Greetings:

The past year has seen some important changes in the High Plains Society, and there are more changes in the works for the coming year. I would like to use this space to recognize those who have helped us make some important transitions in 2005. As for the changes to come, I will be sending via email a longer letter within the next few weeks that describes those and asks for your help.

Foremost, we have seen a change in title and editorship of the journal, now named *The Applied Anthropologist*. Congratulations to incoming Editor Lawrence Van Horn, as well as his assistants and Associate Editors, for producing the first issue under the new name—on time, within budget, and with high editorial and production standards. And to former Editor Deward Walker, along with Pam Graves and others who assisted him over the years, a heartfelt thanks from myself and the Society for years of hard work. Thanks also to Clare Boulanger, Pennie Magee and others who helped with this transition, and the Publications Policy Committee for its continued work on the journal and related efforts.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Pam Puntenney, past Chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee, for her work on that and other committees. Pam was the 2005 recipient of the Society's Omer C. Stewart Award (for which we are currently accepting nominations; see announcement below). Among other things, Pam was instrumental in organizing the fundraiser involving Native American Rights Fund Executive Director John Echohawk in June at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Thanks to all those who assisted with planning and carrying out that event. While the fundraiser did not meet hopes in financial terms, it was an important learning experience and led to opportunities for future collaborations. Capitalizing on such opportunities should be an active and ongoing goal of our organization.

As usual, 2005 saw a successful conference at Estes Park, this one featuring Mark Stiger from Western State College of Colorado speaking about one of the largest Clovis sites ever found in North America. Carla Guerrón-Montero and Rich Owens were co-chairs of this successful event. I was also fortunate enough to attend my first Ghost Ranch retreat, organized by Clare Boulanger, and enjoyed the spectacular scenery of northern New Mexico during a weekend celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ghost Ranch. These events demonstrate one of the most important aspects of the HPSfAA, namely the opportunity it provides for members to interact professionally and socially on a regular basis. One of my goals is to take this strength and use it to build our member base.

Finally, thanks to the continuing efforts of those who have promoted the Society at professional meetings and other events. Most recently this included the AAA meetings in Washington, D.C., where a number of HPSfAA members helped to staff the NAPA table and talked up the organization at various sessions. One initiative in particular that deserves mention is discussions with NAPA, led by Peter Van Arsdale and Leni Bohren,
regarding distribution of our journal to NAPA members as an optional benefit. I am currently working with the Editor and PPC Chair to develop a proposal on this issue, and will report on our progress at or before the Estes Park business meeting.

Other areas on which we are working, and on which I will report in my upcoming email, are increasing student involvement and membership; revamping and expanding our website services; and creating a new Outreach and Development Committee which will oversee fundraising and promotional efforts. I hope that many of you will participate in these efforts in the coming months. We need members to take active roles in this organization if we are to move ahead on the challenges that face us. Your vision and energy can play an important part in our future. I welcome your thoughts and input, of course, but even more than that your willingness to help turn thought into action.

Yours truly,

Kreg Ettenger
President (2005-07)
ettenger@usm.maine.edu

Call for Omer C. Stewart award nominees, 2006

The High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology is accepting nominations for the 2006 Omer C. Stewart Memorial Award. This award, given in honor of the late scholar and Native rights advocate Omer C. Stewart, honors an individual from any discipline who has made significant contributions to the field of applied anthropology. The winner is selected by the Omer Stewart Award Committee (consisting of the President-Elect, President, and Past President of the HPSfAA), and will receive the award during the HPSfAA Spring Conference in Estes Park, Colorado, April 28-30, 2006. Acceptance speeches are normally printed in the HPSfAA journal, The Applied Anthropologist.

Dr. Stewart was a founding member of the HPSfAA and one of the foremost anthropologists of his day. His ethnographic and ethnohistorical research on Peyote religion was groundbreaking, and his advocacy for American Indians included a relentless commitment to their religious freedom and compensation for the loss of their traditional homelands. For those who had the honor of working or studying with Dr. Stewart at the University of Colorado, or who have been influenced by his work, this award is an acknowledgment of his achievements and his influence on current and future generations. For further information on the award, please see the HPSfAA website at <www.hpsfaa.org>.

Nominations for the Omer C. Stewart Memorial Award, in the form of a letter describing the nominee’s accomplishments in applied anthropology, should be sent to Kreg Ettenger, HPSfAA President (300 Bailey Hall, University of Southern Maine, Gorham, ME 04038; email ettenger@usm.maine.edu). Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2006.

