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# SFAA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

# Accreditation for Applied Anthropology

by Thomas Greaves Bucknell University

The fall meeting of the SfAA Executive Committee will take place November 28 in New Orleans. As always, there will be a full, day-long agenda. One item will certainly get extended discussion: consideration of a proposal originating with AAA and NAPA to establish an accreditation system for graduate programs in applied anthropology.

The proposal we have received calls for the SfAA, AAA, and NAPA to jointly sponsor an accreditation process, supported by fees paid by the departments seeking accreditation. Departmental accreditation would be accorded on the basis of reviews of curriculum, training experiences, staff, university support, and similar factors, examined periodically by visiting peers.

Note that the proposal does *not* involve professional certification of individuals. Those who have reviewed that possibility have concluded that certification would be a very complex matter. The current proposal focuses solely on academic departments awarding applied anthropology degrees.

At its meeting last March in York, the SfAA Executive Committee began consideration of the proposal but immediately recognized the need for input. For example, academic departments were the intended beneficiaries, but we had no knowledge of whether they wanted such a structure or not, and, if so, what concerns they might have with specific elements of this proposal. Students and faculty were another group to seek out: choosing to enroll or teach at a university might be impacted by the accreditation status of the department. We also wondered whether local practitioner groups would have an opinion, since they may have the best view on whether hiring patterns for a department's graduates would be affected.

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# 1991 STAA MEETINGS IN CHARLESTON, SC

# **Conference Highlights**

by Jacquetta Hill, Program Chair University of Illinois

# Round Table Discussions of Applied Anthropology in Retrospect and Prospect

The Society's 50th Anniversary year is a golden opportunity to review, in sessions with diverse formats, historical issues in applied anthropology that make a difference in our future. Built around a substantial presentation or two, with key participants well prepared to discuss issues emerging out of those presentations, these sessions can greatly enrich the program. And they can offer the Society a series of significant reviews of the present status of applied anthropology and sister social sciences, as well as perspectives on directions for the future. We invite proposals for sessions in the round table format. Those interested should write the Program Chair and state in about 300 words the proposed content and focus of the discussion and how each of the listed invited participants will contribute to its development. Include with your letter a copy of the completed proposal-abstract form and required registration materials.

# Special Workshops Planned

Video/film sessions and workshops will be a special feature of the '91 program. At least one workshop on policy oriented documentary video production is being planned, and we anticipate a showing of several films on pioneer anthropologists (Malinowski, Boas, and Mead), designed for teaching and training purposes. We anticipate at least one session on issues surrounding creation, production, and use of training videos and films. Those interested in organizing a session around issues of production or use of video or film should contact the Program Chair.



# Let's Take Breakfast!

A 50th Anniversary Breakfast will take place Saturday morning, March 16, to celebrate the semicentennial of The Society for Applied Anthropology. Mark your meeting calendar for a Saturday morning reunion with colleagues, mentors, and old friends in a courtyard looking out on the Ashley River. Should enough members express an interest in doing so, we will reserve tables for those who want to sit together. It is understood, however, that table hopping will be the overriding rule of the morning. See future issues of *The Newsletter* for further developments.

# See Charleston from Every Angle

Tours are a specialty of Charleston. There are carriage tours, walking tours, cassette tours, guided tours, bus tours, balloon tours, water tours, and more, to museums and galleries, to historic houses, buildings, churches, forts, plantations and gardens, to harbors, beaches, and sea islands. This year the SfAA will *not* organize or contract for tours. Instead, it will spend its energies on field trips closely associated with formal sessions and workshops, such as those being organized around issues and processes of disaster and relief from Hurricane Hugo and its aftermath. However, for the convenience of program participants, the Program Committee, through arrangement with the Charleston Trident Convention and Visitors Bureau, will allocate space in the hotel lobby to a reliable tour vendor.

