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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 435

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
That's as of September 30, 2013. I think anthropologists of the region feel that the section is becoming a bit more active and might be joining for that reason (our numbers have increased a bit).

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 20,413.03

Publication Sponsored budgets.

n/a

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
That number is as of September 30, 2013.

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: ANTHROPOLOGY of YOUTH AND CULTURES of PROTEST in the MIDDLE EAST

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, POWER, AND STATE-MAKING

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: RETHINKING THE RURAL-URBAN DIVIDE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: THE ENDS OF SOVEREIGNTY: IMPOSSIBLE STATES AND STATES OF POSSIBILITY IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE
Session Type: Volunteered
Session: WHAT'S THE STATE GOT TO DO WITH IT? NEOLIBERAL GOVERNANCE AND ITS OBJECTS IN TURKEY

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: STATES of PROTEST, ARTISTIC EXPRESSION, AND SUBJECTIVITY in the MIDDLE EAST

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: ENVISIONING THE NEW MIDDLE EAST: IMAGES OF ENGAGEMENT AND IMAGINED PUBLICS

Session Type: Invited
Session: CONTROVERSIAL ENGAGEMENTS: PUBLIC INTELLECTUALS, THEIR INSTITUTIONS, AND the ACADEMIC BOYCOTT of ISRAEL

Session Type: Invited
Session: SINCERELY WHOSE? CYNICISM, EXPERTISE, AND POLITICS OF THE PRECARIOUS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Session Type: Other
Session: MIDDLE EAST SECTION BOARD MEETING

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: DESIRING the MIDDLE EAST: SELF-FORMATION, SUBJECTIVITY AND CHANGE

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: INTERNATIONAL AID TO PALESTINIANS: ETHNOGRAPHIES AND GEOGRAPHIES OF CONTESTATION AND PRACTICE

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Research Methods, New Media, and Politically Volatile Issues

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: NEW REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Session Type: Other
Session: MIDDLE EAST SECTION BUSINESS MEETING AND RECEPTION

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: EVERYDAY ISRAEL: STATES OF CONTENTION, EXISTENTIAL STATES

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: MODERNITY AND NATION THROUGH the LENS of GENDER in the MIDDLE EAST
**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** ETHNOGRAPHIES of CONFLICT, INTERVENTION, AND OCCUPATION in the MIDDLE EAST

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** EMOTION, DIFFERENCE, AND IDENTITIES in the MIDDLE EAST

**Awards**

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

**Award:** Student Paper Prize  
**Date:** 11/23/2013  
**Recipient:** Jess Bier  
**Affiliation:** Maastricht University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** "The Colonizer in the Computer: The British and Israeli Influence on Palestinian Authority Cartography in the West Bank"

**Award:** Distinguished Scholar Award  
**Date:** 11/23/2013  
**Recipient:** Marcia Inhorn  
**Affiliation:** Yale University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** "Roads Less Traveled in Middle East Anthropology"

**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*

Incomplete

**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.**

- Workshop at the Annual Meeting on: Research Methods, New Media, and Politically Volatile Issues
- Student Paper Prize

**Early career scholars.**

- Workshop at the Annual Meeting on: Research Methods, New Media, and Politically Volatile Issues

**Independent scholars.**

n/a

**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.

- Cooperation with the newly established Association for Middle East Anthropology, an affiliate organization of the Middle East Studies Association (they are to MESA what we are to the AAA)
- Support from AAA's Committee for Human Rights and AAA's Culture and Agriculture Section for our December 2012 statement on Gaza.

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.

- website via the AAA - to post announcements, calls for nominees, awards, etc
- we do not have our own listserve but we piggyback on a much larger open listerve for Middle East Anthropology
- occasional use of AAA mass email service

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

We voted in changes to the bylaws that basically just made the bylaws reflect actual practice in relation to board members and elections (actual practice of at least a decade).

Initiatives:

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

- Continued presence at the Annual Meeting of the AAA
- It remains to be seen what the DC program will include. Too early to answer this question, really.
- Interest in engaging with non-US-based scholars.

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.

n/a

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

- Our section would like to see more frequent non-US-based meetings.

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

- Do we really need to re-input the titles of all the annual meeting sessions in this annual report? Can't the program just be generated from the online program somehow?
- Thank you for doing a better job with not scheduling section events to overlap this year.