A Message from Executive Director, Dr. Edward Liebow

Happy New Year!

2014 brings great promise and many changes to the American Anthropological Association. In the months ahead we will be talking about our publications program, public education and advocacy work. This month, with the Board's approval, we are instituting several changes to the Annual Meeting Program, and you really must read up on these changes. February 15, the Executive Session proposal deadline, is already quickly approaching.

February 15 is also the deadline for nominations for the Alfred Vincent Kidder Award for Eminence in the Field of American Archaeology and for applications for the Minority Dissertation Award.

Our new President, Monica Heller, summarizes her captivating vision, Introductions and Agendas, in the latest issue of Anthropology News. You may also be interested in the Anthropology TV interview that Monica and I did a few weeks ago about the year ahead.

This year we are embarking on a new webinar series, Webinar Wednesdays: Engaging Anthropology. I hope you will join us for our first webinar featuring Dr. Riall Nolan of Purdue University. Dr. Nolan will focus on professional development and career building for anthropologists outside of the academy. The webinar is free but you do need to register.

Many of our sections are preparing for their Spring Meetings. The American Ethnological Society has extended their proposal deadline to January 24. And speaking of AES, a search is underway for a new American Ethnologist editor.

AAA's Committees have been energized and busy. The Committee for Human Rights has requested assistance in gathering information on members who specialize in human rights. This is a good time to check in with your online AAA member profile to ensure your information is complete and accurate.

Please accept my warm wishes for a new year that is bound to be filled with productive endeavors.

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2014 AAA Annual Meeting - Important Changes

While 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 recent 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.

Webinar Wednesdays - Engaging Anthropology

AAA will host a monthly webinar series this year on the fourth Wednesday of the month on a variety of topics to engage anthropologists. The first webinar topic is professional development and career building for anthropologists outside of the academy. Dr. Riall Nolan of Purdue University will lead this first webinar and share tips on CV writing, job searching, interviewing and much more. This webinar will be of particular interest to advanced graduate students, those who have recently earned their PhD and those seeking practicing anthropology careers. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, January 22. The webinar is free; however, registration is required at: https://aaanetevents.webex.com/aaanetevents/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=663078462 Pass word: anthropology

Committee for Human Rights Wants You

The AAA Committee for Human Rights (CfHR) is gathering contact information of all anthropologists who specialize in human rights. The information will be used by CfHR to solicit help as we write letters of support, compose official AAA statements on various human rights issues, analyze and identify human rights campaigns for the AAA, and provide names of experts to the media. Please send the following information to rpark@marlboro.edu: Name, Human Rights Research Focus, Geographic Region of Focus, Contact Information (address, email, phone), Available for Media Correspondence (yes or no).

Award Deadlines Approaching

Two AAA award deadlines are approaching on February 15:

Alfred Vincent Kidder Award for Eminence in the Field of American Archaeology
Selected by the Archaeology Division, this award is given to an outstanding archaeologist specializing in the archaeology of the Americas. For nomination and award details, click here.

Minority Dissertation Award
AAA invites minority doctoral candidates to apply for a dissertation writing fellowship of $10,000. This fellowship is intended to encourage members of ethnic minorities to complete doctoral degrees in anthropology. Dissertation topics in all areas of the discipline are welcome. Doctoral students who require financial assistance to complete the write-up phase of the dissertation are urged to apply.

Desired Qualifications:
Preference will be given to those candidates demonstrating a high level of professional expertise on the basis of:
* An earned Ph.D. in anthropology.
* Recent teaching experience at the community college level.
* Previous experience in developing lower-division curriculum on the college/university level.
* Knowledge of and ability to integrate instructional technology in the classroom and be able to use such technology to offer curriculum and student learning through diverse delivery modes, as appropriate.

Click here for a complete list of qualifications required for the position.

Visit the District’s Employment Opportunities website at https://jobs.socccd.edu for a detailed job description, to learn more about the District and to complete an on-line application.

NOTICE TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT: The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Public Law 99-603, requires that employers obtain documentation from every new employee which authorizes that individual to accept employment in this country. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.
Section Spotlight: American Ethnological Society

Graduate student workshops on "text/image/ethics" and Collaborative Ethnography: Practice, Theory, and Writing." Graduate students who attend a workshop will qualify for a subsidy of up to $225 from AES to help defray their expenses.

The conference will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Conference-rate hotel reservations open January 15. Visit the AES webpage for complete details.

AES Seeks New Editor
AES invites nominations (including self-nominations) for the position of Editor of its journal, *American Ethnologist*. Editor searches begin 18 months in advance of the actual editorial transition. Nomination deadline is February 1, 2014. The position begins July 1, 2015.