

Dear Colleague,

We are writing to you about a fundraising campaign for the W. W. Howells Prize. As we hope you are aware, the Howells Prize is awarded by the Biological Anthropology Section of the American Anthropological Association to recognize outstanding books in biological anthropology.

The W.W. Howells Prize was established in 1993 to honor William White Howells, then emeritus professor of anthropology at Harvard University. The prize is in recognition of the important contributions Professor Howells made to biological anthropology and anthropology in general. He served as President of the American Anthropological Association (1951) and as Editor of the American Journal of Physical Anthropology (1949-1954) and received the American Anthropological Association Distinguished Service Award (1978) and the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Darwin Award (1992). Professor Howells was an outstanding mentor to graduate and undergraduate students and a dedicated scholar who excelled at introducing the public to biological anthropology. One of the intents of the Howells Prize is to encourage a high standard of writing and scholarship as exemplified by Professor Howells' work; thus the award is presented to books that represent the highest standard of scholarship and readability and that inform a wider audience of the significance of biological anthropology.

To date the W. W. Howells Prize has been awarded to eighteen books (see next page for a list of recent recipients). To our knowledge the Howells Prize is the only award that specifically honors books in biological anthropology. As such it is a unique opportunity to recognize the exceptional work of our colleagues.

The W.W. Howells Award is supported by income from an endowment to the American Anthropological Association for the purpose of this award. However, this income has been reduced by recent low interest rates which threaten the long-term viability of the award. The Biological Anthropology Section of the AAA is undertaking this fundraising drive to increase the Howells Endowment Fund so that we can better honor both the memory of an eminent biological anthropologist and the outstanding work that biological anthropologists are doing today. Our goal in this drive is to raise \$10,000, all of which will be added to the fund, to increase the income it generates. Your generous donation will help us reach this goal.

Checks for contributions should be made out to the American Anthropological Association with the notation Howells Fund in the memo line. Contributions should be sent to the Howells Award, American Anthropological Association, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 1301, Arlington, VA 22201.

Thank you for your help.

Best regards,

Sara Stinson, Chair of the W.W. Howells Fund, on behalf of The Executive Committee of the Biological Anthropology Section of the American Anthropological Association

WW HOWELLS BOOK PRIZE IN BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

The WW Howells Book Prize is awarded by the Biological Anthropology Section of the American Anthropological Association to honor an outstanding book in the area of biological anthropology. The Howells Prize was inaugurated in 1993 in honor of Professor Emeritus William White Howells of the Peabody Museum (Harvard). Professor Howells was a past president of the American Anthropological Association and a distinguished scholar who published several landmark books in biological anthropology.

AWARD CRITERIA: Books may be single or multiply-authored, but not edited. They should have been published within the last 6 years and have sufficient critical review. Nominated works should represent the highest standard of scholarship and readability, should inform a wider audience of the significance of physical/biological anthropology in the social and biological sciences, and demonstrate a biocultural perspective.

SOME RECENT WINNERS OF THE WW HOWELLS PRIZE:

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| 2012 | Sarah Blaffer Hrdy | <i>Mothers and Others: The Evolutionary Origins of Mutual Understanding</i> , The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press |
| 2011 | Wenda Trevathan | <i>Ancient Bodies, Modern Lives: How Evolution Has Shaped Women's Health</i> . Oxford University Press. |
| 2010 | Bernard Chapais | <i>Primeval Kinship: How Pair-Bonding Gave Birth to Human Society</i> . Harvard University Press. |
| 2009 | Alan Walker and Pat Shipman | <i>The Ape in the Tree: An Intellectual and Natural History of Proconsul</i> . The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press. |
| 2008 | Carel van Schaik and Perry van Duijnhoven | <i>Among Orangutans: Red Apes and the Rise of Human Culture</i> . The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press. |
| 2007 | Nina Jablonski | <i>Skin: A Natural History</i> . University of California Press. |

For more information, see the Biological Anthropology Section website at <http://bas.americananthro.org/awards/w-w-howells-book-award>

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