A Message from Executive Director, Dr. Edward Liebow

The Groundhog saw his shadow, we're in for some serious winter weather, and we've certainly had a dramatic demonstration of the difference between weather and climate. And speaking of climate, the latest Anthropology News is calling for proposals about climate change. AAA's Global Taskforce on Climate Change is completing its final report, and you can get a preview from Shirley Fiske and Tony Oliver-Smith on Anthropology TV.

If you are anything like me, you welcome deadlines, and this month brings us quite a few deadlines to appreciate. Applications for the next 2-Year Post-Doc Professional Services Fellow are due March 15. On February 10, applications for the AAA Summer Internship will be available. This opportunity for two students to gain hands-on experience is provided through the generous donations by you and your colleagues. And don't forget that Executive Session proposals are due by noon ET on February 15.

In January we presented two productive webinars. The first was about publishing alternatives, moderated by Hugh Jarvis. If you were unable to join in, it is one not to miss, click here to stream. We also kicked off our Webinar Wednesdays series, with a great presentation by Dr. Riall Nolan on finding a job outside the academy. Stream it here. Mark your calendar to join us on the third Wednesday of each month for more great topics. Next up, at 2pm ET on February 19, Dr. Rosemary Joyce will discuss recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities in anthropology programs.

We have launched a new Facebook page Engaging Anthropology Forum of the American Anthropological Association to better serve our young anthropologists in school or recently graduated. Check out and add to the list of student anthropology clubs, as well as other news you can use.

In section news, SCA launched their first open access issue of Cultural Anthropology. APLA has launched a new book award. American Ethnologist has released a new virtual issue on "In/Visibility: Projects, Media, Politics, 2012-2013", which ties in with its upcoming annual meeting. And the Society for the Anthropology of Work has launched a new Facebook page.

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AAA Seeks Professional Services Fellow
AAA plans to bring a post doc anthropologist on staff to lead its Professional Services programs. This is a two-year fellowship that will provide an opportunity for an anthropologist to work with AAA leadership and staff to conduct research, identify and develop new programs and services for members. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in anthropology. The Fellow will work at the AAA office in the DC metropolitan area. Start date is August 5, 2104. Stipend is $50,000 per year plus benefits. For more information on this fellowship opportunity and to apply online click here or send a cover letter and CV/resume to aaaajobs@aaanet.org. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2014.

Webinar Wednesdays - Engaging Anthropology
AAA hosts a monthly webinar series on the third Wednesday of the month. At 2pm ET on Wednesday, February 19, Dr. Rosemary Joyce will discuss Best Practices: Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented Minorities in Anthropology Programs. This webinar will be of particular interest to anthropology students, faculty, department chairs and administrators. The webinar is free; however, registration is required at: http://bit.ly/1a4hcfR Password: anthropology

Did you miss January’s webinar on finding a job outside the academy? Click here to stream it.

AAA Summer Internship Program
AAA is pleased to offer two internship opportunities funded by member donations for the summer of 2014. Internships are six weeks from June 30 to August 8, 2014. These opportunities are unpaid; however, interns will be provided housing and a meal/travel stipend.

Applications will be available February 10.
This program relies solely on member donations. Please support this valuable opportunity for students to experience careers in anthropology by making your financial contribution today.

2014 AAA Annual Meeting - Important Changes
The 2014 AAA Annual Meeting Call for Papers is out and future attendees are beginning to collaborate. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the broad range of program changes designed to enhance the Annual Meeting experience and better meet the needs of our members and attendees.

Take note of the important dates. Executive Session proposals are due by noon (ET) on February 15, 2014. Executive sessions speak directly to the conference theme and serve to engage the broad constituency of anthropologists and our interlocutors. All other session proposals are due on April 15.

Section Spotlight: Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
The Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA) is pleased to launch a new prize for the book that best exemplifies the ethnographic exploration of politics, law, and/or their interstices. The first APLA book prize will be awarded at the American Anthropological Association meeting in 2014 and annually thereafter. It carries an award of $1,000. The winning book will be reviewed in PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review and may be featured at a roundtable or author-meets-readers session at the AAA meeting. An honorable mention may be identified by the committee, if appropriate. For eligibility and details of the nomination process, click here. The nomination deadline is May 1, 2014.