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## **Greetings from the President**

We are planning an exciting 1998 for the HPSfAA. The annual meeting will be held April 3-5, 1998, at the YMCA camp in Estes Park, Colorado ( [Click here for more information](#) ). The meetings were scheduled in early April this year due to a conflict with the [SfAA meetings](#) in Puerto Rico. The Ghost Ranch Retreat, October 2-4, 1998, in Abiquiu, New Mexico, will be a time to build and renew collegiate relationships and reflect on the mission of the HPS.

An important issue that we are addressing this year is the publication of our journal, the [High Plains Applied Anthropologist](#). Interest in the journal has expanded beyond our membership. We are currently talking to Westview Press about publication opportunities that would allow us to expand the distribution of the journal. Westview is interested in the journal and is currently negotiating an agreement with us. The agreement will allow HPS to appoint an editor and editorial board, seek external reviewers, and deliver accepted manuscripts to Westview in a timely manner. Westview will copyedit, print, and publish the journal on time. They will also store and distribute the journal

around the world. Part of the agreement is for HPS to gradually (within five years) increase the number of issues of the journal to four per year and to rename the journal in order to broaden its scope. One suggested title is *The Applied Anthropologist: An International Journal for the Professional Anthropologists*.

Emilia Gonzalez-Clements and her students have agreed to help Art Campa with the newsletter. We hope to print it on a regular basis so we can keep you updated and informed on High Plains news.

Lenora Bohren, President  
High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology

### **Mark Your Calendars! SfAA 1998**

The 1998 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology will be held April 21-26, 1998, at the Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Society is meeting in cooperation with the Association of Latina/o Anthropologists, the Committee on Refugees and Immigrants, the Political Ecology Society, and the Sun Coast Organization of Practicing Anthropologists.

This meeting will be devoted to reflections and collaborative work on the intersection of professional and personal commitments as they relate to applications of social science concepts, methods, and analyses.

For more information contact: Program Chair Becky Joseph via phone (617) 223-5056 or e-mail: [becky\\_joseph@nps.gov](mailto:becky_joseph@nps.gov) or check out the [SfAA web site](#).

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### **HPSfAA Participatory Planning Update**

What should the HPSfAA be doing as a Local Practitioner Organization (LPO)?

At the 1995 Annual Meeting, participants agreed on the following as the purpose of the organization:

HPSfAA should allow, provide and facilitate community, collegiality, a "practice" forum, professional development, linkages to other organizations, formation of new projects, promotion of anthropology and advocacy.

### **Members and Student Advise**

Here are members' answers to "What should HPSfAA be doing?" compiled from responses at the annual meetings and October retreats:

- **1995**-Networking; planning for the organization and for students; advertising meetings, members and activities; disseminating and following practitioner training guidelines; and communicating regionally and electronically.
- **1996**-remaining flexible, being inclusive, building bridges within and beyond Colorado; recruiting the next generation; serving as mentors.
- **1997**-stepping outside the usual ways for increasing participation; interacting more with students; offering workshops; monitoring and following up on our plans; and refocusing so we don't

discuss the same issues every year.

Student attendees at the October 1997 Retreat responded to "What would you like to see HPSfAA do?" with the following suggestions:

- help students establish relationships to gather social knowledge;
- talk about anthropological perspectives in domains of application;
- deal with identity as applied anthropologists;
- discuss multidisciplinary contexts;
- dialogue about un/underemployment; and
- assist young/new anthropologists with issues of financial assistance, student loans, and marketable skills.

### **Van Willigen Presents New Research**

Dr. John van Willigen, professor of anthropology at the University of Kentucky and founder of the Applied Anthropology Documentation Project, presented a brown bag discussion and a seminar at the University of Nebraska on October 3, 1997. He has conducted extensive research, in Indonesia, India, Hawaii, and South Africa. The brown bag, "Applied Anthropology: the Emerging New Synthesis," was a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers alike to join in discussing the continual growth and future of applied and development anthropology. The time spent with Dr. van Willigen gave students a chance to discuss applications, ethics, job opportunities and other important questions regarding the future impact of anthropology will have on cultures all over the world.

Van Willigen's seminar, "Power, Networks, and Well being: Social Aging in a Delhi Neighborhood" presented an eye-opening look at cultural attitudes toward aging, both in theory and in practice.

### **HPSfAA on the NET**

Our thanks to Eliot Lee of Northern Arizona University, who has done a wonderful job in preparing and maintaining the HPSfAA Web Page (<http://www.colorado.edu/AppAnth/HPSfAA/>).

The Web Page includes:

Information pertaining to the journal, including guidelines for authors;  
Internet Resources;  
News and Announcements for HPSfAA members; and  
Membership updates, internship surveys, and journal request forms.

### **Your name in print**

This year's HPSfAA Newsletters will feature profiles of students and professionals working in applied anthropology on the high plains. Feel free to provide a summary of your projects, internships, or thesis research in applied anthropology. Input from both students and practicing professional are welcome.