The HPSfAA Newsletter comes out on a twice-annual basis and is snail-mailed to both current and past members. Inquiries about the Newsletter should be directed toward its current editor, Clare Boulanger, at boulange@mesastate.edu
Call For Nominations
HPSfAA Election, Spring 2006

For the upcoming election, the Nominations & Elections Committee is seeking nominations for the following open positions:

- **One Member-at-Large** (three-year term)
  
  A Member-at-Large undertakes outreach for the HPSfAA and serves on the Board of Directors.

- **Two Nominations & Elections Committee members** (two-year terms)
  
  Nominations & Elections Committee members help with conducting elections. Ordinary Committee members do not serve on the Board of Directors.

HPSfAA members are encouraged to nominate other members, express a personal interest in serving in one of these capacities, or informally suggest names for Committee consideration. The technical deadline for submitting nominations is the last day of the annual meeting, April 30th, but we request that members submit nominations by mid-March to allow ample time for election preparations.

Submit nominations to Ed Knop, preferably by e-mail, at EdKnop@aol.com. You may write to Ed at 12 Red Sky Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87505, or call (505) 983-6271.

The Committee will determine candidates’ interest and eligibility, and will solicit from them a short bio and a vision statement. These will be compiled and mailed to the membership, along with a ballot, within 21 days after the annual meeting. Ballots will be due within another 21 days, following which results will be tabulated by the N & E Committee and communicated approximately mid-June.

Questions concerning nominations and Committee procedures may be directed toward Ed Knop.

The N & E Committee: Ed Knop (Chair), Jody Glittenberg, Lorraine Poulson, and David Rozen

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Announcing

The International Indigenous Business and Entrepreneurship Conference

June 19 – 22, 2006

Sandia Pueblo Resort and Casino

Conference Theme: “Fostering Indigenous Entrepreneurship”

Who Should Attend? Academics, business professionals, government representatives, NGOs, students, and anyone interested in learning and sharing experiences pertaining to Indigenous entrepreneurship and economic development

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Some suggested topics: financing Indigenous entrepreneurship; marketing Indigenous products and services; the Indigenous gaming industry; media and entertainment; fashion and design; Indigenous literature; ethics and entrepreneurship; biopiracy; environmentally friendly technologies; and the role of NGOs and regional and federal agencies in promoting Indigenous entrepreneurship. Case studies on Indigenous entrepreneurship are encouraged.

Check out the website at [http://iibec.mgt.unm.edu](http://iibec.mgt.unm.edu) for information about registration and sponsorship opportunities. The website also contains reservation information for your stay at the conference venue, a stunning new tribally-owned resort.

Gordon Bronitsky, Senior Consultant
Bits from the listserv
(edited versions!)

NOTE: The High Plains listserv facilitates unmonitored discussion by members. Though we do not censor contributions, the Listmeister is now empowered to ask people who overuse the listserv to ease up, and to remove offenders temporarily should they ignore the request. We’re hoping that those of you who have dropped off the listserv choose to resubscribe—we’d love your input!

Reactions to the death of Vine Deloria:

(Brad Biglow, on Custer Died for Your Sins) I think it was one of the best things ever to happen to anthropology. He gave pure theoretical science a kick in the butt, and made anthropologists redefine/rethink their roles with respect to all indigenous peoples, not just American Indians. His ideas led to the development of Native Anthropologists and Native Anthropology programs…and moved anthropologists into the realm of consultants who do applied research to help solve real Indian problems on Indian terms.

(Tony Paredes) One of the things often overlooked in Deloria’s seminal critique of anthropologists in Custer… is that later on…he did say that in the end, anthropologists are some of our [Indians’] best friends. But, as Bea Medicine, I believe it was, once remarked, “Most people don’t read that far.”

(Deward Walker) While it is possible to praise him [Deloria] for many things, my own view of his central importance is his conviction that we must break free of Anglo-American conceptions of history and culture applied to American Indians over the last several centuries by historians, anthropologists, and intellectual fellow travelers who have shaped and dominated public and academic discourse concerning American Indians. We shall all miss him greatly.

On access to communications technology:

(Eliot Lee, responding to a statement by David Rozen) We will not see large penetration rates for Internet worldwide any time soon, because of the variables associated with its use. But again, with radio and television, penetration is not 100% and we need to be aware of that. Assuming that “all” have access to information is a potentially dangerous generalization. …In terms of the worldwide use of electricity, 2 billion people are without electricity (yeah, there are Internet cafés and places where TV’s and radios can be used in communal areas, but that’s not very convenient), and so, not ALL people have access to electrically-driven mass communication devices.

