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EDITORIAL OF NOTE M. WHITEFORD IS NEW EDITOR

by Michael Whiteford (Iowa State U.)

Beginning with the February issue, I take over as editor of the SfAA's Newsletter. Not surprisingly, it is with some mixed emotions I assume this task from Judy Beeber Chrisman. As members of this organization, we appreciate the time and effort she (and spouse Noel*) devoted to getting the Newsletter up and running. Those of you who have put out such a bulletin realize it is not so much the production end that is difficult. (We can all attest to this simply by looking at the quality of some of the newsletters we have received at one time or another.) What is often difficult, I have been warned, is getting colleagues, however well intentioned, to become involved in some aspect of the process—apart from reading the final product. The Chrismans have done a dandy job on both counts.

Noel blithely informs me that I will have to "badger people at meetings" to contribute items. I believe I am up to that onerous task. Like many who take on this type of responsibility, I am optimistic and enthusiastic about the chore—optimistic because I believe that there are lots of you out there with plenty of fascinating and important things to contribute, and enthusiastic because there are so many exciting and interesting items that, as a group, we can do.

I have three goals that I would like to launch during my first year. First, I would like to see the newsletter continue to serve as a vehicle for discussing issues. Because the turn around time is faster, less inhibited, and far less cumbersome than is normally the case with journals, we should be able to initiate and encourage some lively debates on issues of importance. In some respects, this could be the most important mission the newsletter serves. I would appreciate hearing from readers regarding what topics you would like to see addressed. In addition, in order to help nudge the process along, I will try to twist a few arms at this December's AAA meetings. Second, I will seek greater student participation in the newsletter.

We need to hear from the next generation of applied anthropologists, and they need to hear each other. Third, I see the newsletter as an excellent vehicle for departments to tell us what they are doing. At a number of universities there are some very innovative programs, and many of us (practitioners, faculty, and students) would like to learn more about these departments. Among other things, and I don't mean to sound too crass, this could be an excellent forum for advertising and recruitment.

These three initiatives will not detract from other functions that the newsletter will continue to serve. Items dealing with current research, discussions on whether applied programs should be "accredited", as well as announcements you wish to share with colleagues will be encouraged and welcomed. I look forward to hearing from you

* The Mom and Pop operation that the Chrismans so effectively operated will be run in somewhat the same fashion under my watch. I am pleased that my wife Patty, who is a professional editor, has agreed—and is even looking forward to it—to work with me as an assistant editor.

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MEETING REPORTS

Conference Held on Communication and Cultural Diversity

The School of Communications, California State University, Fullerton in cooperation with the Association of Speech Communication Students, National Student Speech-Hearing-Language Association, and University Extended Education, sponsored a Conference on Communication and Cultural Diversity October 2-3, 1992 in Fullerton, California.

Forty plenary and panel sessions were offered on a wide range of topics. Central topics of the conference concerned communication and diversity in corporate and other business settings, education, and the media. Further information about this and other conferences may be obtained by writing William B. Gudykunst, School of Communications, California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA 92634.

Preparing To Attack Global Nutritional Problems!

Delegates from approximately 150 countries met at the Palas des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, from August 18-24, 1992 to attend the Preparatory Committee Meeting of the International Conference on Nutrition, held jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Senior officials representing agriculture, health and other related ministries prepared a draft declaration and plan of action intended to be one of the biggest attacks ever mounted against the world's nutritional problems. The plan will be submitted for endorsement to the International Conference on Nutrition to be held in Rome, Italy, December 5-11, 1992.

The background document, "Nutrition and Development—A Global Assessment," contains the latest detailed evidence of the state of human nutrition. It shows that hunger and malnutrition, allied to poverty, are the most devastating problems facing the world's poor, and exist in some form in almost every country, and that one in five persons in the developing world is chronically undernourished.

From the background document delegates will develop a draft "World Declaration and Plan of Action" for improving nutrition. Final versions of these documents were adopted at the closing session on August 24th.

The World Declaration and Plan of Action will be submitted to the International Conference on Nutrition in Rome for final adoption by government ministers and

senior policy makers and representatives of nongovernmental organizations.

The meeting in Geneva and the conference in Rome are regarded as first steps in a long-term program, with multi-sectoral participation, aimed at improving the nutritional well-being of all with equity and social justice.

STUDENT NEWS

Graduate Student Presentations Planned for San Antonio

The Student Committee of the SfAA—Karen Schifferdecker (University of Connecticut), Alexis Barry (University of South Florida), and Margery Lazarus (UC, San Francisco Medical Anthropology Program)—strongly encouraged students to organize sessions and submit papers for the 1993 SfAA Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Two sessions planned at this point are outlined below.

Charles Price-Reavis (City University New York Graduate Center) and Alexis Barry have organized a session for the meetings entitled, "Critical Graduate Student Research Experiences and Methodologies for Influencing Future Social, Economic, Political, and Environmental Policy."

They point out that contemporary ideologies/policies of American government have ranged from the radicalism of the 1960s, the liberalism of the 1970s, to the rise of the "new right" and conservatism in the 1980s to the present. In general, these policies have had no positive impact on alleviating the social, environmental, and economic woes of America. This session expects to demonstrate critical methods and ideas for examining the causes and nature of public problems and questions at micro- and macro-levels, as well as how to facilitate the transfer of such knowledge to policy makers.

The goal of the session is to transcend liberal and conservative ideology. Feminist, Marxist, third world and other approaches that most policy makers overlook are expected.

A second session, planned by Steve Butts (University of South Florida), is entitled "Tourism for Whom?" This group of papers will focus on issues concerning for whom tourism development is planned; who the benefactors are in the short- and long-term (indigenous populations, outsiders, governments, corporations, etc.); and who should be the principal benefactors of tourism development.

For additional information, contact: Alexis Barry, SfAA Student Representative, 3043 56th Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707.

Student Editor Emerges

Kreg Ettenger (Syracuse U.) has volunteered to be Editor for the SfAA Student Committee. He is a Ph.D. student in anthropology at Syracuse University, where his focus is on resource and development issues in northern Canada. His BS in geosciences is from Pennsylvania State University. He received a Masters degree in Environmental Science (Education/Communications) from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Ettenger exercises his editorial capabilities outside of school as president of a regional, non-profit environmental newspaper. In addition, he maintains an academic interest in the role of alternative media in society.

Ettenger will function as the intermediary between student members of the SfAA and the various communication outlets of the Society. He hopes to work with all editors to increase the number and quality of student submissions.

Students. Write to Kreg Ettenger with your ideas for publication: Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, 308 Browne Hall, Syracuse NY 13244-1200.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Development Anthropology Position at GWU

The Elliott School of International Affairs, in conjunction with the Department of Anthropology at George Washington University, seeks an Assistant Professor for a tenure-track position in Development Anthropology in a new multidisciplinary degree program in International Development. The applicant must have a Ph.D., publications, and teaching experience, and a demonstrated ability and interest in working with social scientists in other fields. Significant experience in developing countries (any region) is preferred. Candidates will be expected to engage in quality teaching, produce significant published research, advise masters-level development students and assist with the administration of the new program. Desirable topical specialties include, but are not limited to: economic anthropology, political and legal anthropology, and medical anthropology.

Send vita and names of three references by January 4, 1993 to: Development Search Committee, Elliott School of International Affairs, Stuart Hall 101, The George Washington University, Washington DC 20052. Members of minority groups and women are especially encouraged to apply. The George Washington University is an equal opportunity/ affirmative action employer.

Position Open at Queens College, CUNY

Queens College, City University of New York announces a tenure-track position in sociocultural anthropology at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. Preferred specialties: Caribbean, Native Americans, African Americans, S/SE Asia; ideology, religion, symbolic, psychological, ethnohistory, theory. Send vitae and names of three references by February 1, 1993 to: Ronald Waterbury, Chair of Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, Queens College, Flushing, NY 11367.

Position Open at Kansas

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education, University of Kansas, Lawrence has a position open at the rank of Assistant Professor. The focus will be on training foreign language teachers in secondary schools and bilingual educators. Contact Paul Markham, Department of C & I, KU, Lawrence KS 66045, (913/864-4435).

Postdoctoral Fellowships at Michigan

The University of Michigan Research and Training Program on Poverty, the Underclass and Public Policy announces postdoctoral fellowships for 1993-1995. Purposes of the fellowships are:

To provide outstanding American minority scholars the opportunity to spend one or two years conducting research and pursuing extensive training.

To expand knowledge in the social sciences on poverty, the underclass and public policy.

To encourage interdisciplinary research through course work, research and faculty interaction.

Fellows will participate in the year-long seminar on Poverty, the Underclass and Public Policy and Social Work. During their tenure, fellows will conduct their own research.

Fellows will receive a stipend of \$33,000 per calendar year, beginning as early as July 1, 1993 but no later than September 1, 1993. Applicants must have completed their Ph.D by August 1, 1993. The program is funded by the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations.

Faculty participants in the program are currently engaged in the following types of studies:

Trends in Minority and White Poverty Rates.

Neighborhood Effects and the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty and Welfare Dependency.

The Urban Underclass.

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Adolescent Motherhood and Teen Pregnancy.
Labor Market Discrimination, Housing Segregation
and Spatial Modeling.

The Attitudes of Whites, Blacks, and Latinos about
Racial and Ethnic Issues.

Changes in Economic and Public Policies which
Influence Racial and Ethnic Well-Being.

Priority will be given to proposals that would benefit
from resources available at the University of Michigan
and from interaction with affiliated faculty.

Preference in selection will be given to researchers
with established interests in poverty and underclass issues
who received their Ph.D. after 1987. Applicants must be
American citizens and members of a minority group. All
proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee
composed of nationally recognized scholars.

Deadline for applications is January 8, 1993 with
notification of awards by March 31, 1993. For further
information and application materials, please contact:
Program on Poverty, the Underclass and Public Policy,
School of Social Work, 1065 Frieze Building, University
of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1285, (313/764-
5340).

MEETINGS

Law and Society Association Will Convene

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society
Association will be held in Chicago, Illinois at the
Stouffer Riviere Hotel, Thursday, May 27, through
Sunday, May 30. The Program Committee invites
proposals for presentation and discussion of all aspects of
research on topics that link law and society, in the
broadest sense of these terms.

The theme of this year's meeting is Culture and
Inequality. It encourages a wide-ranging exploration of
the intersections of law, culture, and inequality, and at the
same time encourages reflection on the role of sociolegal
scholarship in changing these realities. Since its inception,
the Law and Society Association has been concerned with
the nature, as well as the uses, of law in society. The
theme expresses the longstanding tradition of the annual
meeting as an arena for an international group of scholars
to discuss theory and practice in the social sciences,
humanities, and law in relation to lived experience,
research practices, pedagogical foundations and commit-
ments to reform. We welcome new participants to this
arena.

Examples of applications to the theme include (but
are not limited to) the following topics. There are no
restrictions as to world area or historical period.

The role of law in constructing cultural identities and
social hierarchies.

The role of law in facilitating or impeding empower-
ment and reform in specific social contexts.

Legal structures for protecting and accommodating
the rights and cultures of groups.

The impact of culture, race, ethnicity, gender,
sexuality, religion, health, physical condition, and other
aspects of identity on law and law use.

Culture and inequality in post colonial states.

Experiencing culture and inequality in different legal
arenas.

Law and culture in the organization of sexuality,
reproduction and family life.

Cities, workplaces, schools and other institutions as
contexts for the management of cultural diversity and
inequality.

The role of sociolegal research in strengthening
lawyering for social change.

The relationship between sociolegal research and
other forms of commitment—e.g., in the practice of law,
the law clinic, or classroom.

The uses and meanings of the terms "culture" and
"inequality" in policy and popular culture.

The culture of the law and society movement.

Proposals are due by December 20, 1992. You may
contact the Law and Society Association for further
information: Law and Society Association. Program
Committee, Hampshire House, University of Massachu-
setts, Amherst MA 01003, (413/545-4617) FAX (413/
545-1640).

1993 Joint Annual Meetings Of SAAC, CAS- CA, And CAMA/ACAM Scheduled

The three Canadian social anthropological associa-
tions—Society of Applied Anthropology in Canada,
Canadian Anthropological Society, and the Canadian
Association of Medical Anthropologists—will be held at
York University in Toronto, May 6-9, 1993. A call for
papers will soon be released and the deadline for titles and
abstracts will be January 15, 1993. The theme of the
conference will be "Crossing Boundaries," and will
include dimensions such as gender, language, ethnicity,
disciplines, and the boundaries of practice and theory. For
one day this conference will overlap with a major
international conference on refugees. There will be more
details in the Fall, 1992 issue of *Proactive*. For more
information, contact: Kenneth Little, Department of
Anthropology, York University, North York, Ontario,
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*This item was taken from the May, 1992 issue of
Proactive from the Society of Applied Anthropology in
Canada, edited by A.M. (Sandy) Ervin, Department of
Anthropology and Archaeology, University of
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Ethnography of Communication Disorders: First Annual Conference

Plans are being developed for a conference to be held in the Spring or Summer of 1993; ethnographers of communication processes and disorders, sociolinguists, linguistic anthropologists, conversation analysts and speech-language pathologists will be asked to address the following questions: 1) what can the ethnography of communication contribute to the study of communication disorders, and 2) what can the ethnography of communication disorders contribute to the ethnography of communication?

