

SIG Award Information 2016 (updated October 29, 2016)

AIDS and Anthropology Research Group Moher Downing Distinguished Service Award

Winner: Janet McGrath (Case Western Reserve University)

Award Amount: \$100

Description: The Moher Downing Distinguished Service Award is given to a living anthropologist in recognition of her or his exceptionally meritorious contributions to the improvement of the health of people infected with or at risk of infection with HIV. The nominee must be an anthropologist and AAA member. Criteria for selection include the impact of the service work and the duration of the service work. The degree to which the service work promotes anthropology as a field concerned with improving the quality of human life is considered, as is the nominee's expected further contribution in the area of service, but neither promotion of anthropology nor the intent to remain in service are essential qualifications.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Graduate Student Travel Grant

Winner: Parsa Bastani (Brown University)

Paper Title: Thinking Beyond the State's Risk Management Measures: Infrastructures of Care among Poor Drug Users in Tehran

Award Amount: \$200

Description: The new Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group Graduate Student Travel Award is awarded biennially to a graduate student to present a paper at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting that engages questions related to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, pharmaceuticals, or other psychoactive substance use. This year's winner, Parsa Bastani, will present a paper on the networks of care among drug users in Iran.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group Graduate Student Paper Prize

Winner: Lesly-Marie Buer (University of Kentucky)

Paper Title: "I'm Stuck": Women's Navigations of Social Networks and Prescription Drug Misuse in Central Appalachia

Award Amount: \$100

Description: The Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group Graduate Student Paper Prize is awarded annually for the best graduate student paper in the anthropology of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, pharmaceuticals, or other psychoactive substance use. This year's winning paper by Lesly-Marie Buer and her colleagues examines the how social networks can influence prescription drug use among women in Central Appalachia.

Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group Annual Graduate Student Paper Prize

Winner: Philippa Fielding (University of Sussex)

Title: “A Discussion on the Psychiatrization of War Survivors in the ‘Developing’ World within the Context of an ‘Epidemic’ of ‘PTSD’”

Award Amount: \$100

Paper Comments: This essay criticizes the Global Mental Health Movement’s (GMHM) aim to ‘scale up’ psychiatric ‘treatments’ globally, particularly regarding the rise of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for war survivors in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC). This essay focuses on war survivors in ‘developing’ countries, rather than other trauma victims, due to an apparent ‘epidemic’ of PTSD diagnosis and mass treatment amongst this group. Humanitarian aid’s increasing psychiatrization of LMICs will be critiqued on the basis of a failure to adapt to the cultural and contextual needs (Pupavac 2001). Firstly, this essay outlines the history and definition of PTSD with reference to the DSM’s expanded categories of trauma, which have led to an increase in PTSD diagnosis (Summerfield 1999:1454).

Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group Annual Professional Paper Prize

Winner: Whitney Duncan (University of Northern Colorado)

Title: “Transnational Disorders: Returned Migrants at Oaxaca’s Psychiatric Hospital”

Award Amount: \$100

Paper Comments: This article examines experiences of returned migrants seeking mental health care at the public psychiatric hospital in Oaxaca, Mexico. Approximately one-third of the hospital’s patients have migration experience, and many return to Oaxaca due to mental health crises precipitated by conditions of structural vulnerability and “illegality” in the United States. Once home, migrants, their families, and their doctors struggle to interpret and allay these “transnational disorders”—disorders structurally produced and personally experienced within the borders of more than one country. Considering how space and time shape illness and treatment among transnational migrants, I contend that a critical phenomenology of illegality must incorporate migrant experience and political economy on both sides of the border before, during, and after migration.

Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Integrative Medicine Graduate Student Paper Prize.

Winner: Venera Khalikova (University of Pittsburg)

Paper Title: “Rhetoric and Biopolitics of the “Homegrown” Medicine in India”

Award Amount: \$100

Description: Paper submissions judged according the following criterial: link to the CAM/IM SIG statement of purpose; originality of fieldwork and data; richness of substantive or evidentiary materials; clarity of anthropological methods; effective use of theory and/or data; and rganization, quality of writing, and coherence of argument

Paper Comments: Venera Khalikova’s paper, “Rhetoric and Biopolitics of the “Homegrown” Medicine in India” is based on ethnographic research in North India. Her paper argues that

Indian alternative therapeutic traditions such as yoga and ayurveda have become tools of biopolitical regulation through the rhetoric of popular guru Ramdev, as related to local morality and national belonging.

Certificate Text: The Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Integrative Medicine (CAM/IM) Special Interest Group of the Society for Medical Anthropology is pleased to present Venera Khalikova with this award for best graduate student paper in CAM/IM, 2016, for her paper, "Rhetoric and Biopolitics of the "Homegrown" Medicine in India"

Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Integrative Medicine Group Graduate Student Travel Grant

Winner: Maja de Langen

Award Amount: \$300

Paper Comments: Maja de Langen's paper argues that the tenuous link between chronic pain and pathology challenges traditional hierarchies of knowledge and categories of biomedical care. She argues that alternative imaging practices work not to provide an 'accurate' representation of pain, but to enact objects of care that can be interacted with in the treatment of the painful body.

Certificate Text: The Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Integrative Medicine (CAM/IM) Special Interest Group of the Society for Medical Anthropology is pleased to present Maja de Langen with this graduate student travel grant for presentation at the AAA meeting in Minneapolis, 2016

Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Most Notable Recent Collection (Book)

Winners: Silvia De Zordo (University of Barcelona) and Milena Marchesi (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

Book Title: *Reproduction and Biopolitics: Ethnographies of Governance, "Irrationality" and Resistance.*

Award Amount: \$250

Description: The Council on Anthropology and Reproduction (CAR) Award is one of few awards given to edited volumes, yet it helped establish and foment topics of reproduction as central fields of anthropological inquiry. The Most Notable Recent Collection Award seeks to recognize and celebrate recent (published within 3 years of the nomination deadline) collections of anthropological works addressing: human reproduction, reproductive technologies, population policy, birth control and contraception, pregnancy, the study and application of genetics, childbirth, adoption, and the roles of parents, among others. Entries are evaluated on a variety of factors including: overall contribution to anthropology & reproduction, usefulness for teaching, current and historical value for academic and advocacy work, the strength of the nomination letters, the quality and depth of analysis within the chapters, and the coherence of the volume as a whole.

Book Comments: The judges found this book to be an excellent contribution to the fields of anthropology and reproduction. “This is a fascinating collection of seven chapters that addresses irrational/rational reproduction in various places around the world (Poland, Italy, Brazil, Pakistan, Latin America). It is theoretically rich and ethnographically grounded.” It is engaging, readable, and cohesive, and serves as a reminder of the significance of biopower and biopolitics in feminist analyses of reproduction. The editors make “a clear and deliberate effort to engage reproductive discourse and policies across these chapters and they clearly belong together, and gain strength in their cohesiveness theoretically.” The chapters resonate with other work in the anthropology of reproduction and demonstrate the ways in which these issues continue to be relevant.

Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Graduate Student Paper Award

Winner: Elyse Singer (Washington University in St. Louis)

Award Amount: \$200

Description: The best graduate student paper on anthropology and reproduction.

Critical Anthropology of Global Health Study Group Rudolf Virchow Award: Graduate Award Category

Winner: Thando Malambo (institutional affiliation is unknown)

Award Amount: \$150

Description: The Graduate Award honors a recent student paper that has have not yet benefited from editorial review.

Critical Anthropology of Global Health Study Group Rudolf Virchow Award: Undergraduate Award Category

Winner: Maggie Acosta (Bowdoin University)

Award Amount: \$150

Description: The Undergraduate Award honors a recent student paper that has have not yet benefited from editorial review.

Disability Research Interest Group Travel Award (Emerging Scholars in the Anthropology of Disability) #1

Winner: Christine Sargent (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Award Amount: \$100.