(Brad Biglow) I agree that information is not available to all, yet if one eliminates the idea of the Internet, there are still lots of factors that influence the flow of mass communication access. Eliot brings up the importance of radio. That is the primary source for news in most rural areas and I cannot think of a rural community off the top of my head that doesn’t have radio communication. If one looks at transnationalism and rural/urban migration, the flow of information to and from rural (indigenous) communities in my experience is much more than one might think….

So, while I agree that to say “all” people have access is probably not the best choice of terms, you’d be surprised to know the number of Inuit who have skidoos or the number of Matsigenka in the rural Amazon of Peru who will “dance for dollars” from tourists and are much more “global” than one would think. So while technology and technological methods of communication are available to many, one must think of mass communication as including oral and written/hard copy communication as well.

On online education:

(David Rozen) Online education may serve a useful purpose for [vocational] students…but my thinking transcends the vocational and concerns the well being of the world community. Maybe I am naive, but I believe the scholar-scientist is absolutely necessary to a progressive, humane society. As in the hunting-gathering band, where traditions are passed from elders to the young, older scholars should teach younger ones in a communal setting. The university campus is such a place.

On academics and anthropology:

(Gordon Bronitsky) Just think what anthropology would be like if there were even one organization for non-academics. It sure would be different from the anthropology we know now.
Webbed Anthropology: Articulating the Relationships Involved in Our Efforts to Improve the World

Conference Co-Organizers: Joseph Hamer, Emilia González-Clements

To apply anthropology is to enter into larger networks and movements centered in social justice, cultural pluralism, sustainability, and more specific contemporary human challenges. Looking broadly at our domains of application, and our relationships to the various actors therein, is strategically important in a globalized world where culture and power are becoming ever more complex. In this context it could also prove insightful to explore how our theories of social change inform our choices of how and where to work.

This year’s conference theme, “Webbed Anthropology,” is intended to cause reflection on the variety of relationships we cultivate in our work. Who are we working for, with, and against? How has our training in anthropology helped us to collaborate with people from other disciplines and from organizations of various sorts? How do we interact with those in positions of power? And what are we doing in the way of community empowerment and participation? Finally, what associations need yet be made to address social problems successfully?

You are invited to address as few or as many of the questions as you would like. There are many angles to take on this conference theme, so we expect to see a diversity of presentations and rich question-and-answer periods that, combined, should teach us a good deal about how to be more effective in our efforts to put anthropology to practical use.

Keynote Speaker

Steven Spitzer
Professor of Sociology
Suffolk University, Boston, MA

Professor Spitzer will give a talk entitled, “In the Belly of the Beast: The Web of Demands, Interests, and Meanings in Prison Work.” The presentation will focus on the “tightrope” walked by volunteers who seek to promote personal transformation and growth among inmates in correctional institutions. Examples are drawn from the work of the Jericho Circle Project, an organization that operates men’s support groups and intensive trainings in Massachusetts prisons. Working as volunteers in total institutions, facilitators must negotiate a binary world in which competing interests and realities alternately intersect and diverge. The political economy of punishment and the culture of blame cast shadows over the efforts of volunteers to recast condemnation scripts into redemption narratives. In spite of the obstacles, inmates make important discoveries about themselves and their demons toward the end of promoting social change “one man at a time.”

In addition to his work as a Professor of Sociology at Suffolk University in Boston, Steven Spitzer is the President of the Jericho Circle Project, Inc. He began his teaching career at the University of Pennsylvania and has been teaching full-time at Suffolk University since 1980. Over the course of five years he has created an “applied career” organized around coordinating groups and workshops at federal, state, and county correctional facilities. As an administrator and volunteer who has worked with hundreds of inmate groups in a variety of institutional settings in Massachusetts and California, he has learned a great deal about the ideological structure, policies, practices, and constituencies of the correctional system. This expertise has been acquired within the peculiar “liminal space of the volunteer.” Steven has two daughters and lives in Cambridge, MA.
High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology (HPSfAA)
2006 Spring Conference, April 28-30
YMCA Camp of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO
CALL FOR PANEL ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS
Webbed Anthropology: Articulating the Relationships Involved in Our Efforts to Improve the World

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Please fill out and return this form to: HPSfAA Conference Chair, 2725 SE Washington St.,
Milwaukie, OR 97222. Alternatively, you may send your abstract via email to jh@fsdf.org.
An online application is available at the HPSfAA website, www.hpsfaa.org.