Charleston proclaims itself a living museum, and the Historic Charleston Foundation's urban preservation project offers a seminar and walking tour that confirm the claim in Charleston's architecture. If you want to see Charleston from the purview of the Civil War, there is a two hour tour, guided by a local historian, through Civil War Charleston. There is a schooner trip around Charleston Harbor to historic forts, the waterfront's historic houses, and harbor installations, during which the passengers are invited to help with the sailing. The earliest settlements of Europeans in the area circa 1670 were not on the bay, but up the Ashley River. Charles Towne Landing is a reconstructed archaeological site and museum offering an interpretive history center, exhibits, films, and other facilities that are fine examples of public education and historical archaeological preservation. And finally, but not least, there are your own walking tours of the city that is a stroller's delight.

For further information on any of the above activities please contact the Program Chair, Department of Anthropology, 109 Davenport Hall, 607 South Mathews Street, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 68101 (217/244-3505, 333-8512).

# **Poster Session Preliminaries**

Once again in '91, The SfAA will sponsor a Training Program Exchange, better known as "The Poster Session." For several years this session has given participants at the meetings the opportunity to talk with representatives of departments and other kinds of organizations involved in applied social science training. In addition, program representatives benefit from talks with other program representatives.

William Leap (American University), coordinator of the Poster Sessions in recent years, will set plans for the Charleston session in motion by sending out information in September to those program coordinators who have expressed interest in participating in the session. Coordinators and organizations that have not yet contacted Leap about their desire to participate in the Charleston Poster Session should do so *now* in order to receive the September mailing.

Address correspondance c/o The Graduate Program in Applied Anthropology, The American University, 4400 Massachusetts N.W. Washington DC 20016, (202/885-1830).

In the afternoon following the session, training program representatives will meet to discuss the services the SfAA might and should provide academic departments and other training-related organizations and programs. Thus, program representatives are asked to reserve the afternoon for this important discussion and debate.

To prepare the agenda for this meeting, a steering committee, composed of representatives from training programs, will meet at the AAA Meetings in Fall, 1990. After reviewing and setting priorities on training program needs, the committee will develop recommendations for SfAA action, and out of this will come a statement to

focus discussion during the afternoon Charleston meeting. The Steering Committee, even now, welcomes comments on training and applied-oriented program needs, matters, and issues. Send comments to: Steering Committee, c/o William Leap at the above address.

# **Disaster Research Conference Planned**

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology invites proposals for sessions and papers from the interdisciplinary community of Disaster Research and Management. The conference will take place in Charleston, South Carolina, on March 13-17, 1991. The program committee, organizing the meetings around the theme, "Building Knowledge and Theory in Contexts of Action," is particularly interested in contributions from disaster research. The conference should also be of considerable interest to disaster researchers and practitioners, since Charleston was the site of a major impact from Hurricane Hugo in 1989. Accordingly, The Society for Applied Anthropology is organizing a number of activities related to that event and its aftermath. Before the conference begins, there will be field trips to sites of major impact in rural and urban areas in the Charleston region, as well as visits with local people and representatives of disaster relief and reconstruction agencies. Within the context of the conference program, there will be a panel discussion with local people focusing on issues of post-disaster reconstruction and development, in addition to other disaster research sessions and papers. Such opportunities for exchange between researchers, practitioners and disaster victims/aid recipients are rare and should provide important perspectives for all involved.

Abstract and registration materials deadline is October 31, 1990. For further information, write or phone Anthony Oliver-Smith, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida, 1350 Turlington Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611 (904/392-2290, 392-2031; FAX 904/392-6929).

# OTHER MEETINGS

# **Democracy Conference Calls for Papers**

Paper proposals, panels, and roundtable topics are solicited for possible inclusion and presentation at a five day international conference on Democracy and Democratization in the Third World, scheduled for November 24-29, 1991, in Cairo, Egypt, North Africa.

Research issues and topics may include Science, Research and Democracy: the Role of Government; Women in Science, Technology and Politics; Agriculture, Rural Development and the Politics of the Seed; Science, Technology and Industrial Democracy; Social Welfare, Children and Aging; Communication, Technocracy and the Politics of Information; Democracy and Environmental Politics; Biopolitics, Biotechnology and Human Values; Scholarly Freedom and Professional Responsibilities; Education and Training for a Democratic Society; Development Diplomacy in the New Democratic Age; Democracy in the Workplace; Science and Technology for Democracy; Development Economics and Economic Development; Computers, Development and Democracy; Culture, Human Values and Ethics; Global Shelter-Defining Third World Housing Priorities; Political Leadership and Democratic Development; Manpower Development and Training; Science, Appropriate Technology and Technology Transfer; Managing Democratic Change; Models for Democracy and Democratization; Democratic Theories and Practices—Cases; Regional Roundtables on Democracy and Democratization.

