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NAPA Notes



NAPA
National Association
for the Practice of Anthropology

Dear NAPA Members:

Welcome to my first issue of *NAPA Notes* as President. Having been a long-time member and an editor for the *Annals of Anthropological Practice* (with Satish Kedia), I am honored to be serving as President of NAPA (2018-2020). When looking back on my career, the association with NAPA makes perfect sense. I started out working as a practicing anthropologist at the Hispanic Health Council in Hartford, CT, moved on to a faculty position, and now am the chair of Applied Anthropology at the University of South Florida (USF). Today, while some USF students go on to academic positions, most land up working for non-profits, government agencies, and the private sector. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work in both worlds and now train students to do the same.

Being prepared to work as a practicing anthropologist is especially important today in light of the bleak job market for academic anthropologists. Even more disconcerting is that a [recent article](#) in *American Anthropologist*, highlighted the fact that US Anthropology Departments mostly hire anthropologists from a limited number of PhD-granting programs despite the many high quality anthropology graduate training programs throughout the country. I discuss this in an upcoming NAPA column for *Anthropology News*.

In addition to organizing sessions, giving out awards, and having its own journal, *the Annals of Anthropological Practice*, NAPA offers a wide-range of workshops and organizes the always popular NAPA/AAA Careers Expo at the Annual Meeting. NAPA is student friendly and it promotes dialogue among academic and practicing anthropologists through its many activities not only at the AAA meetings but also at other conferences including the Society for Applied Anthropology.

NAPA is a co-sponsor of the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) 79th Annual Meeting in Portland, OR, March 19-23. The theme of the meeting is "Engaging Change in Turbulent Times." No doubt, NAPA has a lot to say about this. There will be sessions on student community engaged research, anthropology in education, and the practice of anthropology in challenging workplaces, among others. This year, NAPA will host the Careers Spotlight and the NAPA Networking Event. For more information, check out the SfAA [website](#) and keep reading for more NAPA-related details!

Recently, NAPA reduced its student membership fee to \$10 in order to recruit the next generation of NAPA leaders. We plan to keep you and new members engaged through other exciting NAPA activities on the horizon including webinars, conference workshops, ethics training, and much more.



David Himmelgreen, Ph.D.
NAPA President

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Regards,
David Himmelgreen, PhD
NAPA President



Committee Updates

NAPA Website Makeover

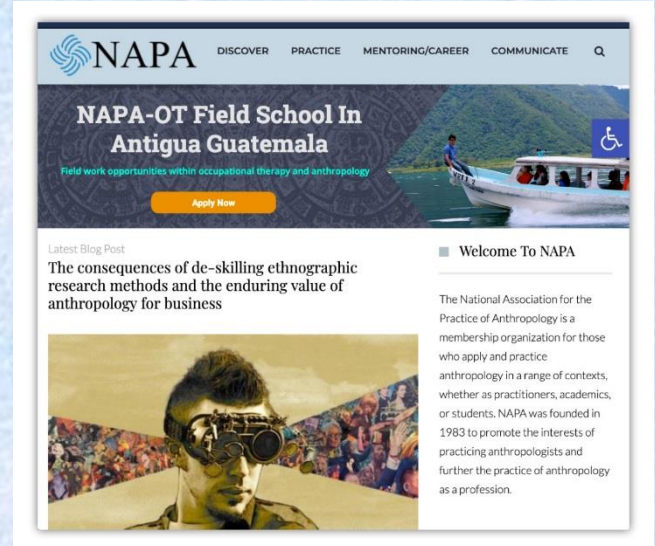
After a year of reorganizing and reformatting, the redesigned NAPA website officially launched this February. You will find cleaner navigation and new resources to use.

Naturally, there is everything you want to know about NAPA, including membership and volunteering, contacting the leadership, and the archives, which host audio files of sessions from four of the past five annual meetings. There is also a main section on the practice of anthropology, including what it's all about, ethics, a developing section on best practices, and details of the NAPA Student Achievement Award.

A main feature extensive information on careers and mentoring. You'll find resume tips, internship suggestions, and insights on career tracks from professional anthropologists. And of course, the website hosts the popular NAPA Mentor Program, and nearly 60 career-related FAQs, heavily focused on key undergraduate and graduate school issues. There is also a special section on business anthropology. Last but not least, there is a helpful page on "talking points," that is, things to tell prospective students about why anthropology is a great educational and career choice!

The redesign is based on an analysis done by an anthropological design class at U North Texas. A student from that class, Brandon Meyer, has spearheaded the new design of the site. He did such a great job, we kept him on as our website coordinator! New content has been developed by members of the NAPA Communications Committee and other contributors.

Check out your association's new website at practicinganthropology.org, and submit your suggestions on content you'd like to see! Do you find the site helpful? What would be useful for you? Your thoughts would be appreciated!



Updates from the Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is surveying graduate programs in order to understand their affiliations, foci, missional understanding, and educational models. Our primary purpose is to identify where congruence in training (what is being taught in graduate programs in anthropology) and application (the needs of the private and public sectors) exist and where they do not. This survey will shift from the web to phone calls to departmental contacts, to an online survey for people to complete, and then followup phone calls and emails in an attempt to provide findings, clarify information, and nurture relationships. Results will be shared.