Send information to Emilia Gonzalez-Clements at:  
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(Questions ? e-mail her at [ecelement@unlinfo.unl.edu](mailto:ecelement@unlinfo.unl.edu))

## COMMON GROUND

Rosemary Sucec has published the following article in COMMON GROUND: ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST 2 (3, Summer-Fall 1997): 52-56: "Telling the Whole Story: Re-scripting Interpretations of American Indians." COMMON GROUND is a free publication by the [National Park Service](#). To get on subscription list, e-mail your name and address to David Andrews, editor, in Washington, D.C.: [David.Andrews@nps.gov](mailto:David.Andrews@nps.gov)

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## HPSfAA

**High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology**

**April 3-5, 1998 YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO**

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## HPSfAA

**18th Annual Conference**

### REGISTER NOW!

Registration for the HPSfAA Annual Conference is \$20 for members, \$10 for unemployed/students, and \$30 for non-members, due by February 27. Make checks payable to HPSfAA.

### ACCOMODATIONS

*The rates listed below are per person and include a room for two nights and meals for the weekend, beginning Friday evening through Sunday lunch. If you do not plan to join us for the entire weekend, you or your group may book a room for one night, which includes meals for one day. Rooms in the eagle Cliff Lodge include a queen size and a set of bunk beds.*

If you are booking a room for more than one person, you are responsible for finding your own roommate (s). You may post your need for a roommate on HPSfAA listserv: [HPSfAA@lists.nau.edu](mailto:HPSfAA@lists.nau.edu). The rates are based on room occupancy and cannot be changed based on individual scheduling, because of contractual arrangements with the YMCA center; accomodations cannot be cancelled after March 3,1998. If you plan to stay off-site, you may attend the conference and purchase a meal ticket for each day for \$21.00, plus your registration fee. Send your registration and accomodation fees by **February 27** to:

Brian Michener  
Local Arrangements Chair, HPSfAA  
2332 Mountain Side Dr.  
Estes Park, CO 80511

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### **Practitioner Profile: Robert K. Hitchcock**

Bob is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology and Coordinator of African Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His research interests include human rights, rural development, and socioeconomic change among rural poor in the developing world, especially Africa, and the rights of indigenous people world-wide.

Hitchcock is a founding member of the Committee for Human Rights (CfHR) of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), and he served as the Human Rights Liaison between the AAA and the Society for Applied Anthropology. He is also President of the Kalahari Peoples (KPF), a 501c3 non-profit corporation, which provides grants, engages in development work, and assists indigenous peoples in southern Africa.

His 1997-98 projects include assessing community-based natural resource management among Ju/'hoansi San (Bushmen) in Botswana, the monitoring of the social and environmental impacts of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project, the largest infrastructure project in Africa, and assisting Tyua, Ju/'hoansi, and other San in southern Africa in their efforts to strengthen local institutions and leadership.

### **Student Showcase**

#### ***Nebraska Students Tackle Variety of Projects***

Students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are learning their Applied Anthropology craft in a wide variety of circumstances.

**Lisa Fitzpatrick** is primarily interested in using anthropology in overseas development or domestically in urban areas. She has developed project guidelines for rural health care in Cambodia as a class project, as well as looking at the interplay between the environment and disease. For thesis research, she is exploring a food sustainability strategy, the urban garden, in North Omaha, Nebraska

**Mona Mohamed** is a native of the Sudan and an attorney with a special interest in human/women's rights. She was active in Sudan in efforts to raise awareness of the side effects of female genital mutilation. Mona, who has a law degree from the University of Cairo and practiced criminal, family, and Shari'ya law in the Sudan, just completed an internship with the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women, doing policy research for various projects, including the Seneca Conference and local integration of Muslim women.

**Laurel Erickson** is beginning her thesis research with Kurdish and Iraqi refugee women, evaluating the cultural orientation program of a local refugee resettlement program.

**William Bluemle's** thesis involves policy research with Nebraska farmers concerning agricultural decision making about biomass utilization within a sustainable agriculture paradigm.

### ***Students Initiate Local Practitioner's Group***

Emerging from a need to supplement the curriculum for Applied Anthropology students, the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Local Practitioner's Organization is enjoying its second year as an official student organization. Applied Anthropology, an abstract concept, is a difficult subject to teach and learn.

Both undergraduates and graduate students participate in the organization and feel there should be a co-curricular opportunity for learning to better prepare students for life outside the university.

The multidisciplinary organization,  composed mostly but not exclusively of anthropology students, provides support for in-class research and projects, and serves as a career-builder by inviting speakers, updating contact lists, and providing information on job opening and other career opportunities.

For more information about this group, contact 1997-98 President Lisa Fitzpatrick via the group's web site: <http://www.unl.edu/egc/lpohome.html>.

### ***NAU Students Describe Internship Experiences***

During the HPSfAA's October retreat, Northern Arizona University graduate students and past graduates discussed their internship experiences, including projects on cultural revival, education, health and ecology. Look forward to a full write-up in a forthcoming HPSfAA Applied Anthropologist Journal. Kudos to all the NAU students, including Ernie Atencio, Kristi Bade, Fran Biehl, Joshua Gagne, Elizabeth Jansky, Eliot Lee, Dinorah Martinez, Aaron Scrol, Lorenzo Sotelo, John Southwell, Tina Sutton, Derek Taylor, and Kimberely Wegesin on their amazing work.

*Please send any information on student research for inclusion in future HPS Newsletters to: [eclement@unlinfo.unl.edu](mailto:eclement@unlinfo.unl.edu).*