Workshops on consulting and advising in the interest and advancement of democratic values and principles will be included.

The deadline is Friday, November 15, 1990. Please submit a one page proposal plus a biographical and professional statement to: Mekki Mtewa, Executive Director, Association for the Advancement of Policy, Research and Development in the Third World, P.O. Box 70257, Washington D.C. 20024-0257; (202/723-7010; FAX 202/331-3759).

# **MEETING REPORTS**

# AAPA Plenary Session Featured Career Discussions

by Curtis Wienker University of South Florida

The Plenary Session of the 1990 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, held April in Miami, Florida was devoted to professional career alternatives for physical anthropologists.

Three discussion panels were featured. David V.M. Stephen (Pima Community College) organized and moderated a panel which addressed non-traditional teaching alternatives, the traditional career being defined as that of a faculty member in an anthropology department with a graduate program. Jan Bruckner (Indiana University Medical Center) addressed teaching careers in physical therapy; Peggy Caldwell (Rutgers), a doctoral student, addressed pre-college teaching careers; and Jeff Shipman (Central Arizona College, Aravaipa) focused his remarks on teaching in rural community colleges. Dave Stephen addressed teaching opportunities in large urbanbased community colleges and Richard E. Ward (Indiana

University-Indianapolis) spoke to careers in small liberal arts institutions.

Curtis Wienker (University of South Florida) organized and moderated a panel devoted to biomedical careers for physical anthropologists. Douglas Crews (Northwestern University Medical School) focused on teaching careers in medical schools. Alan Ryan (Ross Laboratories) addressed private sector professional careers, and Carolyn Olsen (Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, New York State Department of Health) spoke to careers in public health settings. Phyllis Eveleth (National Institute of Aging) discussed biomedically-related careers with the federal government.

The third panel, organized and chaired by Warren Kinzey (National Science Foundation) was devoted to careers in human morphology and osteology. Ellis Kerley (Scientific Director, U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory) discussed professional careers for forensic anthropologists. Robert M. Beecher (President, Beecher Research Company) focused on private sector careers in anthropometry, and Kenneth Parham (U.S. Army Natick Research, Development, and Engineering Center) spoke to public sector anthropometry careers. Richard G. Snyder (President, Biodynamics International) discussed work for those with expertise in morphology and biomechanics.

The current and foreseeable future supply of Ph.D. physical anthropologists suggests that many, if not most, newly graduated professionals will need to seriously consider alternative academic and/or non-traditional careers, as well as ways to utilize their training in physical anthropology creatively. Each panelist addressed issues such as appropriate graduate training and strategies for entering career tracks, as well as the career possibilities related to the general topic of the panel.

The Plenary Session was co-sponsored by the Association's Committees on Teaching and Career Development. Under the auspices of the Association's Committee on Career Development, a brochure providing details with respect to non-traditional careers for practicing physical anthropologists has recently been promulgated to all graduate-degree departments in the United States.

# TRAINING PROGRAMS

# Georgia State Applied Program Outlined

The M.A. program at Georgia State University uses the concepts of complex systems and critical analyses in the teaching of students in Medical Anthropology and Urban Anthropology. The faculty integrates the core graduate courses into this framework in an effort to train students to participate in solving human problems in complex systems through employment outside academia. The program provides students with conceptual and methodological tools that allow them to translate anthropological knowledge in applied settings which reflect the complexity of human activities.

The program is organized around the assumption that in order to make anthropological knowledge useful, the complexity of both theoretical and applied problems must be understood within their cultural, social, and historical context. Whether the problem is a health problem such as high infant mortality rates, ethnic group adjustment to urban settings, social stress, urban conflict, or conservation and preservation of cultural and natural resources, it must be approached from this broad perspective. Students are trained to think in terms of interacting systems and apply a critical analysis when using applied research as templates for transforming parts of systems whether on the level of local initiatives or international planning.

