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NAPA Notes



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Greetings NAPA!

Welcome to the November 2017 edition of NAPA Notes.

I can't believe the AAA meetings are just weeks away! Much in this newsletter will discuss AAA events, so stay tuned.

As your NAPA President, I've been focused this fall on making NAPA visible during the upcoming meetings. During the Careers Expo and the Networking Social, we will have a NAPA information table covered with promotional items. The idea is to flood the meetings with images of NAPA – on bags, t-shirts, and other items. Membership is important – the more members we have, the stronger we are. The stronger we are, the more we can do for each other and with each other.

We continue to work on our revised mission statement. The Governing Council has decided to create both a mission statement and a tagline based on member feedback. We will continue this work during the AAA Governing Council meeting and report out when it's finalized. If anyone would like to work on this with us, please contact me at lisa.henry@unt.edu.

During the AAA meetings, please join us for our NAPA Networking Social on Saturday, December 2 from 8:00 pm – 10:45 p.m. in the Omni Diplomat Ballroom. This networking event is open to all – students of applied anthropology, faculty teaching applied anthropology, and early, mid, and late career professional anthropologists. This event features an informal reception with light hors d'oeuvres and discussions with professional anthropologists who will help students and new professionals consider their career options and develop their networks. Professional anthropologists – we need you! We need you to network with those seeking advice and share your wisdom. Drop me a line if you are able to help out with this event.

I hope you enjoy this edition of NAPA Notes. There are many more announcements so keep reading!

Regards,

Lisa Henry, PhD



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NAPA President

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NAPA News and Updates

Ethics Committee Update

In early 2015, the NAPA Governing Council (GC) decided that the time was right to take a look at NAPA's [current ethical guidelines](#), authored three decades ago. Born was the NAPA Ethics Subcommittee on Revision to the Ethics Statement, chaired by Niel Tashima, to determine the Statement's sufficiency for contemporary practice and to suggest changes, as deemed beneficial or necessary, for presentation to the Ethics Committee, and subsequently to the GC and membership. Members represented a particularly diverse cross-section of domains of anthropological practice, and included Elizabeth Briody, Tracy Meerwarth Pester, Lauren S. Penney, and Joe Watkins.

With Niel's good guidance and an impressively voluminous series of emails and conference calls over two years, the subcommittee has completed a Revised Ethics Statement, designed to guide us through the next decade (or three!). The proposed guidelines statement is thorough and carefully attentive to multiple domains of practice and diverse work environments, including well-explained guidance that implores us to:

- Acknowledge biases;
- Consistently consider the implications of our work;
- Connect with our anthropological colleagues;
- Ensure transparency;
- Establish clear research protocols;
- Apply ethical guidelines to all aspects of practice;
- Communicate inclusively and effectively.

The statement has been amended and approved by the NAPA Ethics Committee, and will be considered by the NAPA GC during the fall meeting and with the membership soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to reach out to me at

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Chad Morris, NAPA Ethics Committee Chair

Welcome New Board Members

This year, Jason Lind (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) and Ann Tezak (Vanderbilt University) will join the NAPA Governing Council as elected members-at-large. Taapsi Ramchandani (Syracuse University) will join the GC as our student representative. We are pleased to announce that Rachel Hall-Clifford (Agnes Scott College) has been re-elected to a 2nd term as Secretary.

A Farewell to Pam Puntenney

The High Plains Society lost a long-standing friend and colleague with the passing of Pam Puntenney on June 10, 2017. She was 72. Her



husband, Alan McWaters, survives and retains the strong spirit that characterized them both. Having earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Michigan, Pam's entrepreneurial spirit and independent vision inspired her to launch Environmental and Human Systems Management, a consulting firm that assisted organizations worldwide in addressing environmental issues from the perspectives of applied anthropology, education, and policy development. Over the years, she accumulated an impressive client list that included the United Nations and the World Bank. Pam published and presented articles and reports for the U.N., the World Bank, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, and the World Summit on Sustainable Development. Her most recent public lectures included presentations in such diverse locales as Abu Dhabi, Indonesia, and Colorado. She was a delegate to the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development, where she headed the Climate Change Delegation and co-chaired the Education Caucus. She was active in NAPA. Pam served as an associate editor of *The Applied Anthropologist*, and beyond editing, always offered unstinting support to her High Plains colleagues.



AAA Meeting 2017: NAPA Edition

Washington, D.C.
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
November 29-December 3, 2017

Online Meeting Guide

Visit here for details on all of NAPA's activities for the upcoming meeting:

<http://practicinganthropology.org/about/annual-meeting/annual-meeting-2017/>

The 116th 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. We will continue to move beyond divisive debates about ownership, terminology, and classification and into fruitful dialogues across, between, within, outside, and throughout our practices.

The **NAPA Workshops Committee** is happy to sponsor several workshops this year, many as part of the *Business Anthropology Matters!* initiative. The workshops are designed to introduce early- and mid-career anthropologists to professional and career development in the applied setting. Join us to learn more about consulting, entrepreneurship, marketing, and personal career planning. You can find the workshop descriptions and registration information here: <http://practicinganthropology.org/about/annual-meeting/annual-meeting-2017/napa-workshops-2017/>.

NAPA Careers Expo

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THAT ANTHROPOLOGY DEGREE???

Friday December 1st, Foyer of Main Exhibit Hall, 11am-4pm.

NAPA/AAA will host the 12th annual Careers Exposition on Friday, December 1st at the AAA meeting. Over 50 professional anthropologists are expected to participate in the Expo to provide career advice to new and young anthropologists and the faculty who mentor them. Last year, over 500 people attended the Expo.

Instant mentoring will be featured at this year's Expo. “Campus to Career” features highly experienced practicing professors to help shape your transition from your program to the profession. NAPA instant mentors will be standing by to answer questions about breaking into a professional anthropology career. This year, instant resume review will be offered in the Career Mentoring Corner.

Not a job fair – it is an idea fair where you can learn about career paths and think creatively about your future. Don't wonder what you will do with that degree—carpe career!



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NAPA Business Meeting

What do you want from your association? Attend the NAPA Business Meeting Friday evening (Dec. 1), 8:30 pm, during the AAA meetings to get updated and give feedback. It's your association! The NAPA **Volunteer of the Year** (see the September *Notes* issue) and **Student Awards** will be part of the meeting, so come and support those who support NAPA. In addition, the WAPA Praxis Award presentation will follow immediately afterward.