

SECOND OPINION

Remembering Diane Weiner

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Diane E. Weiner, 53, assistant professor of medical anthropology at Boston University School of Medicine and SMA Executive Board member, passed away on June 14, 2013, after suffering a stroke. Diane received her B.A. in anthropology at Boston University and went on to earn an M.A. at Stanford and Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles (1993).

Diane pioneered the ethnographic study of chronic illness and palliative care in Native Americans of southern California. Her work was highly detailed, describing the complex interactions between meanings, history and health practices of southern California tribes with whom she worked. More importantly Diane was committed to an anthropology that engaged closely with the community. She tirelessly worked to ensure that her academic contributions were returned to the community and used for their benefit.

Diane's nearly twenty years of collaboration with Native Nations in southern California resulted in numerous health education programs and interventions for clinicians and lay people. She was well respected in Native American communities in southern California. Having relocated to the Northeast in 2004, Diane continued her work in California, but, since

2006, has worked on projects in Connecticut and other parts of the Northeast. Based at Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Diane worked with the community as part of a team on cancer education and survivorship.

She was a colleague whose generosity and engagement with diverse groups of people allowed her to connect people and ideas, always ensuring that people with similar interests met. Many of her scholarly collaborations are evident in her publications and her work as co-editor or editor of such volumes as *Medicine Ways: Disease, Health, and Survival Among Native Americans* (AltaMira Press 2001); *Preventing and Controlling Cancer in North America: A Cross Cultural Perspective* (Greenwood Press 1999); and *Confronting Cancer: Metaphors, Advocacy, and Anthropology* (School of American Research 2009).

Diane worked with numerous graduate students, directing and encouraging them in their research agendas and career paths. Her mentorship and dedication to training graduate students spoke to her generous and kind spirit. Diane engaged students with her passion for medical anthropology and students found a source of support in her. She would read countless drafts of papers and offer her insights.

Her investment in her students and peers demonstrated her belief in the human spirit. She always saw the potential in people and our capacity to connect, to care about the discipline and, more importantly, to care about each other.

Welcome to SMA's Newest Leaders

The results of our section's election are in. The SMA membership has elected Janelle S. Taylor as secretary and board officer, James Pfeiffer as board member-at-large #1, Athena H. McLean as board member-at-large #2 and Jonathan J. Stillo as student representative and board member. Their positions begin at the next board meeting, to be held during the AAA Annual Meeting in Chicago on November 23rd, and their tenure will continue for three years. Please join me in congratulating these four new members of the SMA board.

We are also pleased to announce that Heather Reisinger will serve as the 2014 SMA Program Chair for the SfAA/SMA meetings in Albuquerque in March 2014. She is an assistant professor in the General Internal Medicine Division of Carvey College of Medicine at the University of Iowa, and an affiliate faculty in the Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa. She received her PhD in anthropology from American University in 2004 and has been an SMA member since 2001.

Diane will be remembered for her care, intelligence, kindness and laughter. She is survived by her husband JR Rosenthal, daughter Ramona Sky Rosenthal, and her sister and brother Jan and Robert Weiner. A fund has been organized in Diane Weiner's memory (<http://dianeweiener.org>).

Reflections on the EASA-SMA Meeting in Tarragona, Spain

ELIZABETH CARTWRIGHT (IDAHO STATE U)

The meeting “Encounters and Engagements: Creating New Agendas for Medical Anthropology” took place this June 12-14. The goal of our joint EASA-SMA conference was to create a dynamic conference structure that would allow scholars of medical anthropology from all over the globe and from both academic and applied research settings to come together to present, discuss and debate their ethnographic insights, methodologies and sensitizing concepts.

The conference was constructed to provide a much-needed worldwide forum for medical anthropology scholars with the explicit intent of critically examining current trends in this particular subdiscipline of cultural anthropology. The conference goal was to challenge ourselves and our discipline with respect to the selection of topics being studied, theoretical traditions and methodological advances.

We had a wonderful response from the global medical anthropology community: there were over 600 attendees and 51 countries were represented. It was an amazing group of scholars dedicated to the field of medical anthropology in all its diverse forms. The beautiful Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV) in Tarragona provided us with meeting spaces, auditoriums, eating venues

and common areas for everything from our opening reception to an amazing performance by the “Castellers”—something that everyone should see! If you missed it, here’s a short clip: youtu.be/K1HWyUIZ5kk.

The conference was structured around ten thematic streams where participants could focus in on theoretical and methodological debates that many times pushed the envelope of new and exciting ways to conceptualize where our field is and where it is going. The ten streams had the following titles: (1) Reconfiguration of Medical Practice; (2) Therapeutic Itineraries; (3) New Collectivities in Health; (4) Uncertainty, Intuition and Trust; (5) Lifecycles and Health; (6) Human Intersections: Gender, Experimentation and the Biopolitics of Care; (7) Violence and Agency; (8) Transnational/Transculture Flows; (9) Power, Gender and Race; and (10) Body Boundaries, Practices and (new) Phenomenological Queries.

The abstracts of all the papers given at the conference as well as written reflections on the contributions of the streams to medical anthropological thinking will be available on the conference website by early August.

Beyond the thematic streams, there was a full film festival featuring medical

anthropological films from around the world that played throughout the conference. Attendees were offered nine half-day skills sharing workshops and many fine posters were exhibited in one of the URV halls. Generous funding from the Wenner-Gren Foundation provided travel awards. These travel awards allowed 20 outstanding scholars from low resource countries to attend the meeting.

On a personal note, when we started this project nearly two years ago now, we (the steering committee) barely knew each other. After dozens of hours, Skyping back and forth across the globe, we have truly created a strong and vibrant community of scholars and friends. I would like to note that it was a great pleasure to work with the others on the steering committee, Anita Hardon (University of Amsterdam, EASA) and Josep Comelles (URV).

Additionally, over last year we were also joined by Carolyn Smith-Morris (Southern Methodist University), Manfred Egbe (URV), Viola Horbst (University of Munchen), Rene Gerrets (University of Amsterdam) and Andrew Russell (Durham University), all of whom were key team players in the organization of this conference.

Finally, on behalf of all the organizers, we would like to thank the stream leaders and the conference participants. We look forward to many exciting new collaborations and exchanges in the future.



Misty Prigent Clover receives an SMA student travel award from SMA Pres. Doug Feldman // Elizabeth Cartwright



SMA's Mimi Nichter, Liz Carwright and Mark Nichter // Heide Castañeda

Medical Examinations: Art, Story, Theory

A conference examining narrative in medicine at UCR

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JULIET McMULLIN (UC RIVERSIDE)

In April 2013, the University of California, Riverside (UCR) hosted the two-day conference “Medical Examinations: Art, Story, Theory.” Focusing on applied and clinical roles of story in medicine, this conference emphasized interdisciplinary and community scholarship bringing the legacy of illness narratives to the forefront through artwork, comics, theatre, performance, literature, clinical and practice-based vignettes, psychology and anthropology.

Engaging with humanities fields, students and faculty built conversations to respond to questions and insights about narrative within medical humanities. Additionally, the conference engaged the anthropological genealogy stemming from Arthur Kleinman’s *Illness Narratives*, the work of Cheryl Mattingly and Linda Garro, and current conversations around the nature of story and telling, including the role of identity and the personal.

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of Education for the SOM, discussed the realities of everyday medical practice and the opportunities in training future physicians. Lyons also called for greater attention to be paid to the need for patients to have their story.

The conference generated themes that reflect the era of the self-reflective medi-



UC Riverside Campus // Marc Buehler

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In August 2013, UCR will admit its first class to its School of Medicine (SOM), the first new comprehensive public medical school in the state of California in more than 40 years. This is an opportune time to examine the contributions and possibilities of medical anthropology and humanities, and this development spurred the desire for the two-day conference. Funding to design an event that explored a multitude

of imaginaries that come with suffering, health seeking and intersections with medical education was supported by the Center for Ideas and Society, Conference Director Juliet McMullin, Associate Directors Chikako Takeshita and Kara Miller, and participants from the Andrew Mellon Foundation Medical Narratives working group.

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cal archetype. There is much work in the anthropological canon on the role of the listener, but Lyons suggests that providers take on the role of witness in opposition to that of evaluator. This represents an increase in the call for a different provider persona.

The active specificity of this conversation contributes to medical humanism as a whole. While medical anthropology has been open to interdisciplinary conversations, at times a gap in the application of humanities work in health practices exists. As the broader conversation on narrative medicine takes a self-reflective turn toward physician subjectivities, the engagement of medical anthropology becomes even more necessary, bringing context and non-medical voices into the conversation and recognizing that they too make up the everyday life of networks of care.

If you would like more information about the conference and its content please contact Juliet McMullin, julietm@ucr.edu.

Destinations

2014 Annual SfAA Meetings to Be Held in Albuquerque

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COLLEGE PARK)

As program chair for the 2014 meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA), I am delighted that the Society for Medical Anthropology will be meeting with us in Albuquerque next March. We are planning a full venue of sessions, workshops, tours and entertainment. It is definitely not too early to begin planning, whether you are coming as a member of the SMA, the SfAA or of both organizations.

The meetings will be held March 17-22 in Old Town Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme for the SfAA meetings is "Destinations":

We are a world on the move. We are increasingly drawn to issues of transience and mobility. The leading question of our time might no longer be who are we but rather where are we going? Where will we live as storms imperil our lives and as sea levels rise, or as fresh water becomes a scarce commodity in many parts of the world? How do we imagine a fair and just world in those places where immigrants face discrimination and hostility and political refugees wait impatiently for someone to respond to their plight? Where do we find safe harbor when some of our most constant fellow travelers are disease and epidemics and where health care professionals struggle to respond to the needs of a diverse and highly transient population? Where do we locate the past and peoples' heritage in such a great furor of instability and mobility? How and to what effect are peoples' homes and environments transformed by the ubiquitous demands of a global tourism industry? How far and at what cost must our food and goods travel to satisfy modern consumer demand? How do our cities and communities respond to the needs of the homeless, the undocumented and multiple other visitors? How are the diasporas of the past reflected in the contingencies of the present, and how might we anticipate the movements of people in the future?

Some colleagues might recall that I served as program chair for the 2005 SfAA Meetings that were held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, when the SMA also met with us. I was guided in planning for the Santa Fe meetings by a few open questions, which seem equally appropriate for the 2014 meetings. The questions were: What is a professional meeting and how does one balance its various objectives of scholarship, collegiality, professionalism, spectacle, and party? What different disciplines, professions, and publics are served by an interdisciplinary organization such as ours, and how might we extend our reach to even more interests and publics? What are our responsibilities to the communities in which we hold our meetings?

These questions will inform every aspect of the 2014 meetings, from the variety of symposia and other events encouraged and to be scheduled, to the tours we develop, and even to the variety of accommodations we put forth and the kinds of restaurants and entertainments we recommend.

One important feature of the 2014 meetings will be "Albuquerque/New Mexico Day." This will be the first day of the meetings, Tuesday, March 17. This is actually an added day, since our meetings normally begin on Wednesday. The entire day of March 17 will showcase issues and inquiries that relate directly to Albuquerque and the Southwest. One aim will be to show ways in which anthropologists and other applied social scientists have contributed to our understanding of topics that are of concern and interest to the people of Albuquerque, including topics related to health and of interest to medical anthropologists. It is our plan to invite the people of Albuquerque to participate in and attend these events free of charge. I recommend planning your participation to include attending this innovative first day.

The tours we offer will be carefully reviewed to ensure that they are conducted in a manner that is respectful of the wishes and interests of those we tour. We hope to offer tours to nearby Pueblos, to a variety of historic sites and museums, and to a number of places where people are working hard to address some of the

urgent problems of our time, including environmental issues, health issues, immigration, food and agricultural systems, and heritage tourism.

The 2014 meetings of the SfAA and SMA will convene at the Hotel Albuquerque, located in historic Old Town. Old Town is a popular tourist destination in its own right, with many fine restaurants, shopping and opportunities to stroll and sightsee. Some of the city's favorite parks, including the Albuquerque Biological Park, are nearby, and there is a place not far from the hotel to rent bicycles. A rapid transit system sends buses by Old Town every 16 minutes or so, making it convenient to explore many other Albuquerque neighborhoods, restaurants and sites.

Sneak Peek of SMA in Chicago

ALEX EDMONDS (U AMSTERDAM)

MARY REBECCA READ-WAHIDI (U ALABAMA)

The SMA received a large number of panel submissions this year—around 65—for the upcoming AAA meeting in Chicago. We expect a lively discussion representing the regional and thematic diversity of the discipline.

We are also pleased to be able to sponsor three invited sessions: "Technologies of the Self: Negotiating Individual Desires, Health and the Public Good"; "Child Development Expertise: A Science of the Child in Modernity" and "The Anthropology of Biopower and Global Mental Health: Pasts, Presents and Futures." We will co-sponsor a double session together with the Society for the Anthropology of Religion: "Post-Secular Life: The Spirit of Science, Medicine and Technology."

Registration for the 2013 AAA Annual Meeting will open August 1st at aaanet.org/meetings. This year, attendees may select reduced-rate "green registration" in all registration categories. These registrants will not receive a printed copy of the program in Chicago, but will be able to take advantage of the online program scheduler and digital program (available in e-reader format).

The Rudolf Virchow Awards

Call for Submissions

Deadline: July 31, 2013

Rudolf Virchow, a 19th century German physician, was a key founder of social medicine. His contributions centered on his recognition that multiple intersecting factors—social, political and economic—produce disease and illness. He argued that the circumstances and deprivations of poverty increase people's susceptibility to disease and result in reduced life expectancy and quality of life. He eloquently articulated the limits of medicine in the absence of material security, a sentiment that informed his view that nation-states play an important role in ensuring health security for a citizenry. Virchow viewed advocacy as an essential part of health praxis, and, in keeping with this legacy, the Critical Anthropology for Global Health Caucus honors Virchow's work with three awards.

The annual Rudolf Virchow Awards are given by the Critical Anthropology for Global Health Caucus, a special interest group of the Society for Medical Anthropology. The professional award honors a recent published article, and the graduate and undergraduate student awards honor recent student papers that have not yet benefited from editorial review. Winning submissions combine a critical anthropology focus with rich ethnographic data, and best reflect, extend and/or advance critical perspectives in medical anthropology.

Submissions

The submission deadline for the 2013 Rudolf Virchow Awards is July 31, 2013. Awards are made in the following categories: (1) professional (2) graduate student and (3) undergraduate student (see below). We encourage you to submit your own work and/or to nominate papers of your students or articles of colleagues.

If you wish to submit a paper for consideration, please email the paper and a cover letter of introduction to the 2013 Virchow Awards Chair, Heide Castañeda, Department of Anthropology, University

of South Florida, at hcastaneda@usf.edu by July 31, 2013. Hard copies are no longer accepted. Confirmation of receipt will be sent. To ensure a prompt and fair review, papers will not be accepted after the July 31, 2013, 11:59 p.m. PST deadline.

Professional Award Category

The professional award will be awarded for an article or chapter published during 2012 in a peer-reviewed journal (print or online) or peer-reviewed edited volume. Articles may be singly- or co-authored. Technical reports and other contracted works are not considered for this award. Professional articles must be submitted electronically in Adobe PDF format as they appeared in print.

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Graduate Award Category

The graduate student award will be awarded for a paper that was written in 2012 or 2013 and that has not yet been subjected to editorial review. Papers that have been submitted to a journal or edited volume, but that have not yet benefited from review, may be included in this category. Theses and dissertations will not be accepted. However, a summary no longer than 30 pages double-spaced (inclusive of references) of a thesis or a dissertation that can stand on its own, or a chapter that has been revised to stand on its own, will be considered for this award. Papers from students who have graduated are still accepted in this category as long as the paper was written in 2012 or 2013. Graduate student papers must be submitted in Adobe PDF or Word format with a title-only first page. File sizes must be less than 2MB. The document must exclude the author's name, author's advisor and university affiliation throughout. The cover letter



should include this information. Only papers, not interactive media, will be considered for this award.

Undergraduate Award Category

The undergraduate student award will be awarded for a paper written in 2012 or 2013, while the student was still an undergraduate. Honors theses are not accepted. However, a shortened version no longer than 30 pages double-spaced (inclusive of references) of the thesis or a chapter from the thesis that has been revised to stand on its own will be considered for this award. Undergraduate student papers must be submitted in Adobe PDF or Word format with a title-only first page. File sizes must be less than 2MB. The document must exclude the authors name, author's advisor and university affiliation throughout. The cover letter should include this information. Only papers, not interactive media, will be considered for this award.

SMA Student Travel Fellowships to Attend the AAA Annual Meeting

Call for Submissions

Deadline: September 4, 2013

The Society for Medical Anthropology is pleased to offer its student members five student travel fellowships (\$500 each) for travel to the 2013 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago, Illinois, November 20-24. Eligibility is restricted to student members of the SMA who are presenting a paper or poster at the meeting. Meeting all four eligibility criteria is required (see below). Fellowships will be awarded based on the clarity, significance and innovation of their submitted abstract, and the strength of a letter of support from a faculty member who can discuss the significance of their presented work.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Submit proof of current SMA student membership.
2. Submit proof of registration for the AAA conference.
3. Submit a copy of your AAA paper/poster abstract.
4. Submit a letter of recommendation from an advisor.

Application Procedure

Please compile all the supporting materials into ONE file and save in PDF format. Email materials and direct any inquiries to the SMA 2013 Student Travel Fellowship Committee at smaawards@gmail.com by September 4, 2013. Fellowship award winners will be notified by September 25, 2013. Awards will be formally announced, and checks will be presented, at the SMA Business Meeting in Chicago.

MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award

Call for Submissions

Deadline: August 1, 2013

The MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award recognizes excellence in graduate student mentorship, and is aimed at senior or mid-career scholars who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to teaching and mentorship throughout their careers, particularly those who have taken the time to successfully guide their MA and PhD students through fieldwork and the thesis or dissertation writing process.

Previous recipients of the MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award are Peter Brown (2012, photo at right), Frances Barg (2011), Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good and Byron J. Good (2010), Carole Browner (2009), Joe Dumit (2008), Lenore Manderson (2007) and Mac Marshall (2006).

Attributes to Consider

- Communicates clearly and supportively with students and offers consistent, positive guidance; provides timely and productive feedback on written work
- Creates a friendly, encouraging and academically challenging environment; makes an effort to teach medical anthropology in innovative and effective ways
- Encourages students to submit abstracts of their own at conferences, write and submit their own work to journals, teach well and value teaching and begin to function on their own in those public arenas that include medical anthropology
- Has a good track record of retaining students: remaining on committees, retaining advisees and actually graduating a good proportion of their advisees
- Inspires students to pursue their own research, teaching and advocacy goals in medical anthropology, despite the daunting nature of graduate school and the dissertation process



Peter Brown, 2012 award recipient

- Helps students connect with other professionals in their field outside of their own departments and helps familiarize them with the unwritten rules of their professional community
- Steps back and allows students to learn from their own mistakes; lets them step forward on their own and begin making their own decisions; lets them define and take appropriate risks

Nomination Procedures and Application Materials

A minimum of three letters of nomination should be from current and/or former students outlining the ways in which the candidate has been a strong mentor, advisor and/or teacher. One additional letter may also be submitted by a junior colleague whom the candidate has mentored; however, this is not a requirement. Each letter should consider the above criteria and address any other attributes or practices that have led to supportive, successful mentoring. Nominations for the faculty mentor award will remain open for three years for consideration by the award committee.

Submissions

Nomination and support letters will be accepted until the deadline of August 1, 2013. Please send all nomination letters to Mary Rebecca Read-Wahidi at mrread@crimson.ua.edu. Award recipient will be honored during the SMA Business Meeting and Award Ceremony at the AAA Annual Meeting in Chicago this November.

Council on Anthropology and Reproduction

Graduate Student Paper Competition

Call for Submissions
Deadline: September 1, 2013

The Council on Anthropology and Reproduction (CAR), an interest group of the Society for Medical Anthropology, is pleased to announce its 13th annual award competition for the best graduate student paper on anthropology and reproduction. Submissions from all anthropological subdisciplines are encouraged.

Criteria on which the papers will be judged include: (1) ethnographic richness based on original fieldwork; (2) anthropological methodology; (3) linkage of work to literature in anthropology and reproduction; (4) effective use of theory and data; (5) originality/creativity; (6) organization, quality of writing and coherence of argument.

Please remove identifying information on the paper itself. Provide a separate cover page that includes your name, mailing address, email address and school affiliation. Papers should

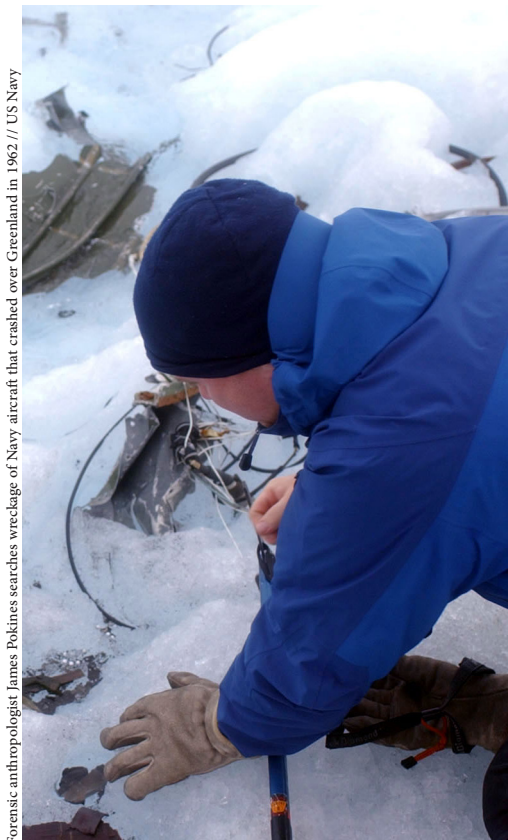
be double-spaced, no more than 9,000 words including references, and references should be formatted in *American Anthropologist* style. Papers already published or accepted for publication at time of submission are not eligible.

The papers will be read by a committee of CAR members. The author of the winning paper will receive a cash award of approximately \$250. The winner will be announced in both the *CAR Newsletter* and *Anthropology News*, and an abstract will be published in the *CAR Newsletter*. Questions may be directed to Jill Fleuriet at jill.fleuriet@utsa.edu.

Submissions must be emailed or postmarked by September 1, 2013, 11:59 p.m. Students are encouraged to submit papers at any time before the deadline. Please send electronic submissions to the chair of the CAR Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee at jill.fleuriet@utsa.edu or print copies to Jill Fleuriet, Department of Anthropology, 1 UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78230.

FAQs

1. Can the paper be a critical synthetic review of literature? No, the paper needs to be based on original research conducted by the author.
2. Can the author graduate in August and still submit in September? Yes, if the paper is submitted prior to graduation.
3. Can the author be an undergraduate? No. The author must be a graduate student in anthropology.
4. Can the paper be under review but not accepted? Yes.
5. Can the submission be emailed? Email is preferred, but print copies are allowed.
6. Can the paper be co-authored? The paper can be co-authored, if the student is the primary author and can attest to completing at least 50% of the data collection and analysis and at least 75% of the writing.
7. For complete award details, including past recipients, see: <https://sites.google.com/site/anthrorepro/Home/prizes/student-paper-prizes>.



Forensic anthropologist James Pokines searches wreckage of Navy aircraft that crashed over Greenland in 1962 // US Navy

AAA Seeks Practicing Anthropologists for Study on Connections with Academia

Help the American Anthropological Association's Committee on Practicing, Applied and Public Interest Anthropology (CoPAPIA) understand the careers of practicing & professional anthropologists.

Are you a practicing or professional anthropologist working outside of an academic organization? If so, are you collaborating in any way with an academic institution as part of your professional life? We are aware from anecdotes that many practicing and professional anthropologists participate in the academic community in one way or another. But we know little about what this participation is like, how academic responsibilities figure in their careers, and how practitioners are compensated for their academic commitments.

CoPAPIA is seeking volunteers to share their experiences and views on this issue in a 30-minute phone interview. We will draw on the data we collect to make available various models for department-practitioner collaboration and offer recommendations for appropriate compensation. Please contact Sanne Roijmans at srijmans@memphis.edu if you would like to know more.

From the SMA President

DOUGLAS A. FELDMAN (THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT, SUNY)



The joint conference of the Society for Medical Anthropology and Medical Anthropology Network-European Association of Social Anthropologists (SMA/MAN-EA-

SA) held last month in Tarragona, Spain was a tremendous success. It brought together 160 SMA members with over 400 other medical anthropologists from 51 different countries around the world. It was a sharing of ideas, theories, concepts and research findings through roundtables, "streams," panels, posters and papers on numerous medical anthropology top-

ics. It was also a way to get to personally know the individuals behind the names of our colleagues overseas.

One of the key things I learned was how European medical anthropologists were much more likely to emphasize medical anthropology theory than most of their North American counterparts, while most North American medical anthropologists were more into applied, or engaged, medical anthropology.

While many persons made this conference a success, I particularly want to thank and express my grateful appreciation for our two conference co-directors, Liz Cartwright and Carolyn Smith-Morris; for Anita Hardon of MAN-EASA; for Commie Commeles of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (the

university that hosted the conference); and for Susana Paxton of FURV (the foundation that organized the conference).

As we approach our next conference with the AAA in Chicago this November, let me remind you that we will be having a special reception to honor the work of our past SMA presidents. All SMA members are cordially invited to attend the SMA Past Presidents' Reception to be held on November 20th.

We will also be having our business meeting and awards ceremony, followed by our regular reception, on November 22nd. In addition to our invited and sponsored sessions, roundtables, panels and volunteered paper sessions, we will be having our special interest group meetings (SIGs). Look for our newest SIG on Bereavement and Dying. I look forward to seeing you next in Chicago.

From the Editor

DINAH WINNICK (U MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY)



Many factors combined to make this summer's EASA-SMA meeting in Tarragona, Spain a truly special event, including the refreshing format and exciting opportunities for

international collaboration. I'd like to personally thank SMA members Heide Castañeda and Elizabeth Cartwright for sharing their photos and comments on social media throughout the conference, enabling scholars who could not attend to experience the meeting remotely.

To view conference images beyond what is included in this newsletter, visit facebook.com/medanthro.net and click on "photos." Recognize someone in an image? Tag yourself or a friend, or add a comment. Remember to "like" our Facebook page and follow @socmedanthro on Twitter to receive SMA member news and updates in the field.

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