Students are trained to analyze the interrelationships between systems through learning appropriate methodologies such as social history, network analyses, and informal group dynamics, which play important roles in linking systems. Emphasis is placed on systematic approaches to qualitative and quantitative techniques in applied research. Consequently, an integrated and systematic approach to complex systems sets a framework and an agenda that addresses multiple levels of analysis and intervention.

Students are required to take five core courses: (1) Applied Anthropological Theory; (2) Applied Qualitative Methods; (3) Applied Quantitative Methods and Computer Literacy; and (5) Applied Anthropology. They choose the remainder of their course work from a variety of offerings in Medical and Urban Anthropology. An internship and thesis are required.

Faculty directly involved in the graduate program include:

James W. Carey (Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst)—Biomedical Anthropology, Epidemiology, Quantitative Analyses, Nutritional Anthropology; Carole E. Hill (Ph.D., University of Georgia)—Health Systems and Policy, Health Seeking Behavior and Decision Making, Belief Systems, Qualitative Methods, Central America, American South; Beatriz Morales (Ph.D., City University of New York)—Multiculturalism and Urban Settings, Religion and Development, Educational Policy, U.S. Syncretism, Caribbean; Arthur Murphy (Ph.D., Temple University)—Urban and Economic Development, Multiculturalism, Community Organization, Mexico, U.S.; Claire Sterk (Ph.D., City University of New York)—Urban Ethnography, Health Policy, AIDS, Deviant Behavior.

Applicants should address inquiries to Georgia State University, Department of Anthropology, University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3083.



Members of the SfAA Student Committee, elected at the York meetings in April, are pictured here. From left to right are: Robert Pomeroy (University of South Florida), Programs Representative; James Forsythe (University of Connecticut), Secretary; Allison Bingham (University of Connecticut), Chair; Carole Glover and Stephen Getman (American University), Co-Editors.

# STUDENT COLUMN

# Student Committee Seeks Input from SfAA Student Members

by Stephen Getman and Carole Glover American University

The SfAA Student Committee Programs Representative, Robert Pomeroy, University of South Florida, is seeking ideas for student sessions and roundtables at the 1991 meetings. If last year's successful student sessions are an indication of the future, 1991 student input should be very exciting. A call for sessions and papers will be forthcoming in the Fall.

James Forsythe, University of Connecticut, SfAA Student Committee Secretary, has been invited to be the student representative on the SfAA Ethics Committee. This appointment is part of an effort to secure more student representation in SfAA.

Finally, please take a moment and complete the Student Networking Form in this issue. The information will form the basis of the Student Committee's international student network.

For more information about the SfAA Student Committee, please contact James Forsythe, Department of Anthropology, Box U-176, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269.

# Tourism is Focus of Mexican Publication

The School of Tourism of the Intercontinental University in Mexico City, Mexico, is currently publishing a specialized magazine which features the most recent studies from the field of tourism, seen from both critical and academic points of view.

The main objective of the Revista Intercontinental de Turismo (Intercontinental Tourism Magazine) is to analyze the most relevant tourism-related phenomena presently taking place at a time during which the affluence of visitors is a determinant factor in the economic and social development of almost all nations. Since relatively few other magazines deal with these topics, the publication fills a need outlined by many groups, such as schools of tourism, socioeconomic research institutes, and business and government forces.

The magazine aims to maintain an academic level and requests that all essays and research papers submitted for publication be original and complete, as well as pertinent to the subject matter proposed by the Editorial Council for each issue. Reproductions of articles published by other journals and magazines are also welcome, as are statistical reports, general information, recent data on world tourism and brief reviews of tourism-related books.

Please direct correspondence to: Licienciado Hector Rodrigues Morales, *Revista Intercontinental de Turismo*, Universidad Intercontinental, Escuela de Turismo, Insurgentes Sur #4135, Col. Sta. Ursula Xitle, Mexico, D.F., CP 14430, MEXICO.