Description: The Disability Research Interest Group is pleased to offer two travel awards to emerging scholars in the Anthropology of Disability. The award seeks to honor the work of scholars who critically engage with the category of disability and with disabled peoples' experiences (although we of course also recognize that disability as a concept or category is

not universal)—indeed, the goal of this award is to highlight different methodological and theoretical approaches to the study of what can be glossed as disability.

Comments: Through their research on Down Syndrome and the ethics of kinship in Jordan, Christine Sargent's research explores questions of personhood, the body, and activism on different scales in relation to the category of intellectual disability, which remains understudied in anthropology. Christine contributes to a growing body of work in the Anthropology of Disability specifically in the Middle East and she has worked to integrate the study of disability into Medical Anthropology courses for which she has been a graduate student assistant instructor at the University of Michigan.

Disability Research Interest Group Travel Award (Emerging Scholars in the Anthropology of Disability) #2

Winner: Zhiying Ma (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Award Amount: \$100

Description: The Disability Research Interest Group is pleased to offer two travel awards to emerging scholars in the Anthropology of Disability. The award seeks to honor the work of scholars who critically engage with the category of disability and with disabled peoples' experiences (although we of course also recognize that disability as a concept or category is not universal)—indeed, the goal of this award is to highlight different methodological and theoretical approaches to the study of what can be glossed as disability.

Comments: The second travel award goes to Dr. Zhiying Ma, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan's Society of Fellows. Dr. Ma's research explores the intersections of mental health, the ethics of care, and legal reform in China and makes a significant contribution to growing field of the Anthropology of Disability. In addition, Dr. Ma has a long history of contributing to disability activism, advocacy, and development in policy and development circles in China.

Dying and Bereavement Special Interest Group Graduate Student Paper Award

Winner: Osman Balkan (University of Pennsylvania)

Title: "Between Civil Society and the State: Bureaucratic Competence and Cultural Mediation among Muslim Undertakers in Berlin."

Award Amount: \$100

Description: This award is for the best graduate student paper utilizing an anthropological approach in the study of death, dying, funerary ritual, bodily disposal, or bereavement. The selection of awardee was based on the evaluation of submitted papers by a panel of volunteers from among the members of the SIG.

Medical Anthropology Student Association Graduate Student Mentor Award

Winner: Charles Briggs (University of California, Berkeley)

Description: 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.

Comments: This year's committee consisted of: Zakea Boerger (U. of Hawaii), Carolyne Egesa (U. of Amsterdam and the incoming, SMA Student Representative), Peter Lee (Brooklyn College and SUNY Downstate), and Jonathan Stillo (City University of New York Graduate Center, Committee Chair, and outgoing SMA Student representative).

There were many excellent submissions this year, but the committee agreed that it was evident through the enthusiastic letters from her former students how Charles Briggs supported his students throughout their graduate careers and beyond. Perhaps the clearest evidence of this for me was the fact that I recognized the names of several of Professor Brigg's letter-writers. These are medical anthropologists who in recent years have had success on the job market, obtaining tenure track positions. Others have performed strongly in the SMA's dissertation award competition.

Brigg's current and former students describe a professor whose enthusiasm was infectious and who stood by them through their successes as well as their challenges and failures. This led one committee member to note that: "Briggs seems to exemplify the MASA mentoring award."

For the reasons above and many more, MASA is proud to award the MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award to Charles L. Briggs of the University of California, Berkeley.

Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) Graduate Student Paper Prize

Winner: Tanja Ahlin (University of Amsterdam, ITM/University of Barcelona)

Award Amount: \$100.00

Description: This prize is awarded annually for a paper that offers an innovative approach to issues in science, technology, or medicine.

Paper Comments: This is a beautifully written paper on the role of Information and Communication Technologies in "care" practices among Indian transnational families. It is both informative and a delight to read. The author uses ethnographic material to build on previous anthropological studies of aging and elderly care in India. This is a well written, interesting, and well situated paper (especially from a methodological perspective) and our reviewers encouraged the author to aim for a timely publication of this work.