together medical anthropologists from all over the world.

The SMA will host a Past Presidents’ Reception at the 2013 AAA Meeting in Chicago. We are currently developing the full list of past presidents, and the reception should give our members an excellent opportunity for networking and for honoring our past presidents.

Medical Anthropology Quarterly is trying to decrease turnaround time and increase “early view.” This refers to articles being printed online earlier than they are printed in hard copy. They can be cited, which will allow them to have a stronger “impact.” They are called “published” and not “in press,” and they also appear on Google Scholar.

The SMA Procedures Manual now indicates that the statements for our “SMA Policy Statement Program” have to be relatively short and for the general public, rather than for other anthropologists. If a policy statement is accepted by the Board, the SMA sends a press release to the general media. The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have been asked to develop policy statements relevant to their interests.

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 this time.

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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.