# 50th ANNUAL MEETING SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

Charleston, SC March 13-17, 1991

Our Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting will celebrate a rich history of scholarship, science, and practical experience. The Program Committee invites a wide array of proposals for papers and sessions on the theme: BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND THEORY IN CONTEXTS OF ACTION. For five decades, in keeping with the charter purposes of the Society, scholars and practitioners have sought to understand how people operate in settings that have been shaped by human activities, plans, and goals. We have sought to derive principles that can be applied to the practical problems of the time. We derive and represent such principles in many different ways: create case studies, construct formal theories and models, depict decision making, chronicle events, develop rules of thumb, etc. And one of our chief tests for any principle or model or theory has been its usefulness in contexts of action.

The Committee intends that the Program will reflect the diversity and vitality of members' activities. In honor of the Society's semicentenary, proposals are welcome on the contributions of our "elders and mentors of the enterprise." Equally welcome are proposals that sound out new directions our enterprise will take. All proposals within the broad mission of applied social science will be considered seriously. We encourage proposals from international participants whose divergent visions have continually enriched the Society's interpretation of that mission. We urge you to discuss your ideas with members of the Committee. (Proposals DUE OCTOBER 31, 1990).

Program Committee: Jacquetta Hill (Illinois) Program Chair 217/333–8512 & 244–3505; Tom May (Oklahoma) Local Arrangements Chair 405/232–4902; William Leap (American) Training Information Exchange 202/686–2182; Conrad Arensberg (Columbia, Emeritus); Carole Browner (UCLA); Joan Cassell (Washington U.); Erve Chambers (Maryland); Jean-kyung Chung (Chungbuk National U.—Korea); Katherine Cloud (Illinois); Lambros Comitas (Columbia); Art Gallaher (Kentucky); John Gatewood (Lehigh); Fleda M. Jackson (Spelman C.); Delmos J. Jones (CUNY); Michael Orbach (E. Carolina); Sonya Salamon (Illinois); Samart Srijumnong (U. Chiangmai –Thailand); Donald Stull (Kansas); John Van Willigen (Kentucky)

# ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO Society for Applied Anthropology. SEND TO SfAA, P.O. Box 24083, Oklahoma City, OK 73124. REFUND POLICY: Full refund less \$10 for processing can be made up to Dec. 31, 1990. No refund requests can be honored after Jan. 1, 1991. Amounts must be in U.S. Currency.

# Abstract Form—Due October 31, 1990

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- 1. An abstract must be completed for each proposed session and each paper.
- 2. Session organizers are responsible for ensuring that every participant in the session has registered in advance and for assembling and submitting two copies of the abstract describing the session and of the abstracts for each paper/component therein. Abstract forms and registration fees should be submitted as a package by the session organizer by Oct. 31, 1990.

# GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION AND MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS:

- 1. Advance registration is required for acceptance in the program. To register, complete the Advance Registration Form on the preceding page and enclose a check for the appropriate amount.
- 2. To propose a paper or session, also complete the Abstract Form above.
- 3. The Program Committee will evaluate proposals and will contact principal authors/session organizers regarding acceptance of their proposals on a self-addressed, stamped postcard.
- 4. No person may present (as author or coauthor) more than one paper. An individual may be involved in more than one session as organizer or discussant.
- 5. Only slide projectors, overheads, and screens can be provided without charge. Costs of other equipment must be charged to the user.

Mail two (2) copies of each Abstract along with Advance Registration Form, check, and a self-addressed, stamped postcard by October 31, 1990 to: Program Chair, Society for Applied Anthropology. P. 0. Box 24083, Oklahoma City, OK 73124. FAX 405/232–3152 Make check payable to Society for Applied Anthropology.

