

Section Annual Report Form

Archaeology Division Annual Report for 2010

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Briefly provide the information requested on the form below. If the question does not apply to your Section, please note that it is “not applicable” instead of leaving it blank.

Please try to keep the responses to questions below as succinct as possible

I Please provide, names and e-mail addresses of the Section officers and board members during the period covered:

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II Status, Activities and Accomplishments this year

- 1) Provide the most recent membership numbers and list any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership:

Number of Members 986

Factors affecting Membership:

We continuously struggle to explain the high cost of membership to our members who belong to other professional societies. Our members are highly motivated to be part of anthropology and to exchange ideas with anthropological in the wonderful AAA meeting context, but many are skeptical about the proliferation of special-interest groups. There also a myth among archaeologists that the AAA is dominated by esoteric, postmodern scholars and that there is little appreciation for social-scientific and natural-scientifica approaches. We are working hard to dispel these concerns (see initiatives).

- 2) Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets, if applicable). Also list any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances:

Financial Balance: \$120,979.21 (November 2010)

Publications: (if applicable) \$27,416

Factors affecting Finances:

The Wiley-Blackwell contract continues to produce favorable financial results. The current concerns expressed in the Section Assembly about open access and the cost burdens of these agreements to public institutions are important. However, it is also important that the AAA and its divisions obtain a fair return for the work entailed in the publications, so that they can exchange their labor for resources to fund other efforts that benefit the public good. Let us not rush to give away a valuable arrangement.

- 3) List the titles of your Section's AAA meeting invited sessions, co-sponsored sessions, and any special events your Section sponsored or in which it participated. Check with your program chairs if needed: When providing session information please note if these are invited or co-sponsored and if the later please list them.

Sessions:

1) **Moving Bodies, Being Subjects: Ethnographic, Archaeological and Historical Approaches to Mobility**, organized by *Michelle Lelièvre and Maureen Marshall*. Co-Sponsored with the General Anthropology Division

2) **Hot Trade: Frontiers and Friction in Past Economies**, organized by Kathryn Franklin and Shannon Lee Dawdy.

3) **Things in Motion: Object Histories, Biographies, and Itineraries**, organized by Rosemary Joyce and Susan Gillespie. Co-Sponsored with the Council for Museum Anthropology.

4) **Knowing Our Place: A Conversation about Post-Columbian Archaeology**, organized by Whitney Battle-Baptiste. Co-Sponsored with Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology.

5) **Political Economies: The Legacy of Timothy K. Earle**, organized by *Cathy Costin and Lisa Lucero*.

6) **Veiled Practices: The Political Ecology of an AAA Meeting**, organized by *Maria Theresia Starzmann and Susan Pollock*.

7) Circulation and Space: From Households to Landscapes in Latin America and the Caribbean (Poster Session).

Other Events:

1) **Walking Tour: The New Orleans Underworld: Archaeological Tour of the French Quarter**, organized by Shannon Lee Dawdy.

2) **Archaeology Division Business Meeting**

3 **Archaeology Division Annual Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture: Dr. Michael Brian Schiffer “Anthropological Archaeology: Where Did We Go Wrong?”**

4). List spring meeting activities (if applicable):

1) AD-Sponsored session at the Society for American Archaeology in Sacramento: “Surplus: The Politics of Production and the Strategies of Everyday Life,” organized by Christopher Morehart and Kristin de Lucia

2) AD Executive Committee meeting at the Society for American in Sacramento, CA, April 1, 2011

5) List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section, if applicable (please provide the title of the award, date presented, and full name, affiliation, and title of the project/paper/accomplishment of the awardees):

Title of Award	Date	Recipient	Affiliation	Project/Paper/etc
AD Distinguished Lecture	Nov. 19, 2011	Michael Brian Schiffer	U. of Arizona	“Anthropological Archaeology: Where Did We Go Wrong?”
AAA Alfred Vincent Kidder Award	Nov. 19, 2011	William D. Lipe	Washington State University	Biennial award made by AAA on recommendation from AD
AD Gordon R. Willey Prize (for best archaeology article in American Anthropologist)	Nov. 19, 2011	Thomas H. McGovern, O. Vésteinsson, A. Fridriksson, M. Church, I. Lawson, I. A. Simpson, A. Einarsson,	Hunter College, CUNY	Landscapes of Settlement in Northern Iceland: Historical Ecology of Human Impact and Climate Fluctuation on the Millennial Scale. <i>American</i>

		A. Dugmore, G. Cook, S. Perdikaris, K. J. Edwards, A. M. Thomson, W. P. Adderley, A. Newton, G. Lucas, R. Edvardsson, O. Aldred and E. Dunbar		<i>Anthropologist</i> 109(1):27-51
AD Field School Award (jointly with the Registry of Professional Archaeologists)	June 13, 2010	Anthony P. Graesch	UCLA	<i>Welqamex Household Archaeological Research Project</i> (Upper Fraser Valley, B.C., Canada)
AD Student Diversity Travel Award	Nov. 18- 22, 2010	Moshe Adamu	U. of Florida	
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AD Student Diversity Travel Award	Nov. 18- 22, 2010	Jessica Cerezo-Roma	U. of Arizona	Beautiful Bones: Reembodiment and Personhood in Osteological Practice
AD Student Diversity Travel Award	Nov. 18- 22, 2010	Sebastian Salgado Flores	U. Texas San Antonio	Talking Archaeology in the Lacandon Jungle: A Collaborative Approach to Dissertation Research in Metzabok, Chiapas

6) Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following:

1) Undergraduate and/or graduate students:

Our main efforts are through the Student Diversity Travel Awards and the Student Membership awards, which encourage both graduate and undergraduate students to attend the meetings and present papers.

2) Early career scholars:

3) Independent scholars:

- 7). Additional outreach efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to other sections, interest groups, and scholarly societies, government agencies, public education/community engagement, and underrepresented minorities:

The AD is expecting to recommend to the EB that the AAA become a member of the U.S. National Committee of the Blue Shield, a heritage-preservation organization that protects monuments and symbols of ethnic identity in zones of conflict. The Association of National Committees of the Blue Shield encourages nations to ratify existing treaties that prohibit actions such as attacking or looting shrines, removing heritage objects, and using sacred locations as bases. Blue Shield volunteers work to instill these principles in militaries during peacetime so that the principles will be observed when conflicts occur. They also convince military officers that heritage protection and preservation is a strategy for effective peacebuilding.

- 8) Status and use of Section internal communications such as a website, list serve, or newsletter (if applicable): Please list internal communication tools you use and what they are used for

We use email blasts several times a year, keep our web site updated, and of course maintain active email correspondence among Executive Committee members.

- 9) Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable):

None.

III What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: Membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

We plan a campaign to make members and prospective members aware of the wide range of benefits that AAA and AD membership provide, including the opportunity for cross-subdisciplinary learning and dialog, to publish in anthropology's leading journal, to receive cutting-edge edited volumes in the Archaeological Papers of the AAA, and to join hands with fellow anthropologists on issues of common interest, including heritage preservation, cultural property protection, promotion and protection of cultural identities, and indigenous archaeologies.

IV Please tell us what your chief concerns and issues are, especially if they are not previously noted:

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Section Assembly leadership?

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board?

Please see II.7, above, regarding the US National Committee of the Blue Shield.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff?