# NAPA Notes October 2012: The Annual Meeting Issue

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# National Association for the Practice of Anthropology

# Barbara Pillsbury 1942-2012



Receiving WAPA Praxis Award, 2009



At Sun Moon Lake, Taiwan

#### Hi NAPAistas!

It is almost time for the Big Show in SF! NAPA has wall-to-wall events for you there, from the many workshops that our colleagues are preparing for you to the NAPA/AAA Careers Expo and the Social Networking Event. A list of the events/activities appears later in this newsletter. I want to thank Sabrina Nichelle Scott for working so hard to organize the workshops (and if you haven't already signed up for one, you can do it when you get to the AAA Registration Desk in San Francisco). Cathleen Crain has also produced another great Expo, and Instant Mentoring will be available there simultaneously. I also hope you will attend the annual Business Meeting on Friday night from 6:15-7:30 at the Hilton in the Union Square room (17-18).

EPIC (Ethnographic Practice in Industry Conference) just concluded its 8<sup>th</sup> annual conference this year in Savannah, Ga. NAPA helped to nurture its beginnings and although NAPA now plays just a very small role in its continuing development, we are very glad to say that today it has become a successful, independent, global meeting ground for Practicing Anthropologists in Industry. You can download the proceedings at <a href="https://www.epiconference.com/2012">www.epiconference.com/2012</a>.

On a sad note, I want to share with you the passing of long-time NAPA and WAPA leader, Barbara Pillsbury, who died in September. She was the first elected NAPA President (1984-86). She was a WAPA Praxis Award winner in 2009. She worked for many international organizations and NGOs including USAID, the World Bank, the WHO and more. She was most recently employed full time by Social & Scientific Systems in Washington D.C. (mid-2000s), where she directed the USAID-funded Synergy Project, supporting U.S. efforts to combat HIV/AIDS in developing countries. You can read her obituaries at the WAPA webpage <a href="http://wapa.cloverpad.org/bpillsbury">http://wapa.cloverpad.org/bpillsbury</a> and the NAPA webpage

http://practicinganthropology.org/about/archive/past-pres/barbara-pillsbury-obituary/ . She will be greatly missed.

I really hope you will be joining us in San Francisco. This is a great town and a great place to renew your ties to NAPA and we NAPAistas. Let's get together! See you soon.

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### Thursday, November 15

09:00 - 11:00

NAPA Workshop On Project Management

Organizer: Patricia Ensworth (Harborlight Management Services)

NAPA Workshop On Ethnographic FIELD Schools: HOW They Work and Why They ARE A MUST for Anthropologists and Students

Organizer: Tim Wallace (North Carolina State)
Presenter: George Gmelch (San Francisco)

#### 11:00 - 13:00

NAPA Workshop On issues In International Consulting

Organizers: Eva Friedlander PhD (Planning Alternatives for Change) and Pamela J Puntenney PhD (Environmental and Human Systems

Management)

#### 12:00 - 14:00

NAPA-NASA Student Workshop: Funding, Fellowships, Transferring, and Admissions

Organizers: Sabrina Nichelle Scott (Lillian Rosebud) and Alexander J. Orona (Cambridge University)

Presenters: Nancy Romero-Daza (University of South Florida), David A. Himmelgreen (University of South Florida), Valerie V. Feria-Isacks

(Foothill College), and Nicole Ryan (University of North Texas)

#### 13:00 - 15:00

NAPA Workshop On Rapid Research In Public Settings Mike Youngblood (The Youngblood Group)

#### 14:00 - 16:00

NAPA Workshop On Pattern Recognition In Evolution and In Ethnographic Analytics

Organizer: Brigitte Jordan (Independent)

Presenters: Brigitte Jordan (Independent) and Chad Maxwell (StarCom)

#### Friday, November 16

#### 08:00 - 10:00

NAPA Workshop On Heritage and Tourism: Theory and Praxis

Organizers: Quetzil E. Castaneda (Open School of Ethnography & Anthropology) and Tim Wallace (North Carolina State)

