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Membership:
  Provide the most recent membership numbers.
  Number of Members: 204

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
  • We have been in communication with AAA staff regarding some of the problems we discovered regarding the ALLA listserv and the ALLA membership totals. We discovered that individuals joining ALLA during the spring registration for the annual conference, or at other times during the year, were not automatically added to the listserv. ALLA was informed that individuals joining sections have to ask to be added to the respective listserv; alternatively, the section President can request that the AAA staff update the listserv to add members. The AAA website does not inform new members that they need to ask for this, or how this should be done. Multiple members of ALLA have been on the listserv, but do not recall asking to be added to it.

The importance of the above, in term of membership, is that ALLA members who are not in the listserv do not receive the notices and updates posted through that platform. Individuals in this situation may incorrectly assume that nothing is being communicated to members.

We are working with relevant AAA staff to correct the listserv issues and anticipate being able to regularly communicate with ALLA members.

Finances:
  Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
  Financial Balance: 19,760.80

Publication Sponsored budgets.
  Incomplete

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
• During 2013 the ALLA membership fee remained the same as in 2012: Professional members, $20.00, and Students $10.00.

• In CY 2014, ALLA will subcontract the management of its website. ALLA will provide a small stipend of $3,000 to a web-page knowledgeable graduate student to assist with this endeavor.

• We have increased the total amount that will be awarded to recipients of the ALLA Book Award. The 2014 first-prize winner will receive $400, and the Honorable Mention winner will receive $200. The $600 total represents an increase of $200 over the prize awarded in 2012. The ALLA Book Award Committee recommended postponing the granting of the award in 2013.

• Depending on the recommendations of the Working Journal Group, the ALLA Board will review the current membership fee levels at its 2014 meeting.

• In 2013, the average professional membership fee for all sections was $27.33, and for students it was $11.35.

—For Sections with a publication/journal the averages were $34.71 and $12.68
—For Sections without a publication/journal the averages were $16.25 and $9.38.

Consequently, the ALLA fee for students is average among the levels charged to students and only slightly higher for professionals in sections without a publication/journal.

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: Other

Session: Although not noted in the ALLA 2012 Annual Report, a session co-organized by ALLA members received Executive Session designation at the 2012 AAA meetings in San Francisco. The session was co-organized by Patricia Zavella and Luis Plascencia: • 3-0005, Re-Assessing ‘Borders,’ ‘Borderlands,’ and “Crossings:’ Latina/o Perspectives. The session included the following presentations: • Lynn Stephen, “Shifting Border: Conceptualizing, Researching and Teaching on Mexicano Roots in Oregon.” • Ana Ramos Zayas, “Street Therapists: Affect, Race, and Neoliberal Personhood in Latino Newark.” • Patricia Zavella, “‘Making it Real:’ Young Girls of Color Organize Around Reproductive Justice.” • Catherin Tactaquin* (National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, NNIRR), Borders as Places of Danger and Fear.” *non-anthropologist • Luis Plascencia, “Flexible Illegality: State Construction and Erasure of Migrant Transgression.”
Session Type: Volunteered  
Session: November 20: Transnational Ethnographies on Activism and Resistance Among Latino Communities

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Session: November 20: Transborder Ethnography: Works Inspired by Carlos V?lez-Ib??ez  
Professor V?lez-Ib??ez was the discussant.

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Session: November 20: Our World is Our Weapon: Transnational Ethnographies on Mexican and Latino Youth and Education

Session Type: Volunteered  
Session: November 20: Transnational Engagement: Bridging Latina/o and Latin American Anthropology

Awards  
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.  
None

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  
• ALLA sponsored a Board Meeting and a Business meeting at the 2013 annual conference. In addition we collaborated in hosting a reception with the following AAA sections: AFA, ABA, AQA, SANA, SAW, SLACA, and SUNTA.

The reception was held on November 22 at the Chicago/Alton Hotel.

• ALLA members attended meetings of the respective Committees and other AAA units to which they are elected or appointed.

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.
• ALLA continues to foster the mentorship of graduate students and junior faculty.

• One mechanism pursued by ALLA is to build-in continuity in leadership. Graduate students and junior faculty are engaged initially in supportive roles regarding several of the committees, and then in the second or third year assume more central leadership roles in the respective committee. ALLA pursued this mentoring model initially with the Contributing Editor position related to Anthropology News. Over the past four years, the lead role as Contributing Editor has transitioned across three individuals. The current lead Contributing Editor was the Co-Contributing Editor last year, and the past lead Contributing Editor will now serve as the Co-Contributing Editor. It is anticipated that in 2015 the latter person will step aside and allow another individual to become Co-Contributing Editor, and then in 2016 or 2017 that person will assume the lead position.

• The continuity consists in having a junior person learn as much as possible about the tasks in the respective committee, then assume the lead role, and in the process transfer that knowledge to another junior person.

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• ALLA Bylaws call for a student representative to serve on the ALLA Board for a three year term. The student participates in discussions and decisions made by the organization. ALLA provides up to $1,500 in assistance to facilitate the person’s attendance and participation at the annual meeting.

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  Independent scholars.
  None 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.

• ALLA’s principal outreach in 2013 was the effort to regularly post announcements about jobs, funding opportunities, and upcoming events through the listserve.

• In addition, some effort was made to post relevant announcements in the ALLA website. However, the absence of an individual who could assume responsibility for the website
limited this process. As noted above, ALLA will be contracting in 2014 with an individual who will assume responsibility for the redesign and management of the website.

• In 2014, ALLA plans to expand the visibility of ALLA-member scholarship and leadership. We plan to post Anthropology News columns written by ALLA members, announcements about books and articles published, and honors and leadership positions assumed by ALLA members. We anticipate this will draw attention to not only that scholarship, but also the activities of ALLA and its members. This also should stimulate individuals to join ALLA.

• Finally, the collaborative sponsor of a reception at the annual meeting has allowed ALLA members to interact with fellow anthropologists in other sections (i.e., AFA, ABA, AQA, SANA, SAW, SLACA, and SUNTA).

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.

• ALLA has been in communication with AAA staff regarding the membership database and the listserv. With the assistance of AAA, we have identified some of the limitations and errors in the listserv, and AAA staff has facilitated the correction of these.

• As already noted, in 2013 ALLA made a concerted effort to utilize the listserv to communicate information regarding jobs and funding opportunities to members. ALLA plans to continue this in 2014.

• We also view the ALLA website as an important vehicle to communicate with interested parties the activities underway by ALLA, as well as the scholarship generated by its members. ALLA hopes to make the ALLA website an important source for anthropological research by Latinas/os, as well about the Latino experience in the United States, and the linkages to transnational dimensions of that experience.

• During 2013 ALLA maintained a Facebook and Twitter account. We plan to more aggressively utilize these to communicate ALLA activities, and generate greater interest in the scholarship of ALLA members. The individual to be contracted regarding the ALLA website will provide some support regarding these forms of communication.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
• During 2013, ALLA did not implement any changes in the structure or organization of the section. The ALLA Bylaws were amended in 2011 and these guide our efforts.

• ALLA however took steps to formalize the section documentation regarding three areas. One, it formalized the guidelines the Program Committee will follow in reviewing and organizing panels at the annual meeting. Two, the ALLA Book Award guidelines for the review of books submitted for consideration. Three, it has taken steps to formalize the description of the role of Student Representative on the ALLA Board.

• In addition, the current President is compiling an ALLA President Handbook to facilitate the transition for the incoming President.

• At the 2013 Board meeting, it was decided that a committee will review the statement in the Bylaws presenting ALLA’s mission. At the present time, ALLA’s mission is presented in the Preamble and Article II. It was noted that because of the importance of presenting ALLA’s mission in a succinct form in the website, that the wording in the Bylaws is too long and not as direct as it could be.

• The ALLA Board will review the recommendation of the committee, and if accepted, will revise the Bylaws to reflect the change.

Initiatives:

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

• Based on the 2013 Board and Business meetings, ALLA will pursue the following initiatives over the next two years:

  a) Review and revise the ALLA mission statement;

  b) Request AAA to approve a contract in 2014 for the re-design and management of the ALLA website;

  c) Redesign the ALLA website to better represent the activities of ALLA, and the scholarship of ALLA members;

  d) Foster the work of the ALLA Working Journal Group in exploring the feasibility in establishing an ALLA on-line journal; and
e) Encourage the work of the ALLA Public Engagement Working Group to formulate a proposal for an AAA Community Engagement grant for the 2014 meeting in Washington, D.C.

f) During the ALLA Business meeting in November 2013, we discussed changes to the structure of the CMIA. Of particular relevance to ALLA is that along with ABA and AIA, we will be able to elect one of our members to the CMIA. Additionally, some members are interested in exploring the possibility of allowing individuals labeled DREAMers, also members of historically underrepresented U.S. racialized minority groups (including, but not limited to African Americans, Alaskan Natives, American Indians or Native Americans, Asian Americans, Latino/as, Chicano/as, and Pacific Islanders) for the AAA Minority Dissertation Fellowship. This move toward greater inclusion would allow Lawful Permanent Residents and DREAMer ABD anthropologist who are members of U.S. racialized minority groups to apply for the fellowship. The Fellowship is competitively awarded and is awarded to the applicant with the strongest proposal and supporting letters. The members of the Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology (CMIA) are provided the applicant’s proposal and letters of support, not the front matter of the application.

—Background: The CMIA members discussed the non-citizen issue at the 2011 annual AAA meeting in Montreal. Between December 2011 and October 2012, AAA staff researched the issue of when the phrase “a U.S. citizen” was added. Luis Plascencia, an elected member of CMIA, received communication from AAA staff indicating that it was at a meeting of the CMIA that the proviso of “a U.S. citizen” in the eligibility criteria was discussed and voted upon by the Committee. At the 2012 meeting in San Francisco, the members discussed the addition of the phrase “; or graduated from a U.S. high school, or completed a GED certificate in the United States,” following the phrase “a U.S. citizen,” and voted on it. The majority of the members in attendance voted in favor of the addition.

—At the 2013 meeting of CMIA, AAA Executive Board (EB) members attended the meeting and communicated the rationale for the reorganization of CMIA during the spring/summer of 2013. Under the new structure, the EB will appoint the chair, and relevant sections such as ALLA will be able to nominate a representative to the Committee. At the same meeting, the CMIA members were informed that the 2012 recommended phrase noted above was not approved by the committee that reviewed the structure of CMIA.

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.
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