Tara Waters Lumpkin Wins 2014 Anthropology in the Media Award

The American Anthropological Association (AAA) is proud to present the 2014 Anthropology in the Media Award to Tara Waters Lumpkin, Ph.D.

Established in 1987, the AIME recognizes successful communication of anthropology to the general public through the media. It seeks to honor those who have raised public awareness of anthropology and have had a broad and sustained public impact at local, national and international levels. The AIME Award is designed to increase awareness of the significant contributions anthropologists have made and will make to society and recognize those who have successfully done so. By allowing the general public access to the study and profession of anthropology we facilitate contribution to and understanding of the field of anthropology itself.

Since 2009, Lumpkin has been the executive director and editor of Voices for Biodiversity, a nonprofit online magazine that shares the stories of people from around the world about their relationships with other species and nature using a community platform. The e-zines’s goal is to end the sixth extinction and help other species flourish. In addition, Lumpkin has published poetry, fiction and nonfiction, as well as won more than half a dozen writing prizes, fellowships and grants.

Lumpkin will be honored at the 113th AAA Annual Meeting Award Ceremony held on Wed., Dec., 3 from 6-7:45p.m. at the Marriott Wardman Park – Marriott Ballroom Salon 2.

The 113th AAA Annual Meeting will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park and Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., where more than 6,000 anthropologists will tackle some of the world’s most pressing issues, including: Ebola, public health, food security, the Middle East, social change and climate change. There will also be a week-long media festival.

Many sessions are open to the public, registration is required.

To participate, press must register by Dec. 1, 2014. Press will receive complimentary registration to the Annual Meeting sessions, press conferences, admittance to invited sessions, special events and access to press-only workspace. The AAA has a new Press Credential Policy to better serve press and their editorial coverage. Onsite press registration will not be granted.

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