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The High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology Turns 30!

From the President's Desk:

Welcome to the High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter! It is so inspiring to be part of such an accomplished group of dedicated professional applied anthropologists. As the HPSfAA celebrates its 30th Anniversary, we are reflecting on the tremendous challenges that face the world today, the potential for applied anthropology to address these challenges, and the wealth of experience, research, and advocacy that is represented by the founders and members of our Society. In upcoming issues of the newsletter, we have asked several of our members who have been with us from the beginning to reflect on the history of our organization and the future direction of the HPSFAA as well as applied anthropology.

We have an exciting program planned for the Spring Annual Conference April 22-25, focused on the issue of representation, something of theoretical and ethical concern for every applied anthropologist in the 21st Century. The Society remains committed to the training and mentoring of the next generation of applied anthropologists, and so we make a special invitation to students, recent graduates and new faculty members to participate in our Spring Annual Conference by presenting a paper, suggesting a workshop topic you would like to attend, and networking with our distinguished group of applied professionals. I wish you all the best for 2010, and look forward to seeing you in Denver in April!

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Call for Papers
HPSfAA Spring 2010 Annual Conference
Representation: Who is Heard and Who Needs to be Heard?

April 22-25, 2010

Metropolitan State College, Denver, CO

Central to the history of Anthropology is representing “the other.” At its best, ethnographic representation leads to greater cultural awareness and beneficial engagement for the communities involved. At its worst, ethnographic representation fosters colonial mindsets, exploitation, uncompensated appropriation, and misguided efforts. In the global 21st Century, it is more necessary than ever before for communities to have control over their own representation. Today, issues such as ethnic and gender subjugation, poverty and homelessness, natural resource management, tourism, education and economic development are all affected by representation issues. Throughout the world representation both perpetuates and problematizes issues like domestic violence, female circumcision, and slavery. Our conference this year will focus on the opportunities and challenges of representation in ethnography, film making, visual anthropology, politics, and other areas. The ethics of representation will be the common thread throughout our program. Ultimately, anthropologists are responsible for understanding, protecting and advocating for voices heard, voices silenced, voices revised, voices appropriated.

Please complete the forms included in the Newsletter or on the HPSfAA website for a paper or a panel, including an abstract of no more than 250 words, and send them to Kathleen Pickering Sherman by mail (Department of Anthropology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1787) or email (Kathleen.Pickering@colostate.edu), no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010**. For more information, contact Kathleen Pickering Sherman by email or phone (605) 441-0271.

Call for Newsletter Articles

30th Anniversary Edition of HPSfAA Publications

In addition to the call for abstracts for the upcoming conference, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a call for articles to be included in the upcoming editions of the HPSFAA newsletter. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, reflections on the history of the Society and how the organization has evolved to its current form are sought to provide a sense of the enduring spirit behind this great group of people. Style and content are open to interpretation, but a general attention to the origins and development of the Society that brought us to this current manifestation and perhaps projections of possible future pathways are encouraged. For those of you with a long history associated with the Society, I particularly call on you to illuminate the early history of the organization, including thoughts on what motivated the original formation of the community we now all belong to and how has that mission changed over time.

As a group, we make a particular effort to encourage young scholars to participate in the activities of the Society, creating a comfortable and “safe” atmosphere for students to present at the conference and Ghost Ranch retreat. Not only does this provide a space for us students to cut our teeth in the world of conference presentations, but we get to express our views on the topics of interest to the emerging scholars of applied anthropology. At the same time, we inevitably influence the trajectory and mission of the Society. As such, I extend this call to students as well, who, despite not being present for the origins of the group, represent the leadership of the next 30 year period. What draws you, as students, to the Society and where would you like to see the Society 30 years from now? Again, style and content are open to interpretation.

Please submit submissions or ideas for submissions to the newsletter editor, Benjamin Jewell at: Benjamin.jewell@asu.edu by **June 1st, 2010**. Below, Carla Littlefield provides an overview and history of the three awards given out by the Society.

Awards of the High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology

Carla Littlefield, HPSfAA Archivist

The High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology currently has three awards bestowed at the annual conference. These awards are: the Omer C. Stewart Memorial Award, the Gottfried and Martha Lang Student Award in Applied Anthropology, and the Bristlecone Pine Award. Deward Walker proposed the Omer Stewart award at a meeting in 1993 of the Board of Directors which immediately approved the idea. The first recipient was Mickey Crespie, Senior Anthropologist, National Park Service, at the 1993 annual conference held at the Denver Museum of Natural History (now the Denver Museum of Nature and Science). The Gottfried and Martha Lang Student Award followed in 1999 and the Bristlecone Pine Award in 2007. The HPSfAA Bylaws were amended in 2007 to establish an Awards Committee consisting of the President, Past President, and President-Elect to select awardees and plan for the presentation of awards. The President may add others to the committee, such as the student representative to the board and the chair of the annual conference. Nominations for all three awards can be made by submitting the name of the nominee to the current president, Kathleen Pickering Sherman (Kathleen.pickering@colostate.edu), **no later than March 15th**. Recipients will be announced during an awards ceremony at the annual conference in Denver, April 22nd-25th. A summary of the awards follows.ⁱ

The Omer C. Stewart Memorial Award

The Omer C. Stewart Memorial Award is awarded each Spring at the annual conference for significant contributions to Applied Anthropology. Dr. Stewart was one of the founding members of the HPSfAA and one of the foremost anthropologists of his day. His ethnographic and ethnohistoric research into the Peyote religion revealed vast areas of cultural change among American Indians. His advocacy for American Indians included a relentless commitment to their religious freedom and to gaining compensation for their losses of traditional homelands. Many have had the honor of working and/or studying with Dr. Stewart during his tenure at the University of Colorado. For others this award is a reminder of our links with previous anthropologists and that the torch is being passed to current and future generations. Omer's epitaph reads as follows:

Omer was a distinguished humanist, challenging teacher, loyal friend, and formidable adversary. He spent his life battling racism, ethnocentrism, imperialism,

and their consequences among American Indians. Anthropology was his weapon. Conscience was his guide.