# Fulbright Sends John Peterson to Zimbabwe

John H. Peterson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Mississippi State University, has been appointed a Fulbright Visiting Lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe, Narare, Zimbabwe, for the 1990 academic year. Peterson's appointment is in the Centre for Applied Social Science where he will be involved in an ongoing research program in local units of government assuming responsibility for management of renewable natural resources, including wildlife. He will also be teaching a new course in Social Ecology to be offered as part of the core program for the Master of Science in Tropical Resource Ecology, offered through the Biological Sciences Department of the University of Zimbabwe. This newly revised program will include team-taught core courses in ecology, methodology, and social ecology for students preparing for positions in ecology research or in the management of natural resources.

Peterson was invited to the University of Zimbabwe in April, 1989, to work with faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences and the Centre for Applied Social Sciences in developing this revised course of study, which was later approved by the faculty of Science and the Faculty of Social Science. His earlier visit was supported by an Academic Specialist Grant from the U.S. Information Service.

A member of the Mississippi State University faculty for 20 years, Peterson has been active in applied social science research in Mississippi natural resources with funding from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Social Science Research Centre. He initiated a combined undergraduate/graduate course in Environment and Society at Mississippi State in 1985 similar to the course he is implementing for the University of Zimbabwe. In his absence, the course is being offered by Professor Duane Gill of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. The social aspects of natural resource development and rural development remain focal interests of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Social Science Research Centre of Mississippi State University.

# INFORMATION EXCHANGE

# Substance Abuse-Related Information Sought

Joan Weibel-Orlando, University of Southern California, is developing a position paper to be presented to the AAA Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol for its possible endorsement at the AAA annual meetings in November. She welcomes communication with anthropologists currently working in the general areas of substance abuse, treatment, enforcement, and national and international policy development. Of particular interest are references to or copies of articles, papers or special reports written by social scientists and, in particular, anthropologists, on the topic of the Reagan and Bush "war on drugs" initiatives.

Please send materials to Joan Weibel-Orlando, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Southern California, University Park, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0332 (213/743-7100 or 714/537-3123

[When calling the latter, please tell the answering service operator that you wish to speak to Dr. Weibel-Orlando and "to ring through to the house."—*Ed.*]

# University of Washington Announces Three Positions

The Department of Anthropology, University of Washington invites applications for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level in Biological Anthropology. Applicants should have expertise as demonstrated by substantial laboratory or field research, teaching, and scholarly publications in behavioral, nutritional, and/or population ecology, and be prepared to work closely with archaeology and sociocultural colleagues in a coordinated departmental ecology focus. A Ph.D. is required by the beginning of appointment. Applications received before December 1, 1990 will be given first consideration. Please send application letter, resume, and names of four referees to Carol Eastman, Chair, Biological Anthropology Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, DH-05, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

The Department of Anthropology also seeks a Ph.D. archaeologist for a tenure-track assistant professor position, beginning September 16, 1991. In addition to other teaching responsibilities, the appointee must teach one upper-level course in artifact analysis; technical expertise in lithic or ceramic analysis is also required. Preference will be given to area specialty in New World complex society. Only applications received before December 1, 1990 are assured of consideration. Please send letter of interest, vita, and names of four referees to Julie Stein, Chair, Archaeology Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, DH-05, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

Applications are called for a tenure-track position in Sociocultural Anthropology to begin in September, 1991. Appointment will be at the level of either assistant or associate professor. Applicants should have a central research interest in the anthropology of power in postcolonial societies, and should have done work on political economy, language use, and/or feminist theory. Fieldwork specialization in Southeast Asia, or South Asia,

or Latin America is desired. Applicants must be qualified to teach introductory courses. A Ph.D. is required by the beginning of appointment. Applications received before December 1, 1990 will be given first consideration. Send application letter, resume, and names of four references to E.V. Winans, Chair, Sociocultural Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, DH-05, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

The University of Washington is building a multicultural faculty and strongly encourages ethnic minority persons and women to apply. Preference will be given to applicants who can serve an increasingly diverse university community.

# **NIH Opportunities Described**

The National Institutes of Health offers fellowship and exchange opportunities to U.S. and non-U.S. scientists to conduct collaborative research in foreign and U.S. institutions, respectively. Below is a brief description of these programs.

# International Research Fellowships

These fellowships offer opportunities to non U.S. scientists in the formative stage of their career to extend their research experience in U.S. laboratories. Selections are first made by the nominating committee in participating countries, regions, or areas. Over 50 countries or regions in the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia and the Far East, plus Australia, and New Zealand participate in the program. Fellowships are awarded competitively.

The purpose of this program is to forge relationships between distinguished scientists in the United States and qualified scientists in other countries in order to study health-related problems of mutual interest.

Fellowships are awarded for a period of 12 or 24 months and provide stipend, travel, and institutional allowance.

# Health Scientist Exchanges

These programs are for U.S. scientists and scientists from AUSTRIA, BULGARIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, ROMANIA, the SOVIET UNION, and YUGOSLAVIA.

The purpose of these programs is to conduct collaborative activities in one of the health sciences or the health-related fields that are of mutual benefit to the United States and the participating country. Priority is given to visits designed to strengthen or expand ongoing collaborative relationships or to explore prospects for long-term cooperation.

The financial provisions include round-trip travel and in-country costs. The programs support short- and long-term visits.

# AIDS Fellowships/Training Programs

There are two programs to support scientists interested in AIDS research. The postdoctoral fellowship

program supports U.S. and non-U.S. scientists to conduct research abroad and in the United States respectively. The minimum support is for 3 months, and the maximum support is for 24 months. Institutional awards have been made to four U.S. institutions for a 5-year period.

The epidemiology training grants provide long-term training which may lead to the M.S. or Ph.D. degree and short-term training in the United States and participating foreign countries. Only non-U.S. scientists from developing countries may participate in the program. Institutional awards have ben made to eight U.S. institutions for a five-year period.

The financial provisions of these programs include stipend, travel, and a host institutional allowance.

## National Research Service Awards

These fellowships offer opportunities to new and mid-career U.S. scientists to enhance their knowledge in a specific research area. Although the program promotes training primarily in U.S. institutions, training under the sponsorship of mentors in foreign countries can be supported if adequately justified. The maximum level of support is three years.

# Senior International Fellowships

These fellowships offer opportunities to U.S. scientists to conduct research in a foreign institution. The program is for scientists who have established themselves in their chosen career in the United States and whose professional stature is well-recognized by their peers and institution officials.

The purpose of this program is to enhance the exchange of ideas and information about the latest advances in the health sciences, basic, clinical, and public health and to permit U.S. scientists to participate abroad in ongoing study or research in foreign institutions.

Fellowships are awarded for a period of 3 to 12 months and provide stipend, travel, and living allowance.

# Foreign-Supported Fellowships

These fellowships provide opportunities for U.S. scientists to conduct collaborative research in the country that provides funding.

The purpose of this program is to enhance the exchange of research experience and information in the biomedical, behavioral, and health sciences. The maximum period of support for all programs is one year, and the minimum period of support varies with each program.

Participating countries are: Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and Taiwan.

Requests for additional information about the programs should be sent to: Public Affairs Office, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, U.S.A.

# **HIV/AIDS Information Sought**

Vincint E. Gil (Southern California College) has been invited to participate in a technical exchange program on HIV/AIDS in the People's Republic of China. He requests help in locating technical reports or data on HIV/AIDS in the People's Republic. The exchange is scheduled for November, 1990; thus, responses should be sent as quickly as possible. Please reply to: Vincint E. Gil, Department of Anthropology-Sociology, Southern California College, 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, (714/556-3610).

# AWARDS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 1991 Malinowski Award

The Society for Applied Anthropology invites nominations for the 1991 Malinowski Award. It is presented to an outstanding social scientist in recognition of efforts to understand and serve the needs of the world's societies through social science and who has actively persuaded the goal of solving human problems using the concepts and tools of social science. Each nomination should follow the criteria for selection as set forth by the SfAA. They are:

- 1. The nominees should be of senior status, widely recognized for their efforts to understand and serve the needs of the world through the use of social science.
- 2. The nominees should be strongly identified with the social sciences. They may be within the academy or outside of it, but their contributions should have implications beyond the immediate, the narrowly administrative, or the political.
- 3. The Awardee shall be willing and able to deliver an address at the annual meeting of the Society of Applied Anthropology.
- 4. The nominees should include individuals who reside or work outside the United States.

Each nomination should include: 1) a detailed letter of nomination outlining the accomplishments of the candidate, 2) a curriculum vita of the candidate, and 3) selected publications and other substantiating materials.

Please send nominations to Gretchen Schafft, Chair, Malinowski Award Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Deadline for receipt of nominations is January 20, 1991.

# **Student Nurse Competition**

The Council on Nursing and Anthropology and the Transcultural Nursing Society jointly announce a student paper competition. Two awards will be given—one to an undergraduate nursing student and one to a graduate student in nursing. The winning authors will receive "The Transcultural and Nursing Council Award."

Papers should be research reports or theoretical articles that demonstrate an integrated approach to nursing and should not exceed 20 double-spaced typewritten pages. Students must submit the original and four copies with a letter from their major advisor validating student status at the appropriate level. The deadline for submission is February 1, 1991. Papers are subject to blind review by a committee composed of the presidents and the presidents-elect of both nursing organizations. The award winner will be announced at the Annual Meetings of the Transcultural Nursing Society and the Council on Nursing and Anthropology. For more information, please contact:

Dr. Kathleen Huttlinger, Northern Arizona University, Box 15035, Department of Nursing, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5035.

# **Peter New Award**

The Society for Applied Anthropology is initiating an award for an outstanding student project in the applied social and behavioral sciences. The winner of the competition will receive a cash prize of \$1000, including travel, to attend the annual meeting of the Society in Charleston, South Carolina, March 13-17, 1991.

The award honors the late Peter Kong-Ming New, distinguished medical sociologist/anthropologist and former president of The Society for Applied Anthropology. The initiation of this award is due to a generous gift from his widow, Mary Louie New. The Society anticipates that the Peter Kong-Ming New Award will become a major annual student award in the social sciences.

The competition is open to both graduate and undergraduate students. The submission should be in the form of a paper reporting on an applied project from any social science discipline. The deadline for the 1991 award is December 29, 1990. Academic departments and practitioner organizations are urged to encourage students to submit. Further information is available from J. Thomas May, Business Manager, The Society for Applied Anthropology, P.O. Box 24083, Oklahoma City, OK 73124.

# **Student Networking Form**

The Society for Applied Anthropology has nearly 500 student members, and many have requested that a Student Networking Guide be prepared for contacting students with common interests, or who are working in similar geographic regions. The Student Committee of the SfAA is organizing this publication and invites your participation in the guide to be distributed in November, 1990. The second part of this form will not be included in the guide; however, it will be useful to the SfAA in its efforts to aid students. Please return this information to the SfAA Student Committee secretary at the following address: James H. Forsythe, Department of Anthropology, Box U-176, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269.

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Accordingly, we resolved to mail copies of the proposal to the 29 departments listed in the *Guide to Training Programs*, to 13 local practitioner organizations, and, recently, to SfAA's student leadership. Responses thus far have been received from about half of the departments and from one LPO. Our student leadership is currently studying the issue and will respond.

My perusal of the early returns suggests that departmental views are quite mixed, ranging from strong support to strong reservations. Too, some departments support some parts of the proposal but not others.

Sponsoring an accreditation system would be a major step for the Society, entailing expense and raising significant new insurance questions. But the first question is not those matters but rather the desires of our membership. More input from individuals and organizations will be helpful.

One area I wonder about is whether accreditation for applied anthropology will tend to divide us from our applied colleagues coming out of disciplines other than anthropology—many of whom are contributing members of the society. Would that be offset, as many argue, by better defining the profession of Applied Anthropology to the employing marketplace? I'm undecided, and I think these, and other considerations, are weighty issues.

Between now and our November meeting, I invite you to share your thoughts with an Executive Committee member (they are listed in each issue of Human Organization and Practicing Anthropology). All have copies of the accreditation proposal, as does each academic department. Most other U.S. departments of anthropology have received a copy from the AAA through its Departmental Services Program. I can arrange to loan a copy if obtaining one elsewhere is impractical for you.

In November we need to make the most informed decision possible. If you have an interest in the matter, please speak up.—*T.G.* 

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