

The Society for Applied Anthropology in Santa Fe, New Mexico in April, 1989 was host to several AIDS sessions and papers. AARG sponsored a very successful National Roundtable on AIDS which was chaired by Dr. Douglas A. Feldman and Dr. Norris G. Lang. Dr. Theresa Mason and Doug Goldsmith were guest speakers discussing ethnographic research among intravenous drug users. There was a general sharing of information by anthropologists on their AIDS-related research and other activities. The AARG Steering Committee also met to plan future AARG events.

Dr. Stephen Koester and Dr. Theresa Mason chaired a session, "Stopping AIDS in the Streets: Ethnographers, Pimps, Prostitutes, and Addicts." Several anthropologists and others gave first-hand accounts of their AIDS-related ethnographic experience working with intravenous drug users, crack addicts, and female prostitutes. Dr. Michael D. Quam chaired a session, "Practicing Anthropology in the AIDS Pandemic." It covered such diverse topics as AIDS intervention among homeless youth, the role of ethnographer in AIDS research, developing international AIDS policy, and behavioral interventions for HIV seropositive persons.

Dr. Patricia A. Marshall also chaired a session on AIDS, which included papers on AIDS education in minority neighborhoods, AIDS and "promiscuity," and patients' fear of AIDS in health care settings. Dr. Merrill Singer and Dr. Jean J. Schensul chaired a session, "Community-Based Consortia in Research and Intervention." Information was given about the Hartford AIDS Community Research Group, the Northeast Hispanic AIDS Consortium, Project COPE, and other projects. AIDS-related papers in other sessions included discussions of an AIDS program for Native Americans and the confusing message in safer sex guidelines. The American Ethnological Society also held a session on AIDS.

AAA TASK FORCE ON AIDS MEETS

The AAA Task Force on AIDS met on April 7-9, 1989, in Santa Fe, New Mexico in conjunction with the Society for Applied Anthropology. The Task Force was founded by Dr. Douglas A. Feldman and Dr. Roy A. Rappaport in November, 1987 for the purpose of promoting anthropological involvement in AIDS-related research, policy, and activities. Dr. Feldman served as Acting Chair, Chair and then Co-Chair until November, 1988. Dr. Michael D. Quam served as Co-Chair and then Chair from July, 1988 until April, 1989. The Task Force functions independently of, and is unrelated to, AARG. There are 23 appointed members of the Task Force.

The Task Force began their meetings in Santa Fe with an election for two-year terms. Dr. Melanie L. Sovine was elected Chair, Dr. William Leap was elected Secretary, Dr. Susan McCombie was elected Chair of the International AIDS Committee, Dr. Herdt was elected Chair of the AIDS and Anthropology Committee, and Dr. E. Michael Gorman was elected Chair of the AIDS and Public Policy Committee. The members of each committee developed the goals and plans for each committee.

The Task Force agreed to work toward lobbying elected officials in Washington, D.C. to promote social science research, funding for AIDS community-based organizations, and participation by anthropologists in the formation of national AIDS policy. It was also agreed to develop an AAA publication on AIDS and anthropology, a teaching manual for courses taught by anthropologists on AIDS, and to plan for a future conference on AIDS and ethnography.

Work also began on developing a statement about AIDS and ethics, and on
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AARG NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Nominations for the position of AARG Steering Committee member and AARG Co-Chair are being sought. Any dues paying member of AARG who is prepared to volunteer his or her time and effort to assist in the administrative tasks of AARG is invited to be nominated. Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by others. All nominations must include the address, phone number, a brief biographical sketch, a current curriculum vitae of the nominee, and a statement from the nominee agreeing to seek election.

All prospective nominees will be screened by the Co-Chairs for their qualifications. Qualifying candidates will be entered on the ballot in the next issue of the AARG Newsletter. Candidates may seek either the positions of Co-Chair or Steering Committee member, or the position of Steering Committee member only. Please specify if you wish to be considered for the position of Co-Chair. The candidate with the highest number of votes will become the AARG Co-Chair for 1990-91. The candidates with the next six highest number of votes will become Steering Committee members for 1990-92.

Send nominations by the July 15, 1989 deadline to: Douglas A. Feldman, Ph.D., University of Miami School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, (R-669), P.O. Box 016069, Miami, FL 33146, USA. For more information, call (305) 547-5710.

TEACHING AIDS

The AAA Task Force on AIDS is in the process of developing a manual on teaching about the AIDS epidemic in anthropology courses. Information is requested from those who have incorporated any aspect of this topic in their teaching. Syllabi, course outlines, and reading lists for medical anthropology or other courses in which AIDS is dealt with are needed, as are instructors' descriptions and comments on exercises and assignments on AIDS issues. Please send to: Ralph Bolton, Ph.D., AAA Task Force Teaching Project, Department of Anthropology, Pomona College, Claremont, CA 91711 USA.

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systematically monitoring AIDS policy on an international level. Funds will be sought for core operating expenses. Additional information about the Task Force may be obtained from Dr. Melanie L. Sovine, 1610 Monroe, Evanston, IL 60202.

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Dues are \$15 or whatever you can afford payable to AARG (outside North America and Europe, membership is free). The AARG Newsletter and the revised membership lists are included in the membership dues.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Starting with the next issue of the AARG Newsletter, we will print free of charge any AIDS-related employment opportunities available for anthropologists (subject to space limitations). If you are an employer looking for an anthropologist for an AIDS-related position, please send your advertising copy to us at our editorial office by July 15th for the September, 1989 issue. This is being provided by AARG as a public service. All copy submitted is subject to editing.

NEW AARG SECRETARY NAMED

Lucia Cargill Schwaab has been appointed by the AARG Co-Chairs to serve as the Secretary of AARG for 1989-90. She has been a Steering Committee member since 1987, and is with the Department of Anthropology at the University of Colorado.

COOPERATION COLUMN

Dr. Vicente Lopez-Rocher (School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine, CA 92717 USA) would like to receive any correspondence on AIDS research among Mexican-Americans and northern Mexicans.... Dr. Douglas A. Feldman (see address under "Editorial Office" on page 2 of the AARG Newsletter) is gathering material for the International AIDS Committee of the AAA Task Force on AIDS on international AIDS policy and global AIDS-related discrimination patterns. Please send any relevant material to him by September 1st.If you would like to be included in the next Cooperation Column, please send us your notices by July 15th.

REVISED AARG MEMBERSHIP LIST

The revised AARG membership list for June, 1989 is attached to your AARG Newsletter. Please check to see that your listing is correct and complete. Changes should be sent to Dr. Moses B. Pounds (see page 2 for address), or call him at (301) 328-8335. If you would like to become an AARG member for 1989, see instructions on page 2.

AARG RECEIVES GRANT

AARG has received, for the second time, a generous grant of \$500 from Partners in Health, Inc. This grant will help us defray our operating expenses and allow more Third World and financially burdened anthropologists to become AARG members at no or low cost. Effective immediately, Asian, African and Latin American anthropologists who are involved in AIDS research and activities in the developing world are encouraged to become AARG members without paying the required annual dues for 1989. Also, financially burdened anthropologists from North America and Europe may pay whatever they can afford for 1989 dues. We wish to thank Partners in Health for their continuing generosity, and for their commitment to AIDS-related research and activities by anthropologists.

REGIONAL AARG MEETINGS

The Fourth New York Regional Meeting of AARG was held at Hunter College, CUNY on May 25th in New York City. Dr. Francis Conant gave a presentation, "Design Features and their Rationale for a Database to Monitor and Map HIV Transmission Factors and the Social Consequences of AIDS." For information about the next New York regional meeting, contact Dr. Conant at (212) 772-5420.

The First South Florida Regional Meeting of AARG was also held on May 25th and moderated by Dr. Douglas A. Feldman and Dr. J. Bryan Page. It was held at the University of Miami School of Medicine. For information about the next South Florida regional meeting, contact Dr. Feldman at (305) 547-5710. The First Southern California Regional Meeting of AARG was held at Riverside, California on April 28th. For information about their next meeting, contact Dr. Ralph Bolton at (714) 621-8000.

If you would like to organize a regional meeting of AARG in your area, contact Dr. Feldman at (305) 547-5710 or Dr. Norris Lang at (713) 749-3921.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Journal of Contemporary Ethnography invites manuscripts for a special issue on "Ethnography and AIDS." Papers should report findings from ethnographic/qualitative/field research projects that explore AIDS-related phenomena. Special consideration will be given to papers that discuss the implications of findings for the development of sociocultural, behavioral, epidemiologic, or interventionist theory. Submissions should be about 25 pages, double-spaced, ASA style, and are due by July 31, 1989. Send three copies and a \$10 submission fee to: Joseph A. Kotarba, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77204-3474 USA.

IMMIGRATION AND AIDS

Dr. Norris G. Lang has been awarded a summer stipend by the Center for Public Policy at the University of Houston to investigate social policy issues related to AIDS, amnesty and immigration law in the United States. Amnesty candidates must be tested for HIV as part of the application process. But what will happen to those who should test positive? Does the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service have an obligation to them to provide health care? This project will examine these emerging policy issues.

NEW CONSORTIUM IN HOUSTON

The AIDS Research Consortium of the University of Houston is being formed there to combine the efforts of several faculty at that university. The Consortium, housed within the Center for Public Policy, College of Social Sciences, will provide valuable assistance to faculty responding to available federal research opportunities and serve to bring together faculty expertise to meet local service delivery and research needs. Contact Dr. Norris Lang at (713) 749-3921 for more information.

The Fifth International Conference on AIDS will be held in Montreal on June 4-9. There are many sessions of interest to anthropologists. Especially worthwhile are those sessions in the following categories: Epidemiology and Public Health, AIDS and the Individual, AIDS, Society and Behavior, Ethics and Law, and International Issues. It looks like it will be a very productive conference, with a strong emphasis on social science research and issues. Next year's conference will be held in San Francisco.

NEW VOLUME AVAILABLE

The AIDS Pandemic: A Global Emergency, edited by Dr. Ralph Bolton and written mostly by anthropologists, is now available. The volume raises important questions about how people think about disease, how they cope with fears, how they construct their sexual lives, and how they go about changing life-threatening patterns of behavior. It is published by Gordon and Breach and may be ordered for \$24 from STBS, P.O. Box 786 Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276 USA. It also appears as Volume 10 (2-3) of Medical Anthropology.

NEW NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED

The first issue of Global AIDS Bulletin made its debut with the Spring, 1989 issue. It is written for social and behavioral scientists, educators and policy makers. Of particular interest is Dr. Michael D. Quam's article, "AIDS and Anthropology: Learn More about AIDS by Learning More About People." For a sample copy, write to: African-Caribbean Institute, 4 West Wheelock Street, Hanover, NH 03755 USA. Dr. Norman Miller is the editor.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

If you have an announcement or brief communication that you would like to have included in the next issue of the AARG Newsletter, please send it to us by July 15, 1989.