A Message from Executive Director, Dr. Edward Liebow

Your Executive Board just finished up its Spring Board meeting this past weekend. As President Monica Heller (@anthroprez) tweeted this week, "#AAA members: your EB just spent 3 days cooking up ways to do more and better: inclusion, mentoring, finances, engagement, you name it."

Last month, we hosted two webinars. The first was a lively discussion between Agustin Fuentes and New York Times science editor, Nicholas Wade. The conversation still continues at The Huffington Post. The second was a fascinating presentation by Harjant Gill on Ethnography and Film.

Two new staff members have recently joined us. As Membership Development Manager, Haleema Burton will be helping you with your membership needs. Katie Vizenor is our new Professional Fellow.

Congratulations to Adela Amaral. She is the recipient of the 2014-2015 AAA Minority Dissertation Fellowship. This annual fellowship by the AAA Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology is intended to encourage members of ethnic minorities to complete doctoral degrees in anthropology, thereby increasing diversity in the discipline and promoting research on issues of concern among minority populations.

We are now seeking applications for a new Editor-in-Chief of the discipline's flagship journal, the American Anthropologist, for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2016. Editorship of the journal provides a unique opportunity for an anthropologist to be a central player in anthropological scholarship shaping the discipline's identity, impacting the future of anthropology, and initiating and participating in transnational dialogues.

Soon to debut (June 11), the new issue of Open Anthropology is entitled Sport: Pleasure and Violence, Competition and Sociality. This issue is guest edited by Niko Besnier. It appears on the eve of FIFA's World Cup and highlights the best intersection of sport and anthropology.

The AAA Summer Interns will be arriving in a few short weeks. If you have been waiting for just the right time to make your contribution to support the
future of anthropology, this is it. The program is funded entirely by AAA members. Thank you for helping launch the next generation of talented colleagues!

With Warm Wishes,

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