At present the following content areas are proposed: professional discourse, language socialization, language contact, literacy, and narrative. Both theoretical and data based papers will be presented followed by panel and audience discussions. Since the conference is still in the planning stage, any feedback and/or suggestions readers have regarding the format and content of this conference will be appreciated.

Please send comments to Dana Kovarsky, Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, 585 Manoogian Hall, Wayne State University, Detroit MI 48202. This item is taken from *Ethnotes* (April, 1992), a newsletter for professionals interested in studying communication disorders from an ethnographic perspective. *Ethnotes* is edited by Joan Good Erickson, Department of Speech and Hearing Science, University of Illinois, and Dana Kovarsky.

Research Applications Published

The first number of *Research Applications*, published by the Center for Applied Research in Anthropology (CARA), was distributed in Spring, 1992. Arthur D. Murphy is the Director of CARA, the research and service arm of the Department of Anthropology at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Center's primary goal is to carry out theoretical and applied research on the complex social system developing in the metropolitan Atlanta region, and relating that research to wider theoretical and practical questions being addressed by scientists, practitioners and policy makers in complex social settings, as well as professionals in the public, private and educational sectors.

Georgia State University, because of its location in the heart of the metro Atlanta area, is ideally suited for sustaining this research and service program.

Research activity by CARA focuses on three areas: 1) cultural diversity in urban environments, 2) medical issues in urban environments and 3) urban educational

issues. In each case a major focus on the center's research activity is how individuals, households and families adjust to a multicultural or polycultural urban environment. CARA associates have national and reputations in their fields.

In the first issue of *Research Applications* summaries of recent work are presented. The Multicultural Population and Resources Project of the Department of Anthropology reported on the degree of ethnic diversity in Atlanta. Thesis material describing resettled Ethiopian refugees is also included, as is a research brief on sexually transmitted diseases and male drug users.

More information on CARA and its new publication is available from: Center for Applied Research in Anthropology, Georgia State University, University Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3083.

Free "Participate in Archeology" Brochure Available

The National Park Service announced the availability of a new brochure, "Participate in Archeology." The brochure aims to provide the public with better access to archeological information, while supporting the Interior Department's heritage education goal.

"Archeological sites can be damaged by careless treatment. This brochure will help people learn the hazards of casual destruction," said James Ridenour, Director. "Improving public education and awareness of archeology and the importance of archeological preservation is one area of focus in the National strategy for Federal Archeology that Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan announced in 1991."

The brochure provides an overview of the available opportunities for learning about archeology—videos, journals, and books that offer detailed information about archeological topics and issues. The brochure also presents opportunities to become involved in archeological fieldwork.

The Archeological Assistance Division of the National Park Service produced the brochure in cooperation with the Public Awareness Working Group, an inter-agency organization whose goal is to improve public awareness of Federal Archeology. The agencies contributing to the production of this brochure are the Department of Defense, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Federal Highway Administration.

Copies of "Participate in Archeology" are available free by writing: Publications Specialist, Archeological Assistance Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

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March 10-14, 1993**



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About San Antonio

San Antonio — the ninth largest city in the United States — is a historical and cultural leader with the River Walk, Arneson River Theater, La Villita, Spanish Governor's Place, The Alamo, Southwest Craft Center, Mission Trail, King William Historic District, Witte Museum, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Zoo, San Antonio Botanical Gardens and Conservatory, Sea World of Texas, and Fiesta Texas.

Hotel Accomodations

The Menger Hotel, The Emily Morgan Hotel and The Crockett Hotel

We are extremely fortunate that the 1993 SfAA meeting will be held at the above hotels, located in downtown San Antonio directly adjacent to the historic Alamo. These hotels are located just a few blocks from the famed River Walk and to most downtown restaurants. Each hotel will have special rates for the SfAA meeting with prices beginning at \$69.00 for single occupancy and \$79.00 for doubles at the Menger.

Meeting Highlights

The theme, *Applying Social Science in a Multicultural Setting*, will provide a rich program of traditional and novel events. Among the SfAA traditions to be continued are the training program and local practitioner organization poster and information exchange sessions, the Peter K. New and Bronislaw Malinowski award ceremonies. Other highlights will include educational tours and traditional Southwest crafts and food. Greater details will be given in the fall and winter issues of the *SfAA Newsletter*.

Travel

San Antonio International Airport is convenient for travellers from all parts of North America and Europe. There will be easy access between the hotels and airport. Also, Outbound Travel has designated an airline at reduced rates for the SfAA meeting. For booking information, call Outbound Travel at 1-800-678-3273 (you must book your tickets through Outbound to receive the special rates).

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