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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 794

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
Number of members: 794 in September 2013, slight decrease from 800 in November 2012 while still higher than 720 in October 2011

Building on the success during 2012, during 2013 AFA:
- had a well maintained listserve and web site (we've now added a "junior" website manager for the future to ensure continuity and quality)
- kept upTwitter and Facebook accounts, with coordination now with other media including AFA's AAA-supported redesigned web site, for outreach and membership reminders
- had a very responsive Board (very supportive, got things accomplished relatively quickly and with good communication)
- although we did not get out a new issue of VOICES, we succeeded in conducting the research and drafting a history of the section for its 25th anniversary
continued to have an active elected student board member and added a student volunteer
expanded by 30 percent rather than just continued its wide ranging and dynamic established award opportunities for students at every level
continued to require that graduate students submitting papers for awards be registered AFA members
kept student membership fees low

**Finances:**

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

Financial Balance: 31,454.93

**Publication Sponsored budgets.**

NA

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

AFA spent more in 2013 than usual for student and senior support (several fellowships and the co-sponsorship of the Boaz Award Celebration for Louise Lamphere).

In general, the budget tends to remain more or less the same each year. It's increasingly difficult to manage the costs for the AAA meeting expenses on the amount AFA allocates for that, but has been managed.

Discussion is ongoing about the member-requested AFA journal. Costs for that will need to be calculated.

**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:** Volunteered

**Session:** SON PREFERENCE, DAUGHTER PREFERENCE, AND CHANGING GENDER ROLES?

**Session Type:** Volunteered

**Session:** PROTECTIVE STATES: ETHNOGRAPHIES OF VIOLENCE AND OUTREACH IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

**Session Type:** Volunteered

**Session:** GENDER CITIZENSHIPS AND AGENCIES: POLITICIZING MEMORY, CONTESTING TRADITION, AND REINVENTING IDENTITY?

**Session Type:** Volunteered

**Session:** BRINGING GENDER FROM THE PERIPHERY TO THE CORE OF MIGRATION STUDIES: HONORING PATRICIA R. PESSAR

**Session Type:** Volunteered

**Session:** AUTHOR-EDITORS MEET CRITICS: FEMINIST ACTIVIST ETHNOGRAPHY?
Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with SANA
Session: TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF WOMEN’S GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM: ARE WE ANY CLOSER TO EMPOWERMENT?

Session Type: Invited
Session: ANTHROPOLOGIES AND FEMINISMS: OUR HISTORY, OUR PRESENT, OUR PAST, PART 2?

Session Type: Special Events
Session: WRITING WOMEN AND FEMINIST ANTHROPOLOGY INTO WIKIPEDIA

Session Type: Special Events
Session: AFA-ABA-ALLA-AQA-SANA-SAW-SLACA-SUNTA Joint Reception

Session Type: Other
Session: Workshop On Teaching Gender and Sexuality III: Social Media and Teaching Feminist Activism

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: CONTESTED MODERNITIES AND SOCIAL REPRODUCTION IN CONTEMPORARY SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST ASIA?

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: DEFINING LABOR, VALUE AND MORALITY ACROSS BORDERS: "HUMAN TRAFFICKING," MIGRANT LABOR, CARE WORK AND SEX WORK?

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: ACTIVISM, COLLABORATION, AND ENGAGEMENT WITH SOCIAL ISSUES WITH ANTHROPOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE?

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with AES
Session: THE AWKWARD RELATIONSHIP REVISITED?

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: SEX, DRUGS, AND SOCIAL THEORY?

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: PLAYING WITH GENDER IN SPORT AND DANCE CULTURES

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: DECOLONIZING FEMINIST ANTHROPOLOGY- WHERE ARE WE AND WHERE DO WE NEED to GO?

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: REORIENTING SURVIVAL: CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN’S WELLBEING?

Session Type: Special Events
Session: ASSOCIATION FOR FEMINIST ANTHROPOLOGY BUSINESS MEETING

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: CONTESTED BIRTHINGS: INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY POLITICS of REPRODUCTION IN the UNITED STATES?

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: ?ON THE BORDER?: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON FEMINIST ETHNOGRAPHY AND INTERDISCIPLINARITY?

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: TOWARDS AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF "DIVORCE"

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: FEMINISM IN THE FIELD: FEMINIST REFLECTIONS ON METHODOLOGIES, GOALS, AND RISKS DURING FIELDWORK

Session Type: Special Events
Session: ASSOCIATION FOR FEMINIST ANTHROPOLOGY (AFA) BOARD MEETING

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: AFA Dissertation Award
Date: 11/21/2013
Recipient: Devorah Shubowitz
Affiliation: Indiana University Bloomington

Award: AFA Sylvia Forman Graduate Paper
Date: 11/21/2013
Recipient: Kia Hall
Affiliation: American University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Masculinization of Ereba: Converting Women?s Work into Men?s Capabilities

Award: AFA Sylvia Forman Undergraduate Paper
Date: 11/21/2013
Recipient: Hoyoung Moon
Affiliation: Reed College
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Marrying into South Korea: Female Marriage Migrants and Gendered Modes of National Belonging

Award: AFA Zora Neale Hurston Graduate Travel Award
Date: 11/21/2013
Recipient: Nellie Chu
Affiliation: University of California Santa Cruz
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Engendering the Paradoxes of ?Freedom? Through Factory Labor in Guangzhou, China

**Award:** AFA Zora Neale Hurston Graduate Travel Award  
**Date:** 11/21/2013  
**Recipient:** Hannah Garth  
**Affiliation:** University of California Los Angeles  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** The Struggle for a Decent Meal: Subjectivity and Household Food Consumption in Santiago de Cuba

**Award:** AFA Zora Neale Hurston Graduate Travel Award  
**Date:** 11/21/2013  
**Recipient:** Christine Pinnock  
**Affiliation:** City University of New York  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Narratives of Blackness from Below? Articulations of Race, Black Consciousness, and Feminism among Afro-Caribbean Service Workers in New York City

**Award:** AFA-NASA Co-Sponsored Emerging Leader  
**Date:** 11/21/2013  
**Recipient:** Natalie Nesvaderani  
**Affiliation:** Cornell University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Not applicable

**Award:** AFA-AAA Co-Sponsored Summer Intern  
**Date:** 06/01/2013  
**Recipient:** Rachel Nuzman  
**Affiliation:** St. Mary's College California  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** AFA 25th Anniversary History

**Meetings**

Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
Yes  
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?  
AFA gave it to AQA to use in support of the participation of Chicago ONE Youth Organizer Fresco Steez  
List spring meeting activities  
NA

**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.
Both the AFA-NASA and AFA-AAA awardees were part of larger efforts, co-organized with others, to provide in-depth and long-term mentorship, the first for a doctoral student and the second for a recent graduate of an undergraduate program. Both involved investment financially and in terms of time and effort by the membership and board, to great satisfaction and ongoing communication.

The AFA expanded by 30 percent rather than just continued its wide ranging and dynamic established award opportunities for students at every level.

For its regularly established six awards, for papers and a dissertation project, indirectly extend AFA’s mentoring and educational efforts through the comments and feedback that each student competitor receives.

AFA also has an elected student representative to the Executive Board, and during the last two years added a student volunteer. These positions include professional development opportunities and, in addition, senior board members provided these students with intensive encouragement, mentoring about papers and proposals, and scholarly and career advice.

**Early career scholars.**

Activities through volunteering, program decision-making, and general notices and recommendations about jobs, syllabi, and work experiences exchanged occasionally through facebook and the section website have been supportive of early career professionals (as academics or others). This is an area in which AFA hopes to become more systematic.

**Independent scholars.**

This is an area in which AFA has begun to propose ideas but at present provides no formal support other than through elected board officers’ support for attending the meetings (regardless of professional or employment status)

**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.

This year, in honor of its 25th anniversary as a section, AFA co-sponsored a recent graduate to conduct original research with the help and supervision of the section president and produce a section history that has been released for use as a teaching tool on the topic of feminist anthropology and the development of anthropology as a profession in the United States more generally.

AFA continued to expand its use of social media for engagement and outreach on general issues and about the board's activities.

Outreach to government agencies, advocates, and community members was not a big part of AFA's efforts this year.

AFA became the sister organization to a newly (November 2013) launched organization, the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Network for the Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality (NAGS)

**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.

Facebook, Twitter, and the AFA Section Website all proliferated in output and outreach this past year. In fact, the tasks became overwhelming, and the section has reached out to add volunteers to assist with this.

AFA continues with its section listserve, and made extensive use of the monthly available E-Blast service provided by AAA.

For general communications among Board members, the president as of 2012 set up a designated email account (afapres@gmail.com); this electronic correspondence is being archived and will be provided eventually to the Smithsonian Institution's National Anthropology Archives in lieu of paper documents.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

Two changes in governance structure, neither requiring any bylaw change, were the following:

The Secretary was named Communications Committee Chair; the duty is to coordinate among the proliferating social media and other communication and outreach systems of the section.

The Web Site Manager now is two volunteer board positions instead of one, one as "senior" and the other as "junior" to step in and perhaps up to take over should the "senior" manager leave. This was necessary since the job became too much for one person and since the AFA system of a senior and junior two-year rotation for Program Committee Co-Chairs has been so highly successful.

A similar arrangement has been proposed for the Voices editorship.

Initiatives:

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

The AFA will continue in its ongoing efforts. The only initiative under consideration is the ongoing discussion into a possible section journal.

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.
We would like the discussions continued about additional opportunities to have more non-members attend and participate without registration in sessions at the meetings, and ways to save on full registration and other fees for members/would-be members without institutional subsidies.

The ongoing information and discussions about publications and options regarding those are very helpful and will be particularly important this year since AFA's membership continues to push for a section journal--despite the concerns.

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

The staff and directorship of AAA were very helpful toward AFA's concerns and needs this past year.

Overall, the exchanges were productive and cooperative despite occasional confusions and a great deal of new initiatives undertaken by AFA--all of which were highly successful but all of which required assistance from AAA staff.

One small point is a request that the AAA staff launch decision-making and contracting for the upcoming meeting receptions/events in September rather than October (when most section members and board representatives are finishing their talks and reports, and doing too much other work to deal with the contracts and the time lag needed for AAA staff to be able to respond to questions).