#### 10:00 - 12:00

NAPA Workshop On First Impressions for a Lasting Impact: Using Elevator Speeches and Strategic Network Ties to Strengthen Your Networking Success

Organizers: Sabrina Nichelle Scott (Lillian Rosebud) and Edward Liebow (Battelle Memorial Institute) Presenters: Sabrina Nichelle Scott (Lillian Rosebud) and Edward Liebow (Battelle Memorial Institute)

#### 13:30 - 15:30

NAPA Workshop On Marketing Oneself As An Anthropologist In a Variety of Interdisciplinary Settings Organizer: Amy Raquel Paul-Ward (Florida International University)

## Saturday, November 17

#### 10:00 - 12:00

NAPA Workshop On Developing An Anthropological Career for a Lifetime

Organizer: Sherylyn H Briller (Wayne State University)

http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/Workshops.cfm

Submitted by Sabrina Nichelle Scott



## The NAPA/AAA Careers Expo

Students, new professionals, and faculty who are mentoring budding anthropologists should stop by the Careers Expo and meet with professional anthropologists to explore today's career options.

Talk with archaeologists, medical anthropologists, cultural anthropologists and others working in government, forprofit firms, and non-profit organizations. Discuss potential careers in cultural resources management, health and human services, design and promotion, policymaking, and more.

The Careers Expo is sponsored by NAPA and AAA, and runs during the AAA meeting in San Francisco for one day only: Friday, November 16, 11 am to 4 pm in the main exhibition hall.

Submitted by Cathleen Crain

# The NAPA Information Table & Instant Mentoring

NAPA will have information tables at both the Careers Expo on Friday, November 16, from 11 until 4 and again at the Graduate Student Fair on Saturday, November 17, from 10 until 2. Stop by and meet NAPA members and get information about your professional association.

As ever, we also will offer instant mentoring for students and early career professionals. Anyone interested in being mentored should drop by the NAPA table at either of these events. You might be mentored instantly, or you can sign up for a time with a specific mentor. Mentors' topical interests and affiliations will be included on the sign-up sheet.

Instant mentors may be asked a variety of questions about graduate school options, career possibilities, and general questions about practicing anthropology.

Anyone interested in being an instant mentor or in volunteering at the booth should email Ellen Puccia, the NAPA volunteer coordinator, at <a href="mailto:ellenpuccia@gmail.com">ellenpuccia@gmail.com</a> for more information.

Submitted by Ellen Puccia

# The NAPA Networking Event: Engaging Conversations

Who do you want to network with?

Join us at **The NAPA Networking Event: Engaging Conversations** on Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square in room Continental 1. Enjoy light refreshments while engaging in conversations with like-minded anthropologists in business, government, non-profit and academia.

We welcome all anthropologists in all career stages!

http://practicinganthropology.org/2012/10/join-us-at-the-napa-networking-event-engaging-conversations/

Submitted by Sabrina Nichelle Scott

# **NAPA Annual Meeting Webpage**

NAPA activities at the AAA Annual Meeting are listed on the NAPA website, your one-stop information link: <a href="http://practicinganthropology.org/about/annual-meeting/">http://practicinganthropology.org/about/annual-meeting/</a>

# 111th AAA Annual Meeting

The 111th Annual Meeting will be held at the San Francisco Hilton (Union Square) and Hotel Nikko, in San Francisco, CA November 14-18, 2012, with the theme "Borders and Crossings": <a href="http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/">http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/</a>

# Society for Applied Anthropology 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting March 19-23, 2013

# **Natural Resource Distribution and Development** in the 21st Century

How does a society assure equitable access to basic resources for a variety of vastly different and often competing constituents?

The question is central to modern society and the nation state, and when framed forthrightly should stimulate a fundamental discussion and exchange. The venue for the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society, Denver, Colorado, is an ideal setting for this conversation.

http://www.sfaa.net/sfaa2013.html