Deadline for submission is March 15th
REGISTRATION FORM
2006 HPSfAA Spring Conference, April 28-30
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Registration fees:

_____ member(s)/professional(s) at $40 each

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_____ student(s) at $30 each

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES

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Standard weekend packages (all meals included):

_____ single room(s) at $170

_____ room(s) for two at $115 each occupant

_____ room(s) for three at $95 each occupant

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TOTAL LODGING COSTS

Cabin weekend package (NO MEALS):

_____ two-bedroom cabin(s) at $185

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NOTE: (1) Single night stays are not encouraged; those who choose to do so must pay 65% of above room/board costs. (2) Registrants who do not furnish names of roommates will take potluck assignments.

Make checks out to HPSfAA; please return completed registration forms and payment by March 24 to:

Merun Nasser
2636 Grapewood Lane
Boulder, CO 80304

There will be no refunds after March 28.
Joseph Hamer selected for mentorship program in applied anthropology


The mentorship is designed to teach basic skills and to expose the mentee to a real-life work setting. The two chief executive officers of the sponsoring entities, HPSfAA members Dave and Emilia Clements, recognized the need for specific skills training after working with numerous students in universities, ethnographic field schools, and in their own consulting practices. Selection criteria include academic training, a service orientation, identified needs, applied experience, and professional goals.

The mentorship has four components: training, practice, professional development, and service to the discipline. The mentorship provides training in applied anthropology, fieldwork methods, research methods, and consultant skills. The mentee participates in applied research projects and completes an independent project. Recipients create one to three topical pathfinders (guides for self-study), and work through the material in FSDF’s Practitioner Notebook.

Joseph is currently finishing a study of Pacific Northwest seafood processing waste management to ascertain if sufficient fish oil supplies exist to serve as feedstock for a proposed large-scale biodiesel plant. RPDL has completed a feasibility study for the proposed plant, and Joseph’s research will answer a specific question for the potential investor. His next task will be to assist the Las Familias Pobladoras project (de El Carmen, Nuevo León, México) with kinship charting, working with the lead researcher, Frances González Terán. Joseph’s current study interests are communities, social movements, and public policy.

A member of HPSfAA, Joseph will be chairing the 2006 Spring Conference in Estes Park. He is also working with the SfAA Public Policy Committee, www.sfaa.net/committees/policy/policy to gather materials for its website to educate members on public policy.

The RPDL/FDSF Joint Mentorship program provides a practical, one-on-one intensive experience meant to enhance the attainment of the mentee’s goals. For information, contact Emilia González-Clements at egc@fsdf.org.

Call for items: Silent auction at Estes Park conference

We have had some interesting items in previous auctions. As we look at this year’s theme, “Webbed Anthropology,” and reflect on those we work with, for, around, and against, as well as the places where we work, we can anticipate another fascinating collection of things—artifacts of all kinds, books, photographs, food items—you name it (and bring it, and we’ll auction it!).

We ask each participant to bring at least one item. Proceeds go to the HPSfAA coffers and usually help cover conference expenses. See you in Estes!

Join in the fun and help make this year’s Silent Auction a success!

Saturday Night during the traditional party

Dave Clements, “Auctioneer”

Art & Ellen Campa, Emilia Clements, Auction Committee

[Image of a red pottery bowl with a flame design]
Opportunity for migrant workers

Metropolitan State College of Denver (MSCD) renewed a five-year program aimed at assisting an estimated 200 students from a migrant and seasonal farmworker background in Colorado. The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) is funded with a five-year, $2.2 million grant from the US Department of Education, Office of Migrant Education. The five-year program was one of only six selected nationwide for new program grants out of 75 proposals submitted nationally for this highly competitive program. Grant proposal authors Arthur Campa, Adriann Wycoff, and Richard Paiz state that CAMP will continue provide academic, financial, counseling and affective support for the migrant and seasonal farmworker students. Campa and Wycoff, project co-directors, underscore how CAMP continues to be “the first real opportunity that many of Colorado’s farmworker youth will have to break out of the cycle of poverty. CAMP students have set an MSCD track record of recording both the highest GPAs and retention rate for all student cohorts out of the 22,000 total student body from 2000 to the present.”

