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Membership:
Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 346

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
The section membership decreased by 6 members compared to last year.

Finances:
Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 37,725.31

Publication Sponsored budgets.
None

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
Our expenses were consistent with past trends and were able to offer two Elliot Skinner Book awards since none was given in 2011. 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: THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF POTENTIALITY IN AFRICA

Session Type: Invited
Session: INTERGENERATIONAL DYNAMICS IN AFRICA TODAY: CHANGING PERSPECTIVES AND PRACTICES

Session Type: Invited
Session: INEQUALITY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

Session Type: Invited
Session: MUSEUMS AND ART MARKETS: SPACES TO ENGAGE THE PUBLIC

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: AFRICAN DIASPORAS, MIGRATIONS AND HOMECOMINGS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: RESOURCES, DEVELOPMENT AND POWER RELATIONS ACROSS AFRICA

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: AFRICA IN GLOBAL AND CONTINENTAL CONVERSATIONS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: AFRICAN MIGRANTS AND THE POLITICS OF PLACE: IDENTITY, COMMUNITY, POWER

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: DIVERSE ALTERITIES: CHANGING CONCEPTIONS OF IDENTITY ACROSS AFRICA

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: RELIGIOUS FUTURES IN AFRICA: NGOIZED, PERSONALIZED, GLOBALIZED

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: POLITIES OF DISPOSSESSION: CONTESTED RESOURCES AND THE PRODUCTION OF PLACE IN AFRICA

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: SCENES OF SOVEREIGNTY

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: ISSUES OF AGE, GENDER AND CLASS ACROSS AFRICA

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: POPULAR CULTURE, CONTESTATIONS AND CHANGE IN AFRICAN CONTEXTS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: AESTHETICS OF SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: TRAVELGING MODELS OF POLICY MAKING IN CONTEMPORARY UPPER GUINEA COAST SOCIETIES

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
Award: Elliott Skinner Book Award
Date: 11/21/2013
Recipient: Jennie Burnet
Affiliation: University of Louisville

Award: Elliott Skinner Book Award
Date: 11/21/2013
Recipient: Steven Feld
Affiliation: University of New Mexico
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Jazz Cosmopolitanism in Ghana (2013, Duke)

Award: Nancy Schwartz Undergraduate Paper Award
Date: 11/21/2013
Recipient: Rachel Mueller
Affiliation: Macallaster College
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: "The Spirits are My Neighbors: Women and the Rab Cult in Dakar, Senegal."

Award: Bennetta-Jules Rosette Graduate Paper Award
Date: 11/21/2013
Recipient: Metasebia Yoseph
Affiliation: Georgetown University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: "A Culture of Coffee: Transmediating the Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony."

Award: Distinguished Lecturer and Scholarship Award
Date: 11/21/2013
Recipient: Mwenda Ntarangwi
Affiliation: Calvin College
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Swimming Against the Tide: Hip Hop, Youth and Anthropology

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

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

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.
Once again we have continued our tradition of having a graduate student, Erica Fontana (University of California, San Diego), on the AfAA board as the 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.

**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 has been used to connect with more interested members and prospective ones through highlighted our activities and program.

**Governance:**
Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
None

**Initiatives:**
What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
Continue our efforts in recruiting membership through our programs and especially thorough Facebook as we seek to connect with students.

**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

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