Anticipated questions, both by phone and in the online survey, will seek to understand the ways specific departments are already active or are interested in networking with associations representing practitioners (NAPA, SfAA, AAA sections), the ways students are trained and encouraged to network, whether programs distinguish between training to complete graduate programs and creatively applying their skillset/toolkit to non-academic settings. We are particularly interested in discovering how training in ethics informs research questions, methodologies, and approaches.

A second purpose of this survey is to identify and create relational vectors between departments, faculty, students, and NAPA to bolster relationships with people engaged in applying anthropology now and into the future.

Fritz Lampe and Kerry Foshier
Membership Committee



On The Horizon....

Seeking Workshop Leaders for AAAs

Please consider submitting a proposal to conduct a workshop at the fall 2019 Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. We are looking for innovative workshops that equip participants with specific skills and tools that can easily be utilized in their own professional practice. Others can benefit from what you have learned as we continue to explore ways to advance the relevance and application of anthropology.

NAPA sponsored workshops at the 2018 AAA meetings focused on such engaging topics as Design Anthropology, Organizational Change, UX Research, and Consumer Research.

To submit a workshop proposal, go to the AAA Annual meetings call for [proposals site](#). You can also get to this link by visiting the AAA Home page and clicking the link for the AAA Annual Meetings.

When submitting your proposal, be sure to indicate that your workshop will be hosted by NAPA. Note that the **deadline to begin a submission for consideration is April 5 (3 pm ET)**. The submission portal will not allow new submissions after April 5 (3 pm ET). However, once started, you will have until April 10 to finalize and submit.

If you have any questions, please contact NAPA Workshop Committee Chair, Elgin Klugh (eklguh@coppin.edu)

Check out other NAPA outlets:

- The **Annals of Anthropological Practice** welcomes manuscripts on a variety of practicing/applied topics; see [here](#) for more information
- NAPA's **Anthropology News** Section Column has released three posts since the last issue of *NAPA Notes*. Don't miss the [latest post](#) by NAPA President David Himmelgreen.
- **AAA Call for Papers** for this year's meetings will be open through April 10th. Don't procrastinate— all submissions must be started no later than April 5th. See the [portal](#) for more details.
- **NAPA Notes** is eagerly awaiting your submissions, contact Natalie Morrissey (Natalie.Morrissey@my.unt.edu) with your ideas!



**AAA 79th Annual Meeting
Vancouver, British Columbia
November 20-24, 2019**

For the 117th American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual meeting, AAA is partnering with Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) to offer exciting opportunities for collaboration across submissions, Annual Meeting events, and programming.



NAPA-Sponsored SfAA Activities



**Hilton Portland Downtown
Portland, OR
March 19-23, 2019**

Don't miss the NAPA-sponsored activities at SfAA this year. The activities include: the careers expo, sessions, the networking event, and more. NAPA members – make sure to stop by the NAPA booth and say “hi”! We look forward to seeing you all at the sessions and other activities.

Select SfAA Sessions with NAPA GC Members

Tuesday, March 19

“Student Community-Engaged Research at Oregon State University: Partnering with Local Communities Pt. I”

Room: Broadway I
10:00- 11:50 am

“Student Community-Engaged Research at Oregon State University: Partnering with Local Communities, Pt. II”

Room: Broadway I
1:30-3:20 PM

Wednesday, March 20

“Collective Governance, Cultural and Natural Heritage in the Face of Global Change: Perspectives from around the World”

Room: Pavilion West
8:00-9:50 am

“Anthropology for the 80%: Doing Work that Matters”

Room: Pavilion West
12:00-1:20 PM

“The Application of Design Anthropology to Website Design: A Case Study on the Redesign of the NAPA Website with Implications for All Anthropology Associations”

Room: Pavilion West
3:30-5:20 PM

Thursday, March 21

“Turbulent Times for Engagement: Practicing Anthropology in Partnerships, Insights and Recommendations”

Room: Pavilion West
8:00-9:50 am

“Drinking in the Scenery: A Panoramic Approach to Protecting Natural Water Quality”

Room: Pavilion West
10:00-11:50 AM

“Codifying Corporate Culture”

Room: Parlor C
10:00-11:50 am

“Applying Anthropology beyond Academia”

Room: Pavilion West
1:30-3:20 PM

“Turbulent Times for Engagement: Practicing Anthropology in Partnerships, Insights, and Recommendations”

Room: Pavilion West
3:30-5:20 PM

Friday, March 22

“Anthropological Engagements with Clinical Health Data”

Room: Pavilion West
8:00-9:50 AM

Friday, March 22 (Cont.)

“Applying Anthropology in Education: Addressing Equity from K-College”

Room: Galleria I
10:00-11:50 AM

“Promoting Yourself as a Professional Anthropologist”

Room: Pavilion West
1:30-3:20 PM

Saturday, March 23

“NAPA Careers Spotlight”

Room: Atrium
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

“Innovative Methods in a Variety of Workplaces”

Room: Broadway IV
12:00-1:20 PM

**Be Sure to Attend the
NAPA Networking Event**

Room: Atrium
Saturday, March 23
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM