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# NAPA Notes



**NAPA**  
National Association  
for the Practice of Anthropology

Greetings NAPA! Welcome to the March 2017 edition of *NAPA Notes*. I am very honored to become the newest president of NAPA.

We are currently preparing for the SfAA meetings in Santa Fe, NM at the end of March, and we are quite busy and excited! On Wednesday morning (8:00-9:50 am) in Acoma North, Kerry Fosher will host a session titled "Government Science Under the New Federal Administration: Concerns and Strategies." If you are an anthropologist working in/doing research for the federal government or have an interest in the topic, please consider attending. This will be an informal discussion rather than a panel session.

On Thursday afternoon, the Governing Council (GC) will host its semi-annual meeting. I've been conducting what I call a "listening tour" to understand the scope of work of our GC members and committee volunteers, and also to understand the GC's perspectives on our strategic goals as an association. Our membership committee is wrapping up a membership survey and the results will help us to understand your perspectives as well. On Saturday evening (5:30-7:00 pm) at the Inn at Loretto, we are hosting a NAPA Professional and Student Networking Reception. This event features an informal reception with light hors d'oeuvres and discussions with anthropological professionals that should help students and new professionals to consider their career options and develop their networks.

The *Annals of Anthropological Practice* (AAP) is now accepting volunteered papers. This is a terrific opportunity for you to publish and reach the NAPA constituency. Details are on page 2.

Remember that the abstract deadline for the 2017 AAA sessions and papers is mid-April. Don't forget to click "NAPA" to have your session/paper considered under our section.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *NAPA Notes*, and if you are in Santa Fe, make sure to touch base and say "Hi!"

Regards,

Lisa Henry, Ph.D.  
NAPA President



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# Classifieds

## New Learning Opportunities for Practicing Ethnographers

EPIC's international circle of colleagues is now offering new ways to build skills and expand the impact of ethnographic strengths on businesses and organizations <https://www.epicpeople.org/learn/>, from deep-dive Courses, to short Talks and Tutorials. Registration is now open for several courses: Mini-MBA for Applied Social Scientists; Semiotics; Fundamentals of Observational Research; Getting Started with Sensor Data; Communicating Our Work for Impact. Tutorials on demand span techniques and methods not often seen in anthropology. Have a look at this furry car! Not just a cartoonish twist on convention, it's a creative device for imagining the future! Registration is open to EPIC Members, and membership is open to everyone—join now!

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## Call for Papers: AAA 2017

### Submit panels, roundtables, and posters by April 14th

The 116<sup>th</sup> AAA Annual Meeting theme, “**Anthropology Matters!**” is a call across the field to unite in our diversity, to embrace difficulty, be vibrant messmates, and promote the relevance of what anthropology is and does. This is a call for panels/workshops/events that involve investigation, translation, influence, and action. We need to continue to move beyond divisive debates about ownership, terminology and classification and into fruitful dialogues across, between, within, outside and throughout our practices.



The 2017 meetings are an opportunity to think and act together, to adventure and experiment, to agree and disagree openly and emphatically, and to demonstrate why anthropology matters. We hope you will submit a proposal for a session, workshop, poster symposium, or for something risky and exciting. We ask you to be innovative, fearless, generous, and challenging.

Visit

<http://www.americananthro.org/AttendEvents/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=1695> for more details

## Wanted: Submissions

**The Annals of Anthropological Practice (AAP)**, a peer-reviewed publication of the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology, is dedicated to the practical problem-solving and policy applications of anthropological knowledge and methods.

NAPA is currently accepting volunteered papers to be submitted through the ScholarOne platform at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/annals-ap>.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact the editor, John Brett at [john.brett@ucdenver.edu](mailto:john.brett@ucdenver.edu), or see the AAP page on the NAPA website, at <http://practicinganthropology.org/publications/annals>.

Are you working on research or a project that highlights practicing anthropology? The NAPA section for **Anthropology News** welcomes practitioners, academicians, and students to submit featured articles, notes from the field, commentary, photo essays and other media (including short ethnographic films and fieldwork cartoons).

Interested in contributing? Please contact contributing editor Alice Larotonda, [Alice\\_Larotonda@brown.edu](mailto:Alice_Larotonda@brown.edu) with your proposals or questions.





# Updates

## NAPA Blogging

Every Friday, Adriana Szabo presents the “Job of the Week” blog, with an interesting job or jobs that are suitable for fulfillment by practitioner anthropologists. In the past weeks these have covered openings at various organizations not only in the US, but from Lebanon to the Philippines. Adriana often provides her own perspectives and notes of interest for those on the prowl for meaningful employment.

At the beginning of the year, Julia Wignall restarted the popular “AnthroCurrents” blog, which features links to stories about anthropologists appearing in the mass media. How is anthropology presented? How do people perceive us? AnthroCurrents helps answer such questions every other Wednesday.

A new blog series also launched just before press time; the anthro/studio will be conducted by Marion Tanis. Marion will provide an occasional, thought-provoking piece about the state of anthropology and its significance in the modern world. This blog is scheduled to be posted the second Sunday of the month.

Keep track of all the NAPA blogs by going directly to <http://practicinganthropology.org/blog/>. And thanks to all the authors for keeping up with their challenging duties and keeping us informed!

## WAPA Praxis Award

**Full application deadline: July 1**

Pre-applications for the 2017 WAPA Praxis Award are now being accepted. The deadline for pre-applications is **May 1**. Full applications are due July 1.

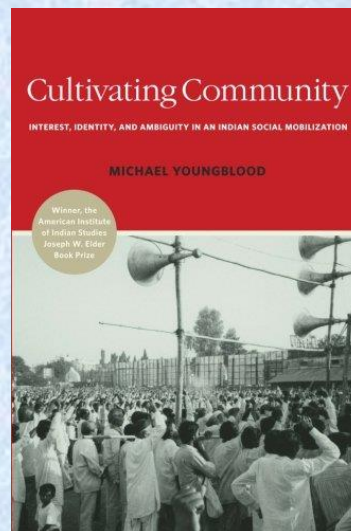
Since 1981, the biennial Praxis Award has recognized outstanding achievement in translating anthropological knowledge into action as reflected in a single project or specific endeavor. Applications should demonstrate anthropology's relevance and effectiveness in addressing contemporary human problems, particularly in client-based contexts. The competition for this prestigious award is open to anyone holding an MA or PhD in any subfield of anthropology.

Details can be found on the WAPA website, [www.wapadc.org/praxis](http://www.wapadc.org/praxis). The 2017 Praxis Award will be presented at the annual NAPA Business Meeting on Friday, December 1, during the AAA Meeting in Washington, DC. Awardees receive a \$1000 stipend.

NAPA members should feel free to forward information about the award to colleagues as relevant; several recent awardees have been NAPA members.

## Ethnography Spotlight: Cultivating Community by M. Youngblood

Winner of the American Institute of Indian Studies' Joseph W. Elder Book Prize, *Cultivating Community: Interest, Identity, and Ambiguity in an Indian Social Mobilization* is an ethnography by Michael Youngblood concerning a massive rural social movement in India and the creation of political meaning and the construction of collective identity in a mass social movement. This book is tremendously relevant for practicing anthropologists who work in community organization, social change, conflict resolution, and related fields, as well as international relations, public policy, or media.



*“Cultivating Community should be required reading for those who claim to speak for and about social movements—or politics in rural India generally for that matter. The analysis is subtle, wonderfully sophisticated and grounded in close ethnography even as Youngblood reaches out judiciously to grand theory... This is political anthropology as it should be done. Bravo.”*

— R.. Herring , Professor of Government and International Professor of Agriculture and Rural Development, CornellU





# Conference Guide: SfAA 2017 Santa Fe, NM



**La Fonda on the Plaza Hotel**  
**March 28 - April 1, 2017**

The 77th annual SfAA Meeting embraces **"Trails, Traditions, and New Directions"** and their implications for practice, theory and action. Anthropologists, archaeologists, and other applied social scientists have joined with interested residents to examine the region's remarkably diverse heritage, its complex and challenging present, and its future as a world destination.

## Select SfAA Sessions with NAPA GC Members

### Wednesday, March 29

"Culturally Informed Interventions in Type II Diabetes, Part I"  
Room: New Mexico (La Fonda)  
Time 8:00-9:50 AM

"Government Science Under the New Federal Administration: Concerns and Strategies"  
Room: Acoma North (Inn at Loretto)  
Time: 8:00-9:50 AM

"Maya Heritage, Communities and Change in Contemporary Guatemala and the Yucatan: Reports from the 2016 NCSU and OSEA Ethnographic Field Schools"  
Room: Acoma South (Inn at Loretto)  
Time: 3:30-5:20 PM

### Thursday, March 30

"Decoding Permission to Change: Exploring the Importance of Sanctioned Spaces for Behavioral Change"  
Room: Zuni South (Inn at Loretto)  
Time: 1:30-3:20 PM

### Friday, April 1

"Celebrating Innovations and New Directions in Medical Anthropology at USF, Part I"  
Room: Zuni South (Inn at Loretto)  
Time: 12:00-1:20 PM

"Panel on Innovative, Underused, and Reimagined Methodologies"  
Room: Zuni North (Inn at Loretto)  
Time: 12:00-1:20 PM

"Celebrating Innovations and New Directions in Medical Anthropology at USF, Part II"  
Room: Zuni South (Inn at Loretto)  
Time: 1:30-3:20 PM

"Innovation and Cultural Change in Global Consumer Society, Part II"  
Time: 3:30-5:20 PM  
Room: La Terraza (La Fonda)

### Saturday, April 2

"Directions in Data Collection and Modeling"  
Room: Chaco West (Inn at Loretto)  
Time: 1:30-3:20 PM

### Be sure to attend

#### **NAPA Professional and Student Networking Reception**

Room: Tesuque (Inn at Loretto)  
Saturday, April 2  
Time: 5:30-7:00 PM