

Dear BAS Members,

I am happy to have this opportunity to write with some news of BAS activities, as well as with some BAS news and previews of BAS events that are scheduled for the upcoming AAA annual meetings. This year, the meeting will be held from 16-20 November in Montreal, Canada, and we are hoping to see record numbers of you there.

Let me apologize in advance for the length of this message; I have tried to format it so that it will be easy to scan but I can't promise anything after it goes through the AAA list-server mechanism that distributes it to your inboxes. So....

First, many thanks to everyone who participated in the BAS elections. We had a great slate of candidates, with the winners as follows:

President-elect: Agustin Fuentes
Secretary/treasurer: Ekaterina Pechenkina
Member-at-Large: Robin Nelson
Student member: Sarah Livengood

There will be some new positions opening up next year on the BAS Executive Board, so please let us know if you would like to be a candidate in this upcoming spring elections. Also, those of you who might be interested in becoming involved with the AAA should not be timid about self-nominating or letting anyone in BAS know so that one of us can nominate you. It is good for all of us to have BAS reps on AAA committees.

Second, it is a pleasure to communicate on behalf of the W.W. Howell's Book Award committee (chaired by Sara Stinson) the winner of the 2011 award:
"Ancient Bodies, Modern Lives: How Evolution Has Shaped Women's Health" by Wenda Trevathan.

Please join me in congratulating Wenda in person when she is presented with her award at the BAS Business meeting on the evening of November 18.

I also hope you will stay to hear the 2011 BAS Distinguished Lecture, which will be given by Jonathan Marks, on "Why Be Against Darwin? Creationism, Racism, and the Roots of Anthropology." We are planning the BAS reception immediately following Jon's lecture.

Other BAS-sponsored or co-sponsored sessions at the meetings are listed at the end of this message.

The BAS newsletter editor, Virginia Vitzthum, encourages members to send her news for her column in Anthro News. Also, if you have an idea for a guest column, she would love to hear it. Virginia can be reached at: vitzthum@indiana.edu

Our BAS webmaster, Kate Pechenkina, has made it possible for our website to continue to grow. It is increasingly a source of updated information about various topics and opportunities in BAS and AAA. You can check it out at:

<http://www.aaanet.org/sections/bas/index.html>

If you have any information or news you would like to see posted or linked to the website, let Kate (pechenkina@yahoo.com) or me know. The best way to receive information is as a PDF that Kate can simply upload or link as is.

Students who are interested in learning more about the BAS student prize are encouraged to contact Katie MacKinnon (mackinn@slu.edu).

And finally, Rebecca Storey has asked me to encourage our members to participate in the discussions of the AAA Committee for the Future of Print and Electronic Publishing (CFPEP). On Friday October 14th at 1:00 pm EST, there will be presentations in a webinar format on the role of publications in promotion and tenure, and on Friday November 18th at 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm, CFPEP and the Committee on Practicing, Applied, and Public Interest Anthropology will sponsor a public discussion at Montreal on the future of publishing in the Montreal Convention Center 516D. You can email Emilia Guevara (eguevara@aaanet.org) to register for the October webinar or to let the CFPEP know your topics of interest for future webinars. More details about these webinars are available in the full message from Rebecca Storey about the CFPEP, also posted at the BAS website.

Below is a list of the BAS sponsored or co-sponsored sessions at the AAA meetings about which I am aware. If I've missed any, please let Kate know and she can add them to our website posting. I hope that the formatting is ok after this goes through the AAA list-server process (where the message ultimately is sent from).

Thanks again for your support of the BAS. I think it is important to maintain our presence in the AAA, and the greater our numbers, the stronger our voice.
Best wishes to all,

Karen Strier
BAS Prez

BAS sponsored or co-sponsored sessions at the upcoming AAA meetings:

Wednesday, November 16, 2011:

· 14:00-15:45: THE SOCIAL LIVES OF BONES: STORIES OF COLLECTION, CURATION, AND REPATRIATION. Organizers: Pamela K Stone (Hampshire College) and Brendan M Corrigan (Consultant Anthropologist).

Thursday, November 17, 2011:

- 08:00-11:45: BODY PARTS AND PARTS OF BODIES: THE TRACES OF VIOLENCE IN CULTURES IN CONFLICT. Organizers: Ryan P Harrod (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) and Debra L Martin (UNLV)
- 10:15-12:00: CALCULATING LEGACIES: INFORMED BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY. Organizers: Robin G Nelson (University of California, Riverside)
- 13:45-17:30: RE-ENVISIONING CULTURE: CHALLENGING LEGACIES AND SHIFTING TIDEMARKS IN THE STUDY OF HUMAN DIVERSITY. Organizers: Amber Wutich (Arizona State University) and Daniel Hruschka (Arizona State University)

Friday, November 18, 2011:

- 08:00-11:45: THE SCARS OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. Organizers: Karen Rosenberg (University of Delaware) and Rachel Caspari (Central Michigan University)
- 16:00-17:45: NEW DIRECTIONS IN BIOARCHAEOLOGY

Friday, November 18, 2011: 18:15-19:30: BAS BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, November 18, 2011: 19:30-21:30: BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY SECTION DISTINGUISHED LECTURE; RECEPTION FOLLOWS

Saturday, November 19, 2011:

- 08:00-11:45: TRANSFORMING BIOCULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES IN ANTHROPOLOGY: THE LEGACIES OF R BROOKE THOMAS: Organizers: Thomas L Leatherman (University of Massachusetts) and Lisa B Markowitz (University of Louisville)
- 10:15-12:00: DOWN TO EARTH: EXHUMATIONS IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD: Organizers: Francisco Ferrandiz (SPANISH NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL) and Victoria D Sanford (Lehman College/CUNY)
- 16:00-17:45: NEW DIRECTIONS IN EVOLUTION, VARIATION AND GENETICS
- 16:00-17:45: TRACING CHILDHOOD: BIOARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF EARLY LIVES IN ANTIQUITY. Organizers: John J Crandall (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)
- 18:15-20:15: Section Summit on the Changing Job Market and Student Training: Linking Anthropology Departments and Practice. Organizers: Keri Vacanti Brondo, Wendy Bartlo, and Mary Odell Butler

Sunday, November 20, 2011:

- 08:00-11:45: TRACES OF VIOLENCE AND LEGACIES OF CONFLICT: COMBINING MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND NARRATIVE EXCHANGE FOR AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS. Organizers: Rahul C Oka (University of Notre Dame) and Nerina Weiss (Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims).