

# SECOND OPINION

## Destination: New Mexico

### *2014 SfAA-SMA Meeting Preview*

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On March 18-22, 2014, the Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) will co-sponsor the Society for Applied Anthropology's (SfAA) 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme for this year's meeting is "Destinations," and it is on track to be one of the largest meetings in SfAA's history.

The meeting will be held at Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, along the historic Route 66. The destination offers a beautiful space to engage and reconnect with colleagues as we share our current work in the discipline. It is also a purposeful place to gather with the intention of learning more about the local community.

SMA and SfAA will host Albuquerque/New Mexico Day on Tuesday, March 18. The day will be free and open to the public and will include panel presentations and roundtables focused on local issues, many related to health, healing and wellbeing. I'm particularly looking forward to "Behavioral Healthcare in New Mexico: Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?" chaired by Cathleen Willging, Sabrina Montoya, Christi Fields and Louise Lamphere. The roundtable includes people engaged in protecting behavioral healthcare in New Mexico, from legislators to state officials to leaders in non-profit agencies.

The traditional meeting will begin on Wednesday, March 19. SMA is sponsoring 29 panel sessions at the meeting, cov-

ering a wide range of areas. The intersection of health and immigration is a major theme of the panel sessions, and it begins Wednesday morning with the double session "Health Equity in Anti-Immigration Times: Impacts and Responses in Key Destinations and Critical Occupations," chaired by William Alexander, John Luque and Martha Rees.

SMA members will also present on health policy, the roles of healers and healthcare workers, and patient experiences of illness and disease. Many of these panels and papers push us to think about anthropology in new areas, such as implementation science. This topic is covered in the SMA-sponsored double session "Applying Anthropology in Implementation Science to Improve Healthcare and Health," chaired by Suzanne Heurтин-Roberts and Alison Hamilton. It includes anthropologists working in implementation science in a number of areas, and Russell Glasgow, one of the field's founders, will serve as a discussant for the rich variety of papers.

If you are looking for an opportunity to engage in conversation, Lesley Sharp and Nancy Chen are chairing "Medical Slippage and Subversions: An Open Roundtable Discussion." Although the roundtable will likely be more structured than the gathering at the hotel bar, don't be surprised if you find a note taped to the conference room door with direc-

tions to a local coffee shop where the conversation can be more relaxed and freeform!

In the preliminary program, you will find Society for Medical Anthropology sessions and papers by searching for "SMA" behind each title. I would also encourage you to do a simple text search on words such as health, medicine/al, healing, illness, treatment, wellbeing and suffering. The SfAA meeting is host to numerous presentations of interest to



medical anthropologists, and scanning through these simple text searches will allow you to see the full scope of work related to what we do as medical anthropologists. In addition, the Council on Nursing and Anthropology (CONAA), Political Ecology Society (PESO), and Society for Anthropological Sciences (SAS) are co-sponsors of the meeting and add to the already abundant number of health-related panels, papers and posters.

Finally, don't forget the SMA Open Meeting on Friday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the future of publishing for the society. An SfAA-sponsored reception will follow the open meeting.

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the SMA-SfAA Meeting. We look forward to see you on Route 66!

# Honoring a Commitment to Mentorship

## *Inhorn Receives 2013 Graduate Student Mentor Award*

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JONATHAN STILLO (CUNY GRADUATE CENTER)

Each year, a committee of SMA student members reviews nomination letters for the annual Graduate Student Mentor Award. Each year we are encouraged and inspired as we read about professors who place student mentoring at the forefront of what they do. We see a clear connection between outstanding mentors and the successful career paths of their students.



Professor Marcia Inhorn was awarded the title of 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor. Those who've had the honor of being mentored by her have gone on to pursue successful careers, which they strongly link to Dr. Inhorn's mentoring. As one of her former students declared, "Marcia Inhorn's mentorship has changed my life."

One reviewer wrote to the award committee, "What I found so striking about Inhorn is that many of her supporters are now junior faculty all over the country and even the world." It is clear that despite Inhorn's institutional moves over the years, she has supported her students even after her departure, enough so that her file includes her students from Emory, Michigan and Yale. These students found her supportive from the classroom, to grant writing, publishing and even in their tenure reviews.

Inhorn has been a strong mentor to

her students from grad school to well beyond. One of her students even commented that she had been a mentor for more than twenty years! Another former student wrote, "Marcia was my doctoral advisor at the University of Michigan, my postdoctoral supervisor at Yale, and, now that I am a junior faculty member, continues to offer career mentorship and is also a collaborator."

Another former student wrote, "Perhaps the reason that Marcia is most deserving of this award is not that she has provided such amazing mentorship and opportunities for me, but the fact that she has done similar things for many generations of students." Echoing this, one reviewer commented that it was clear that Professor Inhorn was a mentor not only to individual students, but also to the academy at large.

Nearly every letter mentioned that she was always accessible, and gave prompt and meaningful feedback. One writer shared: "Everything about Marcia's relationship with me and her other students demonstrated the highest level of respect

teaching. Marcia is extremely passionate about her research, but she's just as passionate about her students."

Not only is she recognized as a successful researcher and an amazing teacher, but also as someone who genuinely cares—simply "an amazing human being."

"On one occasion, she mailed the pages [of my dissertation] to me with a toy camel packed in the box," shared one letter. The writer continued, "She had read the chapters on her flight to the United Arab Emirates and bought the stuffed animal for my daughter, then a year old. I recall being grateful equally for her comments and for the camel."

The appreciation that Professor Inhorn's former and current students feel was especially evident by their presence at the SMA business meeting where she was presented with the MASA mentor award. A large number of them gathered by the stage to personally congratulate her as she received the tremendously well-deserved honor.

Special thanks are due to Misty Clover Prigent and Britt Dahlberg for joining Mary Read-Wahidi and Jonathan Stillo on this year's selection committee, to all those who took time to nominate their outstanding mentors and to write support letters on their behalf, and to all the outstanding mentors who share so much of their time and wisdom with

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and concern for our success. When sending her drafts of work, she sent back comments promptly; if she was going to be delayed, she'd tell us in advance. And, it's worth repeating, her comments, and the way she discussed our papers in person, made clear her great passion for

their students. We will circulate a call for nominations for 2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award later this year, and we encourage all readers to nominate graduate medical anthropology professors whose mentorship has made a difference in their lives.



# Recognizing Research with Impact

## *Mark and Mimi Nichter Receive 2013 Practitioner Award*

ROBERTA BAER (U SOUTH FLORIDA)

The George Foster Practicing Medical Anthropology Award, first given in 2005, recognizes those who have made significant contributions to applied medical anthropology. There are three criteria for choosing the recipient of this award: (1) contributions to applying theory and methods in diverse contexts, meaning the individual has worked in a number of problems in different settings, communities and/or populations; (2) accessibility of work to multidisciplinary audiences; and (3) impact on policy. This award includes a \$500 check.

This year, the George Foster Practicing Medical Anthropology Award was presented to Mark and Mimi Nichter. For more than two decades, the Nichters have had long and successful careers focused on interventions in tobacco use and cessation globally. This work was a seminal application of anthropological methods and social science to the issues of tobacco use.

Mark and Mimi Nichter have collaborated on numerous multidisciplinary and multinational teams of scientists to address policies in the United States (IOM, RWJ, NIH), India and globally (WHO)

to demonstrate the sociocultural, political and economic variables that impact tobacco use and that must be addressed in order reduce dependence and use of tobacco in multiple, diverse populations. Representing and supporting the anthropological perspective with the IOM and NIH is no small feat.


In the award committee's understanding of the George Foster Practicing Medical Anthropology Award, they have certainly achieved national and international recognition for their application of medical anthropology to the field of health and tobacco. In addition, the Nichters have also trained and impacted a second generation of medical anthropologists through involvement in their research.

The Nichters are very deserving of the award and follow in the footsteps of other winners. They have made major contributions to health research and intervention on tobacco and respiratory diseases more broadly, and they have an impressive track record of mentoring graduate students as active researchers.

This award will next be given in 2015, but please start thinking now about colleagues who are appropriate to nominate!



*Mark and Mimi Nichter (l-r) receive George Foster Award from Roberta Baer and Doug Feldman.*

  
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### *Coming Soon*

### **The Social Life of Health, Illness, Medicine and Health Care: Anthropological Views**

This March see the latest issue of *Open Anthropology*, highlighting the important work of medical anthropologists, the SMA and *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. The issue features articles by Barbara Rylko-Bauer and Paul Farmer, Erwin Ackerknecht, John Miksic, Gerald Berreman, Thomas Leatherman, Marcia Inhorn and more!

The battle over health care reform was successful in capturing the public's attention. Did it succeed in distracting them too? There was much that was left out—silenced—in the discourse that dominated the airwaves, talk shows, newspapers and internet. Anthropology offers a way to step back, take a deep breath, and get some distance, a necessary respite when the familiar becomes so intense, it blinds. The selection of articles in "The Social Life of Health, Illness, Medicine and Health Care" gives voice to that which has been left out of the public debate on these issues.

*Open Anthropology* helps bring the discipline into the public conversation about critical social issues and contemporary policy debates by focusing on a timely theme, offering a selection of articles relevant to contemporary concerns. The first digital-only, public journal of the AAA, *Open Anthropology* is a pilot experiment. Please find *Open Anthropology* online at [aaaopenanthro.org](http://aaaopenanthro.org) for earlier editions "Marriage and Other Arrangements" and "On Violence."

# Congratulations to Our 2013 Honorees!

## SMA Awards

### BASKER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Alexander Edmonds for *Pretty Modern: Beauty, Sex, and Plastic Surgery in Brazil*

Honorable Mention: Kimberly Theidon for *Intimate Enemies: Violence and Reconciliation in Peru*

### POLGAR PRIZE

Elizabeth Krause for “‘They Just Happened’: The Curious Case of the Unplanned Baby, Italian Low Fertility, and the ‘End’ of Rationality”

### GEORGE FOSTER PRACTICING MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY AWARD

Mimi Nichter and Mark Nichter

### NEW MILLENNIUM BOOK AWARD

Seth Holmes for *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States*

Matthew Wolf-Meyer for *The Slumbering Masses: Sleep, Medicine, and Modern American Life*

### SMA DISSERTATION AWARD

Lauren Carruth for “The Aftermath of Aid: Medical Insecurity in the Northern Somali Region of Ethiopia”

### RIVERS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

Anna Wates for “Interdependence in a Ghanaian Community: Negotiating Disability as Subjectivity”

### MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (MASA) GRADUATE STUDENT MENTOR AWARD

Marcia Inhorn

See the October 2013 issue of *Second Opinion* for information on SMA's five student travel scholarship award winners and the papers they presented in Chicago.

## SIG Awards

### AIDS AND ANTHROPOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP (AARG) CLARK TAYLOR PROFESSIONAL PAPER PRIZE

Betsey Brada for “How to Do Things to Children with Words: Language, Ritual, and Apocalypse in Pediatric HIV Treatment in Botswana”

### AARG GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

Molly McGown for “Syphilis, Medical Authority, and Trouble with Translations in Central Uganda”

### ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO STUDY GROUP (ADTSG) ANNUAL GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

Nayantara Sheoran for “Stratified Contraception: Imagined Cosmopolitanism Versus Lived Tangibility of Emergency Contraceptive Pills in Contemporary India”

### COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE AND INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE GROUP (CAM/IM) GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

Nicholas Bartlett for “Idling after Mao: Opiate Addiction and Compulsory Labor as Treatment”

Honorable Mention: Marc Blainey for “Forbidden Therapy: Santo Daime and the Disputed Status of Entheogens in Western Society”

### COUNCIL FOR ANTHROPOLOGY AND REPRODUCTION (CAR) GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

Nayantara Sheoran for “Stratified Contraception: Imagined Cosmopolitanism Versus Lived Tangibility of Emergency Contraceptive Pills in Contemporary India”

Sebastian Mohr for “Containing Sperm: Managing Legitimacy, Lust, Disgust, and Hybridity in Sperm Donation”

### CRITICAL ANTHROPOLOGY OF GLOBAL HEALTH STUDY GROUP (CAGH) VIRCHOW AWARD, PROFESSIONAL

Susan L. Erikson for “Global Health Business: The Production and Performativity of Statistics in Sierra Leone and Germany”

### CAGH VIRCHOW AWARD, GRADUATE STUDENT

Rachel Irwin for “In Dialogue with All Relevant Stakeholders’: Rituals, Roles and Relationships amongst the World Health Organization, the Transnational Food Industry and Civil Society”

Bo Kyeong Seo for “The Inscription of Birth: Antenatal Care for Shan Migrant Women and Issues of Legibility”

### CAGH VIRCHOW AWARD, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Thea Lange for “Rebiologizing Race in the Classroom and the Clinic: How the Conflation of Race and Genetics is Reifying Race as Biology”

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE (STM) GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

Emily Wanderer for “Unseen Biologies: Infectious Disease and Biosecurity in Mexico” (2013 recipient)

Natalie Porter for “Bird Flu Biopower: Strategies for Multispecies Coexistence in Viet Nam,” published in *American Ethnologist* (2012 recipient)

*Photos of awardees, below, include (l-r) Seth Holmes (New Millennium Book Award) with Doug Feldman and Lance Gravlee; Alexander Edmonds (Basker Memorial Prize) with Virginia Dominguez, Doug Feldman and Sarah Willen; and Lauren Carruth (SMA Dissertation Award) with Doug Feldman.*





## Looking Ahead to the Future of SMA Publishing

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My term as president officially began at the end of our annual business meeting at the AAA meetings in Chicago and this transition is one that I will remember.

Worthy of special note is the SMA membership's overwhelming endorsement of Merrill Singer's call for a song from Bryan Page—an SMA tradition that I hope Bryan will continue during my term in office.

Looking back, having the start of one's term overlap with a song whose refrain includes "thanks for all the work at zero pay" is a great beginning. It acknowledges the tremendous amount of good will and effort that keeps the SMA going, including the service provided by those who accept invitations to join SMA committees and volunteer in response to a call. So I want to begin this column with an advance thank you to everyone who is working or will work for zero pay on behalf of the SMA during my term. And as I've noticed that our (very) part-time staff also often go beyond the call of duty to help keep the SMA functioning smoothly, they are included in these advance thanks.

Of course, at the vanguard is our dedicated executive board, so this seems a good time to express appreciation for the ongoing efforts of our continuing board members (including our hard-working *MAQ* editor) and to warmly welcome our four new elected board members: Janelle Taylor (secretary), Athena McLean, James Pfeiffer and Jonathan Stillo (student representative). In addition, the confirmation of Megan Carney as the new column editor for *Anthropology News* (and ex-officio board member) was one of the pleasures of the SMA

board meeting in Chicago.

I also want to extend a special thank you to Mark Nichter, a former SMA president, for graciously accepting the unanimous recommendation of the SMA Nominations Committee to fill an unanticipated one-year vacancy on the SMA board. One of our valued board members, Mark Padilla, resigned in December given heavy competing demands associated with a large international research project involving intensive fieldwork. I am grateful for Mark Padilla's sage advice and help, and will truly miss his presence on the board.

Another set of kudos goes to Heather Reinsinger, the SfAA-SMA program chair who reviewed and organized abstract submissions and otherwise effectively coordinated the SMA's sessions and events for the upcoming meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico (March 18-22). Among the many SMA-sponsored events at that meeting will be an open discussion on the future of publishing, to be held on Friday, March 21, 2014, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by an SMA

reception and cash bar, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Over the next couple of years, the board will continue to seek out ways of hearing from SMA members about issues facing our organization. The open meeting in Albuquerque provides one venue for hearing member ideas that will inform decisions about publishing that must be made before the 2014 AAA meeting.

At the SMA board meeting in Chicago, a standing committee on the Future of Publishing was established. It has since been reconstituted with members from the initial ad-hoc committee that operated only for a short time in 2013. As the current chair of this committee, I look forward to the conversation in Albuquerque. Clarence (Lance) Gravlee, our *MAQ* editor, plans to attend, and I hope other members of the SMA Future of Publishing Committee will also be present.

Because decisions about the future of publishing are vital for the SMA and the AAA, my remaining comments are devoted to this topic. The complexities are such that I have some trepidation about writing this highly abbreviated summary, and making an error or missing something key, but I think it is important to place the AAA's ongoing discussions with the publishing sections, like the SMA, in a somewhat larger temporal envelope.

In late 2006, the AAA Committee on the Future of Print and Electronic Pub-



Bryan Page performs at the SMA Business Meeting, November 2014.

lishing (CFPEP) was established to develop policy recommendations. The October 2009 issue of *Anthropology News* (AN) provides an informative summary of the early history and the development of the “portfolio principle,” written by current AAA President-Elect Alisse Waterston. A couple of years later, in the October 2011 issue of AN, CFPEP invited AAA members to “share your thoughts on how to sustain and support a diverse portfolio of publications over the long-term, and how to make the most of the internet in scholarly dissemination.” In October 2012, Raym-Crow’s financial analysis of the AAA publishing program was made available to all members and CFPEP stressed the need for action to address the “imperiled sustainability” of the AAA publishing program given increasing costs and decreasing revenues. Since then, sections have been asked to provide input and formulate initial plans for reducing costs.

Underpinning these discussions is the December 2017 end-date for the contract

increasing revenue that were highly unpopular with AAA members, such as the need for members to pay author fees or significant increases in membership dues.

One change that will impact members of all publishing sections is a collective move to a digital-primary subscription format beginning in January 2016, with print-on-demand available at additional cost. As the move away from providing print copies of journals to section members is not, by itself, a sufficient response to the current financial straits, the publishing sections are being asked to decide soon on their own future paths. Specifically, sections wanting their publications to be included in the portfolio agreement for 2018 and beyond have been asked to submit a five-year plan by July 2014 that is consistent with overall values recently articulated as underpinning the AAA publishing program: quality, breadth, accessibility and sustainability.

Although these values offer a potentially helpful framework for orienting decision-making, figuring out how much

access publishing partnership as part of the new contract bidding process.

The original ad-hoc SMA Committee on the Future of Publishing highlighted “the broader long-term challenges in planning for a future in which greater open access to journal content is likely, particularly given a number of the forces currently in play.” The committee framed the future as “one of moving, albeit cautiously, toward greater access while sustaining the journal—a difficult balancing act.”

Although not envisioning MAQ as providing “gold” open access during his term, in a statement published in the first issue of MAQ in 2013, editor Lance Gravlee wrote that he believes “it is in the best interest of the journal, the Society, and the discipline to pursue a model of open-access publishing that makes MAQ content freely available without a subscription.” In this journal introduction, Gravlee pointed to a recently established institutional digital repository accepting final manuscript versions of articles from authors that offers an avenue for “green” open access to MAQ content. Should the SMA take steps toward “gold” open access or is the current “green” potential in the best interests of the journal and the society?

Switching gears quite radically to an everyday action, it is the case that the SMA benefits financially when active links to assigned or recommended articles are provided on course websites rather than faculty posting PDFs for their students to download. As another recommendation of CFPEP revolves around changes to the royalty allocation formula for Wiley-Blackwell revenues, the active downloading of articles may have a greater impact on the SMA’s financial wellbeing through to the end of the current contract.

In addition to the open discussion meeting in Albuquerque, the newly re-established SMA Committee on the Future of Publishing welcomes comments and suggestions that will help the SMA publication program thrive in an ever-changing environment and benefit from new communication technologies (messages to the committee may be sent to [sma-publishingcomm@medanthro.net](mailto:sma-publishingcomm@medanthro.net)).

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with our current publishing partner, Wiley-Blackwell, and the need for AAA to be ready in 2016 to solicit bids from qualified publishing partners (most likely including Wiley-Blackwell) for a new contract to begin in 2018. It should be noted that historically the SMA has benefitted financially from being part of the larger AAA publishing collective, or “portfolio.”

Recently, in December 2013, section leaders were informed that the AAA Executive Committee voted to accept the recommendations of CFPEP (for details, see an article to appear in the March/April 2014 issue of AN). These recommendations are silent on possible routes for

stress to put on each of these values, and in particular the degree of emphasis on sustainability and accessibility, is a tough challenge. Similarly demanding is the task of delineating a path forward in light of anticipated compromises among these values and future uncertainties.

But such deliberations are critical for future directions. For example, depending on the plans submitted by sections, the soon-to-be-established AAA Publishing Oversight Working Group—to include representatives from publishing sections, CFPEP and the Anthropological Communication Committee—may recommend consideration of an open-

# Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Opposes TRAP Laws Limiting Access to Abortion

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In the past five years, legislation restricting rights and access to abortion has been introduced and passed at both the state and federal level at an unprecedented rate. More than half of all states now have laws that: (1) impose restrictions on abortion providers through the Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) laws; (2) mandate wait-times and medically unnecessary sonograms prior to receiving an abortion; and/or (3) reduce the gestational age for legal abortion.

Over the past year, the Advocacy Committee of the Council on Anthropology and Reproduction (CAR), an SMA interest group, has tracked the legislative assault on abortion rights across the country, particularly through the TRAP laws. To date, 28 states have passed TRAP laws, and 60% of women of reproductive age reside in these states. Since 2010, over 50 clinics providing abortion have closed due to these new regulations. CAR joins other activists and public health advocates in opposing recent TRAP legislation. While proponents claim that these laws protect women's health, we believe that the main purpose of TRAP laws is to force the closure of medical clinics that provide abortion, rather than to safeguard women's health.

## What Are the TRAP Laws?

Proponents argue that TRAP laws ensure women's safety by imposing strict requirements on both abortion providers and their clinical spaces. However, TRAP laws force clinics providing abortion to meet far stricter structural standards than those required by surgical centers. These laws often regulate physical properties of the building, such as number of parking spaces or the width of hallways, which in no way impact the health and safety of women re-

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ceiving abortion procedures. Many clinics have been forced to close or no longer provide abortion services because they cannot afford the structural renovations.

In some states, TRAP laws require that abortion providers hold hospital privileges or equivalent, despite studies demonstrating less than 0.3% of U.S. abortion patients experience a complication that requires hospitalization. In fact, the risk of death from childbirth is about 14 times higher than that of dying from a legal abortion. Moreover, any woman suffering from abortion complications may be admitted to any emergency room in the U.S., regardless of her provider's affiliation. For many providers in states hostile to abortion, it has proved virtually impossible to secure hospital privileges, ultimately leading to clinic closures. Other states have required clinics to be located no more than 30 minutes from a hospital, leading to clinic closure in rural areas.

## CAR Opposes TRAP Legislation

CAR members recognize the need for evidence-based, non-partisan health policies to ensure that abortions are provided in safe and supportive environments by qualified practitioners. However, we view these laws as motivated by politics rather than science. Given that TRAP laws are often endorsed by the same groups who promote fetal personhood laws as well as

advocate for restricted funding for family planning, we view such legislation as part of a broader cultural movement to position fetal rights over women's health.

Research has linked restricted access to safe and legal abortion to an increased rate of clandestine and unsafe abortion. Worldwide, unsafe abortion continues to be one of the leading causes of maternal mortality and morbidity. An estimated 220,000 children each year lose their mothers from abortion-related deaths; these children are at higher risk for neglect, ill health, abandonment and death. Furthermore, because women with resources can make the potentially expensive and difficult trips across state or national borders to obtain abortions, the burdens of both unwanted pregnancies and unsafe abortions disproportionately impact poor, young, rural and minority women and communities, both in the United States and globally.

## What Can You Do?

- As voters, call on lawmakers to rescind TRAP laws and stand in opposition to policies that restrict access to safe abortion.
- As activists, support organizations like Planned Parenthood that provide reproductive health services to low-income women and that are being targeted by these laws.
- As teachers, talk to students about the TRAP laws and their effects on health and gender disparities.
- As scholars, track the effects of the TRAP laws in affected states, and continue to challenge the denial of women's reproductive agency and normalization of fetal personhood.
- Use and distribute our policy statement, soon available on the CAR website ([www.medanthro.net/car](http://www.medanthro.net/car)).

## What is a commentary and how can I submit one?

*SMA invites members and interest groups to submit commentaries to Second Opinion for possible publication. Published commentaries reflect the views of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the SMA or AAA. If you are interested in sharing your writing on a topic of public interest, informed by medical anthropology, please email the SMA editor at [newsletter@medanthro.net](mailto:newsletter@medanthro.net).*



## Call for Nominations

### SMA President-Elect and Members-at-Large

The Society for Medical Anthropology is calling for nominations to fill the following positions on the SMA Executive Board: president-elect (4-year term, 2014-18), member-at-large (3 positions open, 3-year term, 2014-17). Nominees must be members of SMA. Terms begin at the SMA Board meeting at the AAA meeting in November 2014.

To nominate someone (self-nominations are welcome) please submit the following information electronically: (1) a statement from the nominator explaining why you chose to nominate this person; (2) a CV for the nominee; (3) confirmation that the proposed nominee has agreed to stand for election if nominated by the Nominations Committee.

Please submit your nomination by the extended deadline of January 31, 2014 to the chair of the Nominations Committee: Juliet McMullin, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Riverside, [julietm@ucr.edu](mailto:julietm@ucr.edu). Please also email that address for questions regarding nomination procedures.

## Honoring Our Past Presidents

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During the 2013 AAA Annual Meeting, the Society for Medical Anthropology recognized our past presidents at a special reception held in their honor. The reception offered a chance for some of medical anthropology's most beloved leaders to gather together and consider the trajectory of the field over the past five decades.

This special event also offered SMA an opportunity to revisit the society's records and develop a more complete list of past section leaders. Below is the most comprehensive list currently available, compiled by Ann McElroy and Irene Ketonen, with input from the SMA membership.



Guests at the SMA Past Presidents' Reception (l-r): Lucy Cohen, Doug Feldman, Susan Scrimshaw, Shirley Lindenbaum, Sue Estroff, William Dressler, Margaret Lock, Craig Janes, Marcia Inhorn, Mark Nichter and Carolyn Sargent.

### SMA Past Presidents and Their Terms

Doug Feldman (2011-13)  
Carolyn Sargent (2010-11)  
Jeannine Coreil (2009-10)  
Carolyn Sargent (2007-09)  
Marcia Inhorn (2005-07)  
Craig Janes (2003-05)  
Mark Nichter (2001-03)  
Bill Dressler (1999-2001)  
Lucile F. Newman (1997-99)  
Carole Browner (1995-97)  
Thomas M. Johnson (1993-95)  
Sue Estroff (1991-93)  
Shirley Lindenbaum (1989-91)  
Pertti Peltto (1987-89)  
Margaret Lock (1985-87)  
Susan Scrimshaw (1983-85)  
David Landy (1984)  
Benjamin Paul (1983)  
Charles C. Hughes (1982)  
Anthony C. Colson (1981)  
Lucy Cohen (1980)  
Cliff Barnett (1979)  
Steve Polgar (1979)  
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Robert Edgerton (1977)  
Arthur J. Rubel (1976)  
Margaret Clark, SMA chair (1973)  
Dorothea Leighton, SMA chair (1971-72)  
Michael W. Everett, SMA interim chair (1970)  
Hazel Weidman, Group for Medical Anthropology chair (1966-69)

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