Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 384

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
Our numbers fluctuate over the course of the calendar year, but the overall number is trending slowly downward. At the last annual meeting we realized that we don't require membership for any of our awards nor do we ask publishers to to pay a nominal fee to enter their books in our annual book prize competition, as do other sections. We took action and will now require SAE membership for any student submitting for the paper award, for any student applying to our pre-dissertation fellowship, and for those authors who wish their book to be considered for the annual Douglass prize. We will also require publishers of books considered for the prize to pay a nominal fee.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 28505

Publication Sponsored budgets.
We have no sponsored publications.

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
We recently introduced a new membership category, sustaining, which may be helping our finances. The figures I'm working from are end of November, so I don't know if additional costs from the annual meeting will appear in the December statement. The figure is lower than that which appeared in last year's annual report.

** 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:** EUROPEAN PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS: THINKING BEYOND CRISIS

**Session Type:** Volunteered
**Session:** THE NEW SPECTACLE: POLITICS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND CIVILIZING MISSIONS

**Session Type:** Volunteered
**Session:** FIELDWORK ENGAGEMENTS IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN SOCIETIES AND SPACES: CULTURE, CRISIS, AND CHANGE

**Session Type:** Invited
**Session:** TRANSATLANTIC PARALLAXES: TOWARD RECIPROCAL ANTHROPOLOGY

**Session Type:** Volunteered
**Session:** CRISES, FUTURES, PUBLICS: EUROPE FROM THE MARGINS

**Session Type:** Volunteered
**Session:** URBAN AND REGIONAL SPACES in EUROPE: UTOPIAN GEOGRAPHIES

**Session Type:** Volunteered
**Session:** EUROPE in FLAMES: PROTEST AND POLITICS of GRIEVANCE in POST-SOCIALIST STATES

**Session Type:** Special Events
**Session:** FINDING EUROPE IN CHICAGO

**Session Type:** Special Events
**Session:** VERBAL HYGIENE AFTER 9/11: LANGUAGE, THE STATE AND THE NEW EUROPEAN RACISM.WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE, RECEPTION AND CASH BAR WITH DEBORAH CAMERON, OXFORD-SPONSORED BY SAE AND SLA

**Session Type:** Invited
**Session:** LIFE COURSE AND FAMILY FORMATION: PARENTHOOD, WORK AND CARE-GIVING IN ?LATE-FORMING? FAMILIES IN EUROPE AND THE CARIBBEAN

**Session Type:** Volunteered
**Session:** IMAGINING the OTHER in CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN POLITICS

**Session Type:** Volunteered

**Session:** RE-IMAGINING EUROPEANESS: WITHIN AND WITHOUT LIMITS

**Session Type:** Special Events

**Session:** SAE Luncheon Rountables

**Session Type:** Special Events

**Session:** NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF EUROPE: THE SAE GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

**Awards**

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

**Award:** William A. Douglass SAE Distinguished Lecture  
**Date:** 11/23/2013  
**Recipient:** Deborah Cameron  
**Affiliation:** Oxford  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** VERBAL HYGIENE AFTER 9/11: LANGUAGE, THE STATE AND THE NEW EUROPEAN RACISM

**Award:** William A. Douglass Book Prize in Europeanist Anth  
**Date:** 11/23/2013  
**Recipient:** Yael Navaro-Yashin  
**Affiliation:** Cambridge University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** The Make Believe Space

**Award:** SAE/CES Pre-dissertation Fellowship  
**Date:** 11/22/2013  
**Recipient:** Senem Kaptan  
**Affiliation:** Rutgers University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** The Making of Citizenship Through Law, Justice, and Victimhood in Turkey's Anti-Coup Trials

**Award:** SAE Graduate Student Paper Prize  
**Date:** 11/22/2013  
**Recipient:** Elana F Resnick  
**Affiliation:** U Michigan  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Discarded Europe: Money, Trash, and the Possibilities of a New Temporality

**Meetings**

Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?

Yes

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

Yes, we requested a waiver for our distinguished speaker, but didn't receive one.

List spring meeting activities
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.

We undertook two activities in support of graduate students.

1. Finalists in the graduate student paper competition presented their work in a session, NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF EUROPE: THE SAE GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE, where they received feedback from senior colleagues.

2. We held an off-site event featuring a recent PhD and published author together with an editor-in-chief for his publisher. The event drew upwards of 30 graduate students, an impressive turnout earlier in the meetings.

Early career scholars.

We have no events aimed at this category.

Independent scholars.

We have no event aimed at this category.

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.

We occasionally solicit co-sponsorship for sessions or our distinguished lecture. This year SLA co-sponsored our annual William A Douglass Distinguished Lecture. In addition we have ties to the CES (Council for European Studies), with whom we award annual pre-dissertation fellowship. Owing to overlapping executive committee memberships, some of the SAE leadership communicate informally with other section executive committees. Finally, we have occasional communications with the European Association for Social Anthropology, depending on the constitution of our executive committee.

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.

Our list serve, H-SAE, is our most effective tool for disseminating information--about grants, fellowships, conferences, and news, etc. It is not limited to SAE members but open to all who wish to join.

Our secretary also communicates SAE news and perspectives via a column in Anthropology News.

The executive committee utilizes a listserv (SAE-Exec) to communicate.

We have made improvements to our website and continue to work on it.

Realizing that a social media presence is desirable if not required these days, we recently instituted the position of chair of social media. We anticipate this will raise our profile, especially among a younger crowd and the public.
Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

NA

Initiatives:

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

See the answer to the membership section regarding how we're addressing slightly declining numbers. On other fronts we continue to explore ways to engage and assist graduate students members. We have also introduced a new position of chair of social media, a position to be shared by two graduate students, and vow once again to improve our website. We may explore options offered by the AAA to earn income from (part of) the money in our account.

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.

NA

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

I understand that the AAA is considering putting together a site on migration similar to the one on race. That's a great idea, and the SAE membership is ready to serve as a resource to the initiative.

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

1. The SAE has been pretty good about keeping the flame lit, but it would be a great aid to sectional memory and efficiency if the AAA made available some kind of folder/etc. for the executive committee. Of course, you have our annual reports, but it would be nice to have a limited access repository for all the documents we don't wish to share with the public on our website, such as the annual reports made by most members of the executive committee.

2. Any meeting the size of the AAA annual meeting will have scheduling issues, but this year we encountered a real problem. We normally have our executive committee meeting on Thursday, business meeting on Friday, and roundtables on Saturday. This year we found that our executive meeting had been moved to Friday and our roundtables and business meeting scheduled at the same time on Saturday. We were able to return to the former schedule, but not in time for the change to be reflected in the printed program. Unfortunately this caused a decrease in business meeting attendance. Next year in Washington we would appreciate a return to the "traditional" schedule.

3. At the 11th hour our program chair-elect found out that we would be charged $51 per person for a sandwich at our luncheon roundtable event. She was able to shave a few dollars off the amount, but the timing and especially the cost was alarming. The whole thing was
also confusing as we had made money on the roundtable in the past. The AAA probably can't
do much about costs, but we think you should know about this one. Escalating costs for food
have gotten us thinking more and more about off-site events, and I know were not alone in
this.

4. Work on the website. I encountered several problems in the course of completing this
report. One day the site wouldn't allow me to add additional executive committee members,
but the next day it worked fine. Just now I pressed the save progress button after writing the
first three points, only to be ejected/logged out of the program without any text being saved.
These bugs are frustrating.