

# **American Anthropological Association**

## **Anthropology & Environment Section**

### **Proposed 2005 Budget**

**Tom Sheridan (President) and Molly Doane (Treasurer)**

#### ***Brief Description of 2004 Activities to Continue in 2005***

##### **A&E Web Site and EANTH Listserv**

For a number of years, the Anthropology & Environment Section (A&E) has been developing initiatives and programs to disseminate the expertise of its members to the public, and to encourage our members to take an active role in public policy. Our website is heavily used, and arguably the most accessible web resource for graduate students, professionals, and academics interested in the anthropology of the environment. In 2004, our major focus is to expand our coverage of Environmental Anthropology programs at North American colleges and universities.

Our email listserv facilitates lively and daily discussions of both academic and policy issues among environmental anthropologists and professionals in environmental fields, and is an important resource for environmental professionals around the world. We dedicated \$2,000 of our 2004 budget to maintaining the website and the email list. We propose to continue funding these activities at the same level of funding in 2005.

##### **A&E Outreach and Training**

In 2004, our largest budget line (\$4,000) was dedicated to outreach and training programs that connect scientists and professionals across various environmental disciplines, and that encourage a higher public profile for environmental anthropologists in particular. At the AAA Annual Meeting in November 2004, A&E vice-president Kelly Alley is organizing a workshop on the Precautionary Principle with \$2,000 of support from this line in the 2004 A&E budget. This is an extension of past A&E workshops at the AAA annual meetings: a workshop in Conservation and Community in 2001, and a workshop on Environmental Justice in 2003. In 2005, A&E will co-sponsor two events evolving out of its Conservation and Community Working group, one in Tucson, Arizona, in May 2005, another at the AAA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. (see below).

A&E also continued its strong support of the Joint AAA/SfAA Public Policy Center Initiative. The \$1,000 allocated for this initiative in the A&E 2004 budget will be used to help reimburse travel and lodging expenses of participants, including A&E president Tom Sheridan, who attended a small working group at Northwestern University hosted by AAA President Elizabeth Brumfiel from June 23-25, 2004.

We are proposing to increase this budget line to \$5,000 in 2005 to continue our support of the Public Policy Center Initiative and to provide partial support for the two symposiums/workshops described below.

## **A&E Awards**

A&E sponsors four annual awards that recognize outstanding research, publication, and public policy work in the field of environmental/ecological anthropology.

The Rappaport Award honors outstanding graduate student research in the field. During 2003/4, the A&E Executive Board reconceptualized and restructured the Rappaport Award to encourage more participation. Beginning in 2004, A&E will sponsor a Rappaport panel at the AAA Annual Meeting. Five graduate student finalists will be selected by a panel of judges from among dozens of abstracts submitted. Finalists will receive \$100 apiece to deliver their papers at the AAA Annual Meeting beginning with the meeting in San Francisco this November. Prior to the meeting, a winner will be selected from the full-length papers submitted by the five panelists. The Rappaport prize has been increased from \$500 in 2004 to \$750 in 2005 to accommodate small cash prizes for panelists (\$500) as well as for the award winner (\$250). The new procedures for the Rappaport prize dramatically increased submissions for the contest. We also believe that it will serve to mentor graduate students in environmental anthropology through the processes of submitting abstracts, writing AAA quality papers, and eventually preparing papers for publication.

A&E will continue to award \$500 to the Julian Steward Award winner for the best book/monograph in environmental/ecological anthropology. At the AAA Annual Meeting in Chicago in 2003, A&E presented its first Julian Steward Award to Dr. Roberto González of San José State University for his book *Zapotec Science: Farming and Food in the Northern Sierra of Oaxaca* (Texas, 2001). The first award covered books/monographs published between 1998-2002. Hereafter, only books published during the preceding calendar year will be considered. The 2004 Julian Steward Award panel of judges is: Drs. William Durham (Stanford), Devon Peña (Washington), and Roberto González (San José State).

A&E will continue to award \$500 for its Junior Scholar Award for the best published scholarly article in environmental/ecological anthropology. The Junior Scholar Award for 2003 was split between Dr. David McDermott Hughes for "Cadastral Politics: The Making of Community-Based Resource Management in Zimbabwe and Mozambique" (*Development and Change* 32:741-768, 2001) and Dr. Hugh Raffles for "'Local Theory': Nature and the Making of an Amazonian Place" (*Cultural Anthropology* 14(3):323-360, 1999).

A&E decided to name our Public Policy Award for Lourdes Arizpe, but did not make an award in 2003.

## ***Anthropology News* A&E Column**

Dr. Rebecca Zarger edited the A&E column in 2003-04. Crystal Fortwangler will take over the editorship after the 2004 AAA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

## **Travel**

In 2004, the A&E provided travel funds to attend the AAA Annual Meeting for the following: \$1,000 (President), \$500 (Student Representative), and \$250 each for the Treasurer and Program Chair. We will continue these travel scholarships in 2005.

### **Minority Scholarship Fund**

In 2005, the A&E will continue to contribute \$500 to the AAA Minority Scholarship Fund.

### ***New A&E Activities in 2005***

In 2005, A&E is intensifying its efforts at Outreach and Training by sponsoring or co-sponsoring one symposium and one workshop.

### **Saving the Wide Open Spaces: How to Conserve Biodiversity and Sustainable Ranching, Forestry, and Farming in the American West (May 2005)**

Organized by A&E President Tom Sheridan, this A&E co-sponsored symposium will bring approximately fifty participants together in Tucson, Arizona, on May 13-15, 2005. The goal of the symposium is to promote working landscapes in the American West that conserve biodiversity and sustainable ranching, timbering, and farming. Participants will include anthropologists, conservation biologists, ranchers, farmers, forestry workers, grassroots activists, and representatives from NGOs and federal agencies involved in the management of Western public lands. The symposium will be cosponsored by The Southwest Center of the University of Arizona, the Center for Sustainable Environments at Northern Arizona University, New Mexico State University, the National Park Service, the National Forest Service, the Quivira Coalition, and other organizations.

A&E is proposing to provide \$2,000 to support this symposium.

### **Conservation and Community Workshop (November 2005)**

A AAA/SfAA joint working group hosted by AAA President Elizabeth Brumfiel met this June at Northwestern University to hammer out a Public Policy Center Initiative. One objective of the Public Policy Center is to bring together anthropologists and policy actors to address issues of public policy. The first topic the Public Policy Center will focus on will be Anthropology and the Environment, in particular, the need for anthropologists to be involved in the design and implementation of both national and international conservation programs so that the needs and concerns of local communities affected by the programs are understood, respected, and considered at all program levels.

A&E President Tom Sheridan, who attended the meeting, volunteered A&E to sponsor a workshop at the 2005 AAA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. that will bring anthropologists from the A&E Conservation and Community Working Group together with conservation biologists, federal policy makers, and representatives from international conservation NGOs like The Nature Conservancy and the World Wildlife Fund. The details and scope of the workshop need to be worked out, but the workshop represents a continuation of A&E Conservation and Community Working Group efforts that have included a workshop at the 2001 AAA Annual Meeting, two symposiums at the University of Georgia, and the proposed May 2005 symposium in Tucson.

The A&E is proposing to provide \$2,000 to support this workshop.

***A& E Budget for FY 2005***

<b>Awards and Honors:</b>	<b>\$2, 250.00</b>
\$750 Rappaport Prize	
\$500 Julian Steward Award	
\$500 Junior Scholar Award	
\$500 Lourdes Arizpe Public Policy Award	
<b>Contributions:</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
\$500 AAA Minority Fellowship	
<b>Outreach and Training:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
\$2,000 Rural West Symposium	
\$2,000 Conservation & Community Workshop	
\$1,000 Public Policy Center Initiative	
<b>Outside Office Expenses:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
\$1,500 Web development/maintenance	
\$500 EANTH listserv maintenance	
<b>Travel Expenses:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
\$1,000 President AAA Annual Meeting*	
\$500 Student representative “	
\$250 Treasurer “	
\$250 Program Chair “	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$11,750.00</b>

**Note: If A&E funds cannot cover the entire budget, the Southwest Center of the University of Arizona will cover President Tom Sheridan’s expenses to the 2005 AAA Annual Meeting.**