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NAPA Notes



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for the Practice of Anthropology

Greetings NAPA! Welcome to the March 2018 edition of NAPA Notes.

The last time NAPA Notes was sent out, we were gearing up for the AAA meetings in Washington, DC. Now we are gearing up for the SfAA meetings in Philadelphia. I hope to see many of you there!

Your NAPA Governing Council (GC) is busy working for you all year long. Here are some of our updates:

Marketing and Membership: We continue to focus on making NAPA visible at the AAA meetings and the SfAA meetings. During the Careers EXPO and the Networking Social at the 2017 AAAs, we had a NAPA information table covered with promotional items. The idea was to flood the meetings with images of NAPA – on bags, t-shirts, and other items. Membership is important – the more members we have, the stronger we are. The stronger we are, the more we can do *for* each other and *with* each other. We will have similar NAPA marketing at the SfAA meetings in Philadelphia. Look for us and stop by to say hello!

Webinars: We have collected information from AAA about hosting webinars. The vision is to hold 3-4 per year with rotating topics. If you are interested in giving a webinar about any topic related to practicing and professional anthropology, please contact me = at lisa.henry@unt.edu.

Nominations: We have submitted nomination materials for NAPA President-Elect and 1 member-at-large.

SfAA Networking Social: During the SfAA meetings, please join us for our NAPA Networking Social on Saturday, April 7 from 8:15 pm – 10:15 p.m. at Barra Rossa (929 Walnut Street). This networking event is open to all – students of anthropology, faculty teaching applied anthropology, and early, mid, and late career professional anthropologists. This event features an informal reception with light hors d'oeuvres and discussions with professional anthropologists who will help students and new professionals consider their career options and develop their networks. **Professional anthropologists – we need you! We need you to network with those seeking advice and share your wisdom. Drop me a line at lisa.henry@unt.edu if you are able to help out with this event.**

I hope you enjoy this edition of NAPA Notes. There are many more announcements so keep reading!



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NAPA President

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Regards,
Lisa Henry, PhD
NAPA President



Classifieds

AnthroTalk Update

AnthroTalks.org is live with Episode 3, all about *Waiting in Line*, or queuing! It's an episode about the universal experience of waiting for something, with all its frustrations and... yes... joys and opportunities. We're trying something new here and crowdsourcing YOUR photos from around the world. A weird and wacky line formation? A "line of one"? A surprising use of wait time? Put on your curiosity glasses and snap a photo, with permission of course, next time you are surprised while waiting in line. **Share your "waiting in line" moments with us: a pic of the line, your name, where the picture was taken and a few words describing what's happening in the photograph.** We'll take care of the rest!

Do you love what you see and hear at AnthroTalks? We are now inviting volunteers to join our team and contribute interviews and ideas! Something else? Drop us a note and tell us how you'd like to get involved.

In the coming episode, *In the Aftermath*, AnthroTalks breaks out of its anthro silo to bring ever broader perspectives on the human condition, life after a crisis, broadly defined. A medical diagnosis. A natural disaster. A romantic break up. You decide what counts as a crisis and send us your ideas. Watch for new AnthroTalks alerts in your social media channels, and repost at will!

Reach us at [Hello@AnthroTalks.org](mailto>Hello@AnthroTalks.org)

Wanted: Anthropologists in Action

Do you have photos of yourself or other anthropologists at work?

These could be pics of you conducting interviews or focus groups, digging ditches, operating a computer or microphone or tractor, or any of the myriad activities we undertake as part of our work. NAPA is currently working on a website redesign, and we are interested in gathering photos that show the breadth of work undertaken by practitioners. If you have any offerings please submit them by April 27 to Terry Redding via email at terrymredding@yahoo.com. Those whose photos get published will be acknowledged on the NAPA website.

Actions Needed for AAA 2018



Submit panels, roundtables, and posters by April 16th**

The 117th AAA Annual Meeting theme, "**Change in Anthropological Imagination**" is a call across the field to address the themes of resistance, resilience, and adaptation. The meeting aims to explore many of the pressing issues facing our discipline and our world and to demonstrate how a focus on change can be a positive force for groundbreaking anthropological research, new forms of cultural understanding, scientific awareness, and global empathy. (**Please note that submissions may not be started later than 2pm ET. Visit [here](#) for more details.)

Need Workshops for the 2018 AAA Conference

Interested in conducting a workshop for the upcoming Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association? If so, contact the new NAPA Workshop Coordinator, Elgin Klugh (eklugh@coppin.edu). We are looking for innovative workshops that equip participants with specific skills and tools that can easily be utilized in their own professional practice. Others can benefit from what you have learned as we continue to explore ways to advance the relevance and application of anthropology.



On The Horizon....

Developing New Resources for Student Members

As the new student representative at NAPA, I want to first thank you for supporting my election to this position. Now onto the more fun stuff – we're looking for student feedback on how NAPA can provide online tools and resources to prepare you for a career in the applied field.

If you [visit NAPA's website](#) you will find information on upcoming networking events, mentoring opportunities, blog posts and podcasts catering to various aspects of applied work. To supplement these resources, we're exploring options for more interactive online support for students looking to transition to practice-based careers. Two examples that come to mind:

- Have a Slack/chat portal where students can exchange ideas, get advice and have a community of peers to generally interact with on a variety of topics like fieldwork experience, contract negotiations and online courses.
- Have access to webinars (online presentations) hosted by students and practitioners alike on popular topics like career options, supplementary skills training and inter-disciplinary research, to name a few.

Would any of these services interest you? Are there other ways by which NAPA can help you through online portals? Write to me at taapsi.r@gmail.com and let me know!

Taapsi Ramchandani
NAPA student representative

NAPA Ethics Statement

Thanks to two years of subcommittee work and the approval of the NAPA Ethics Committee and Governing Council, NAPA members will have the opportunity this spring to consider adoption of our first new ethics statement in 30 years. Want a sneak peek? Check out it out [here](#) or see this month's section news in AN for more details on the process and outcomes.

Feel free to direct any questions to NAPA Ethics Chair, Chad Morris, at cmorris@roanoke.edu.

Donate to NAPA

Want to ensure a legacy of support and promotion for the practice of anthropology? You can use the AAA online donation page to make a contribution directly in support of NAPA. Information is on the NAPA website, or go directly to [AAA's NAPA donations page](#).

Why Study Anthropology?

How do you answer prospective students or their parents when they ask the rationale for studying anthropology? NAPA is compiling the top 5 reasons to tell students, and the top 5 reasons for parents, about why anthropology is a great discipline. These will go beyond "anthropology is very interesting and important!" to more specific and topical reasons, to both compel students and assure parents. These will be compiled and included in the upcoming NAPA website redesign. **Please submit your suggestions (and indicate whether your reasons are more relevant to graduate or undergraduate programs) to Terry Redding via email at terrymredding@yahoo.com, or via the contact page on the [NAPA website](#).** The all authors of the reasons published will be acknowledged on the website.



Conference Guide: SfAA 2017 Santa Fe, NM



**The Loews Philadelphia Hotel
April 3-7, 2017
Philadelphia, PA**

The 78th annual SfAA Meeting puts forth “**Sustainable Futures**” to meet the needs of the present without compromising the abilities of future generations to meet their own needs. The meeting and topics will highlight the ways in which anthropologists and other applied social scientists address the most pressing issues of our times.

NAPA Volunteers at the SfAA Meeting

This year NAPA will have an information booth at the Book Exhibit on Thursday, April 5th and Friday, April 6th from 9am-5pm. **We are looking for NAPA members to staff the table in support of the NAPA mission.** If you can spare an hour or two of your time, we would like for you to represent NAPA and share the benefits of joining the NAPA organization with passersby.

All necessary materials will be at the table, but we encourage you to bring your own materials to share, such as a job posting, article, book chapter, field school pamphlet, or other information about your institution (as an example of the work you do as an applied anthropologist).

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wendy Hathaway at wendy.hathaway@gmail.com or Jason Lind at jasonlindo@gmail.com. We are looking forward to another successful and well-attended table!

Have Downtime between Sessions?

Philadelphia, the birthplace of the US government, was chosen to host this year’s SfAA meeting in part due to the metaphorical alignment with this year’s theme. If you find yourself with time to explore, what better than explore what the local scene has to offer? At the Philadelphia History Museum, check out [Folk Arts for Social Change](#), which showcases one of the Folklore Project’s signature community-based initiatives to honor ancestors of African-rooted dance and drum traditions. Find other arts, culture, and community events [here](#).

Final Program Now Available

The final program is now available [here](#).

Don’t Miss the NAPA Networking Social on Saturday, April 7 from 8:15 pm – 10:15 p.m. at Barra Rossa (929 Walnut Street)

...See You There, NAPA!