Eligible applicants must have 75 days of farmwork completed in the past 24 months by members of the applicant’s household. Candidates must also have a financial need and preferably be the family’s first-time college entrant. Says Campa, “many of these current CAMP students didn’t think that college was an option. The college experience can be so overwhelming that we want these students to have help every step of the way during their freshman year. These students bring a work ethic that enables them to be successful college students.”

For further information, contact the CAMP office at (303) 352-4343 or the recruitment office at (303) 556-5689. E-mail CAMP at campaa@mscd.edu or wycoffa@mscd.edu.

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And remember, both individuals AND LIBRARIES can subscribe to our Journal, The Applied Anthropologist. For a library, just fill out the membership form with the institutional address and tick the “Corporate/Department” option.

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Please send the completed form and a check, made out to HPSfAA, to: Merun Nasser, 2636 Grapewood Lane, Boulder, CO 80304.

THANK YOU! See our website at www.hpsfaa.org for more information.
Gordon Bronitsky recently traveled to Pakistan with Navajo fluteplayer Andrew Thomas. Andrew performed with Pakistani fluteplayers and tabla drummers to very receptive audiences at the World Performing Arts Festival in Lahore. Along with other international musicians, he played at a special concert for Pervez Musharraf, President of Pakistan, at the official residence of the Governor of Punjab. He also appeared with a Pakistani fluteplayer, before a private audience of Pakistani artists and musicians, at the home of the US consul in Lahore.

As for Gordon, the US consulate was able to arrange several engagements at universities in Lahore, where he spoke on a range of topics concerning American Indian art and international cultural marketing. There is now considerable interest in bringing American Indian artists to Pakistan.

During a stopover in Dubai (United Arab Emirates), Gordon met with the President of the events design firm ArtWorks, where the two agreed to work together on international Indigenous events.

Mark Calamia is currently working as a Research Scholar at the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. He is writing up part of his dissertation research on Fijian customary marine tenure and marine protected areas for publication in several peer-reviewed journals. He reports that the inland and coastal scenery of South Island is remarkably pristine and scenic. Mark is also developing a new project with the South Island Maori tribe Ngai Tahu on traditional approaches to marine resource management that might be applied toward ecotourism in one or more marine-protected areas. At present, he is meeting with Ngai Tahu and Department of Conservation personnel on these and other matters. Mark also conveys that the Kiwis are remarkably friendly people and Christchurch—being the first English colony on the South Island—continues to reflect its strong English and Scottish heritage in the local culture, architecture, and gardens. Mark will send us an update on his activities for the next Newsletter.

Carla Littlefield has written in to announce that long-time HPSfAA member Joyce Herold has retired from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS) to become Emeritus Curator of Ethnology. Her career at DMNS has spanned 37 years as volunteer, research associate, Chief Curator, Anthropology Department Head, and Curator of Ethnology. Over the years, Joyce’s main ethnographic research focus has been Havasupai basketry and the culture of the Jicarilla Apache of north-central New Mexico. Shortly after assuming the position of Chief Curator in 1968, she was challenged with the arrival of three moving vans containing the 12,000-piece Mary W.A. and Francis V. Crane American Indian Collection. Under Joyce’s direction the DMNS acquired 20,000 American Indian items, all meticulously catalogued, researched, and on display in Crane Hall. Her outreach to Native American communities in the early 1970’s and the consequent establishment of an advisory group paved the way for the museum’s implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Joyce facilitated the Annual Meeting of HPSfAA at DMNS in 1993, as well as the John Echohawk presentation in June 2005. Along with 200 friends and colleagues, HPSfAA participated in the celebration of her career at DMNS on November 22, 2005. We are honored to have Joyce as a member of HPSfAA, and we thank her for all of the contributions she has made to the field of anthropology.

In early 2005, Howard Stein had a chapter, “Corporate Violence,” published in A Companion to Psychological Anthropology, edited by Conerly Casey and Robert B. Edgerton (Malden, MA: Blackwell). In late 2005, his fourth volume of poetry, called From My Life, was published by Finishing Line Press in Georgetown, KY. He is completing his service as a member of a research network on Relationship-Centered (Health) Care, a project of the Regenstrief Institute at Indiana University. One product of that work is a paper, co-authored with Paul Haidet, M.D., entitled “The Role of the Student-Teacher Relationship in the Formation of Physicians: The Hidden Curriculum as Process.” The paper is published in the January 2006 issue of the Journal of General Internal Medicine.