Epitaph for Omer Stewart by Deward Walker

Past winners of the Omer C. Stewart Memorial Award are:

1993 - Mickey Crespi, National Park Service
1994 - Robert Hackenberg, University of Colorado at Boulder
1995 - Deward Walker, Jr., University of Colorado at Boulder
1996 - Darwin Solomon, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
1997 - Donald Stull, University of Kansas
1998 - Gottfried Lang, University of Colorado at Boulder (Emeritus)
1999 - Howard Stein, University of Oklahoma
2000 - Carla Littlefield, Littlefield Associates
2001 - Ken Keller, Metropolitan State College of Denver
2002 - Peter Van Arsdale, Colorado Mental Health Institute/University of Denver
2003 - John van Willigen, University of Kentucky
2004 - Edward Knop, Colorado State University
2005 - Pamela Puntenney, Environmental and Human Systems Management
2006 - Lenora Bohren, Colorado State University
2007 - Larry Van Horn, National Park Service
2008 - Pennie Magee, Magee Consulting
2009 - Emilia and David Clements-Gonzalez,

The Gottfried and Martha Lang Student Award in Applied Anthropology

This award, which was established in Spring 1999, is in honor of Friedl Lang, Professor Emeritus of the University of Colorado, and his wife, Martha, to acknowledge their contributions to students as well as to HPSfAA. Recipients present his/her paper/project at the annual conference; receive a framed award certificate; publish his/her paper/project in the *Applied Anthropologist*; have free room and board for the conference; one year's membership in HPSfAA; and a cash award of \$100.

Past winners of the Gottfried and Martha Lang Student Award in Applied Anthropology are:

2000 - James Schechter, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado at Boulder. "Anthropological Theory and Fieldwork: Problem Solving Tools for Forced Migration Issues."
2001 - Kurt T. Mantonya, M.A, Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. "Contamination Nation."

- 2002 - Rebekah Bennetch, B.A. Student, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Colorado. "Composition in the Age of the Dot-Com: How One Virtual Community Served as a Collaborative Learning Group in Response to the Events of September 11, 2001."
- 2003 - Abbas Barzegar, B.A. Student, Religious Studies Program, University of Colorado at Boulder. "Latino Muslims in the United States: An Introduction."
- 2004 - Christina Dorsey, B.A. Student, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. "An Exploratory Study of Young African-American Fathers in Lincoln, Nebraska."
- 2005 - Sarah Case, B.A. Student, University of Colorado at Boulder. "The Dynamics of Tribal Cultural Resource Management: Where Do We Go From Here?"
- 2009 - Kathleen Van Vlack, PhD. Candidate, University of Arizona.

There were no student awards in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

The Bristlecone Pine Award

In 2007, the HPSfAA Board of Directors proposed an amendment to the bylaws to institute the annual Bristlecone Pine Award. As approved by the membership, the amendment charges the Awards Committee to identify a recipient distinguished for length of service and admirable dedication to HPSfAA, whether as an officer, board member or volunteer. The award was first bestowed on Merun Nasser, HPSfAA Treasurer, at the 2008 Annual Conference for her years of tireless organizational support and financial oversight for the Society. In 2009, Carla Littlefield received the award at the annual conference for her dedication to the Society .

A Note from the Ghost Ranch Retreat

Jack Schultz

One benefit of the Ghost Ranch Retreat this year was a panel discussion organized and moderated by President Elect Dr. Jack Schultz (Metro State College) entitled “Anthropology and the Military.” Panel discussants included Dr. Peter Van Arsdale (Denver University), Dr. Ed Knop (Colorado State University-Retired), Dr. Art Campa (Metro State College), Dr. Julie Reyes (Metro State College) and Dr. Claire Bollanger (Mesa State College).

The panel discussed Anthropology’s long history of involvement with military activities, the pitfalls and opportunities of such involvement, ethical issues and the role and value of university Internal Review Boards, etc. Discussion about the pros and cons of this type of relationship between members of the panel and attendees in the audience was informative and spirited. Everyone agreed that it is a timely subject and was a highlight of this year’s meeting. Kudos!

High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology Conference & Member Registration Form

Name (First, Last) _____ Date _____

Company/Institutional Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: office _____ home _____

E-mail: office _____ home _____

Fax: office _____ home _____

Conference Registration Fees:

Single Registrant (Members) \$40 _____ Single Registrant (Non-Members) \$30 _____

Couple Registrant \$60 _____ Student Registrant (No Charge) _____

Membership Registration Fees:

New Member _____ Renewing Member _____ Membership is paid _____ Not interested in Membership _____

Please tick one of the following membership categories:

Student \$25 _____ Professional \$40 _____ Dual (for couples) \$50 _____ Corporate/Department \$75 _____

(optional) In addition to my membership fee, I wish to contribute \$ _____ to the High Plains Endowment.

Cash _____ Check _____ TOTAL: _____

If you are submitting a dual membership, please fill out the following information on your partner:

Name (First, Last) _____

Company/Affiliation _____

Telephone: office _____ home _____

E-mail: office _____ home _____

Fax: office _____ home _____

Tick below if :

_____ you do NOT want to join our general email list (non-moderated emails).

_____ you do NOT want to receive HPSfAA Hotline email announcements.

_____ you do NOT want to receive our journal.

_____ you do NOT want your information posted in our online membership directory.

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.

