Castañeda and Rutherford named 2011 AAA Leadership Fellows

The American Anthropological Association (AAA), at its most recent Annual Meeting, recognized Dr. Heide Castañeda and Dr. Julienne Rutherford as the 2011 AAA Leadership Fellows. Leadership Fellows gain a unique opportunity early in their careers to become strong leaders in the field of anthropology and within the Association. Fellows are mentored by members of the AAA Executive Board in association governance, leadership, and various other areas.

“This program augmented my career in anthropology and provided valuable insight into AAA Leadership,” said Dr. Ritu Khanduri, a 2010 AAA Leadership Fellow. “Because of this opportunity I look forward to furthering my career in a leadership role and contributing to the AAA initiatives bridging world anthropologies.”

Heide Castañeda is an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Florida, and is paired with mentor Jean J. Schensul. Schensul serves a three year term, 2009-2012, as an AAA Executive Board member and is a medical anthropologist at the Institute of Community Research. Julienne Rutherford is an assistant professor in the Department of Oral Biology and an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and is being mentored by Lee Baker. Baker served as AAA Executive Board member from 2008-2011 and is the Dean of Academic Affairs and professor of cultural anthropology for Trinity College of Arts and Sciences at Duke University.

Castañeda and Rutherford were formally recognized at the AAA Awards Ceremony during the 110th AAA Annual Meeting in Montréal in November of this year.

The deadline for applications to be one of the 2012 Leadership Fellows is March 15, and the application is available on the AAA website.