Anthropologists Honored with Carnegie Fellowship, Peace Corps Award

Two members of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Dr. Leith Mullings and Dr. Ralph Bolton have recently been awarded with prestigious honors for their contributions to humanity. In its inaugural year, Dr. Leith Mullings has been named a **2015 Andrew Carnegie Fellow**. Dr. Ralph Bolton will be honored with this year’s **Sargent Shriver Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service** at the upcoming National Peace Corps Association Peace Corps Connect annual conference in June. Such recognition of AAA members demonstrates the essential contributions anthropologists bring to today’s society.

In its first year, the Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program provides a $200,000 fellowship award to intellectuals in the humanities and social sciences who are pursuing research on the challenges facing US democracy and/or international order in the next 25 years. Dr. Leith Mullings, selected out of more than 300 candidates, is Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at the Graduate Center, City University of New York, a position she has held since 2007, and AAA’s Immediate Past President. Her work is at the intersection of race, class, and gender both in the United States and internationally. Dr. Mullings’ proposed research will revisit the “American dilemma” as it has evolved into the paradox of “post-racialism.”

The Sargent Shriver Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service recognizes a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who continues to work towards humanitarian causes at home or abroad and contributions and social entrepreneurship will bring about significant long-term change. Dr. Ralph Bolton is founder and chairman of **The Chijnaya Foundation**, a nonprofit organization that addresses the needs of poor communities in the Altiplano region of Southern Peru. Bolton’s deep understanding of Andean culture, from his time in the Peace Corps, his anthropological research and his hands-on involvement with Quechua-speaking communities influences the underlying philosophy of the foundation.

AAA joins in congratulating these outstanding individuals for their contributions to the discipline and humanity.

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