The Executive Board of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) is proud to announce the appointment of Michael Chibnik (U Iowa) as Editor-in-Chief of its flagship journal, American Anthropologist.

An anthropology professor currently teaching a wide array of courses spanning anthropological theory, research design and proposal writing to economic anthropology, environmental anthropology and world problems, Chibnik has a wealth of experience in journal editing and publishing. He is currently the editor of the Anthropology of Work Review and a member of the Advisory Board of the University of Iowa Press.

Chibnik is an active member of the AAA and its committees and sections; he is a former chair of AAA’s Labor Relations Committee and is a current member of the executive board for the Society for the Anthropology of Work. He has also served as the Associate Editor for Reviews for the AAA journal American Ethnologist.

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve as American Anthropologist’s Editor-in-Chief,” said Chibnik. His vision for the journal is to publish articles that are new and breaking in the field, demonstrate scientific and cultural significance. He also hopes to broaden the journal’s audience to embrace a wider international and non-anthropological scope.

Published quarterly, American Anthropologist reaches over 12,000 members with each issue and advances the AAA’s mission by publishing articles that add to, integrate, synthesize and interpret anthropological knowledge; commentaries and essays on issues of importance to the discipline; and reviews of books, films, sound recordings, exhibits and websites.

“Michael is well-suited for the position and will be a strong leader for our publication,” AAA President Leith Mullings said in a statement released today. “I am pleased that he has accepted this appointment and look forward to great things in the future.”

Chibnik will begin the position in July 1, 2012 when the current Editor-in-Chief, Tom Boellstorff’s term ends. Boellstorff has been the journal’s Editor-in-Chief since September 2008. During his tenure, American Anthropologist has dramatically increased its audience base and is currently the most downloaded journal in Wiley-Blackwell’s social science and humanities journal portfolio.

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Founded in 1902, the American Anthropological Association is the world's largest professional organization of anthropologists and others interested in anthropology, with an average annual membership of more than 10,000. The Arlington, VA - based association represents all specialties within anthropology – cultural anthropology, biological (or physical) anthropology, archaeology, linguistics and applied anthropology.