

Society for Medical Anthropology
Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony: Agenda¹
November 16, 2018, 7:45-10:30 PM — Fairmont, Gold Room
Cash Bar Open Throughout

1. **Welcome** – Arachu Castro

SMA members are welcomed. There is closed captioning the meetings for the first time.

Castro asks audience for show of hands: How many of you are medical anthropologists? How many are SMA members?

2. Consideration of **Minutes** (made available to members via SMA's Website at least 21 days in advance of this meeting, as per SMA's by-laws) – Clara Han

The meeting minutes for the SMA Business meeting 2017 and SfAA meetings 2018 are available on the SMA website.

3. Consideration of **Treasurer's Report** (made available to members via SMA's Website at least 21 days in advance of this meeting, as per SMA's by-laws) – Alexander Rödlach

Rödlach presents the Treasurer's Report.

During the past years, we have tried to improve the health of the budget. We have tried to cut food expenditure and have been able to add awards for professional development. Membership is slightly declining. Because our main revenue is through membership dues, there might be some problems with our budget in the future. Fund raising have not been very successful in relation to the Basker Prize memorial fund. The Amazon affiliates fund has not generated a single cent. The publication portfolio account has shown an increase. There was a rebate from the AAA publishing fund: this was an advanced payment from Wiley, from the AAA portfolio. Therefore, at this moment, we are in such good health that the board can think of spending a bit more – for instance, on the webpage and so forth. Rödlach thanks the SMA members who have organized workshops that have been sponsored by the SMA.

Arachu Castro points out that there is no food tonight but a cash bar. These funds were reallocated to in part finance the undergraduate travel award and contingent faculty travel award.

4. **Membership & Mentorship** Committee news – Eileen Moyer

- Special Recognition: (1) *Sustaining and Life Members*; (2) *New Members*

Membership has gone up slightly – there has been a 10% increase each year in the student category. Moyer suggests that there is an increase in student numbers because of the mentorship activity. Carolyne Egesa did most of the work for the mentorship activity.

Mentoring event took place yesterday and we had 35 mentees and 12 mentors, which we consider a success.

SMA stickers were given to all new members, who were asked to stand up in the room.

Sustaining members were also asked to stand and acknowledged.

¹ Due to space limits we have not bulleted all points to be covered; only those with names/people associated are listed.

Arachu: we are above 1000 members. The numbers that went down dramatically were with international members. This decline was very sharp and went down 2 years ago. There are currently 4 international members. One question is if there is a book keeping problem – for instance, that there are international members who are not being listed as international members.

Audience: I would make a donation to make an international membership available.

Arachu: there would be members that would benefit from this, especially in countries where there are no credit cards. The AAA will change the dues structure. We do not know yet how that will evolve. All the presidents of the sections are in communication. We do not know yet what the final results are yet, but one thing that came across clearly, there will be income-based membership. International members would then also pay according to their income.

□ Sub-report: **MASA** – Carlyne Egesa

5. **Communications** news – Erin Finley

We would like to acknowledge all of the work that this committee is doing. For the SMA website, SMA on Facebook, Twitter, let's thank Saira Mahmood; SMA listserv; SMA president blast; Anthropology News Column, thank Dori Beeler and Laura Meek; Second Opinion, thank Saira Mahmood.

In addition, Saira Mahmood received the Minority Dissertation Award from AAA. Eugene Raikhel received the Somatosphere award from General Anthropology;

The SMA needs a new logo. We are discussing this issue with the board tomorrow about the technical specifications. Thank you to Hillary Malki. H-Net Med Anthro is being closed since the SMA listserv has taken up that space.

6. **Medical Anthropology Quarterly** update– Vincanne Adams

Overall, things are going well. The journal is in good health. The acceptance rate is about the same; and there is a good line up of Special Issues. Each issue gets its own image from one of the articles. In terms of metrics, the Impact Factor is up.

Special issues are: 1) Humans animals health; first issue of vol 33, March; 2) Global Psyche: Experiments (Dominic Behague and Kenneth Macleish). MAQ not accept any special issues this year. Special issues need to set a new direction in theory in our field.

First issue of our journal is able to be downloaded for free for a window of one month. So please send to everyone who does not have access through their libraries. There is a small window that it is free.

The website is very exciting. The editorial assistant Nadia Gaber takes every article that is published and collects photo and public blurb from every author. This can be used on the website and linked to the paywall journal. Alex Nading (book reviews) doing an excellent job. He is only with us one more year. Thus we will be searching for a new Book Reviews editor. Please apply for this job.

Critical Care is our outward focusing blog post run by Theresa MacPhail. We are hoping that HuffPost will pick up and run with some of these blog posts. Theresa will work on tweeting it out. There is a great piece on the blogpost currently by Zoe Wool and Ken Macleish, as well as a book review on graphic novel by Sherine Hamdy.

A new initiative led by Zoe Wool has focused on curated collections. This entails reading through the MAQ archive in relation to a theme that anyone in this room could propose. One writes a brief introduction to this collection. Currently there are collections on malaria and infectious disease and another on diabetes. We will be changing the name of this initiative to "Reading the archive".

Finally, MAQ needs the paywall. We earn money for SMA from the journal. You need to download the article. When you are assigning articles in your courses, please send the link for the Wiley website. Every download counts as royalty for us. Don't just download and email the PDF, send the link. Thank you for submitting your articles to MAQ and thank you for reviewing for MAQ.

7. **AAA Program Committee** news – Mary Anglin

Thanks to everyone who submits an abstract for an SMA panel. There are 70 different sessions that we are part of. We have a vibrant amount of submissions. To the members of program committee – thank you. There is a web-based review process for AAA. The Program Chair is the person that does a lot of the submission of the answers, and responses to reviews. We maintain a participatory structure and do that, despite the AAA structure. The process was much better this year than last year. Virtually all of our submissions were accepted. There were 70 sessions; 43 organized sessions; 17 sessions that are collated from 85 individually organized. 6 roundtables, including AFA, SPA, Association of Indigenous Anthropologists.

8. **Special Interest Group (SIG)** news – Junko Kitanaka

All of the SIGs are asked to come up to the stage.

There are 12 SIGS and they are active and thriving. They play an essential role, enabling members to stay engaged. 6 have organized several panels and roundtables. Several SIGS have also hosted their own websites. These websites feature their own initiatives. Please introduce themselves. Several of the SIGs have organized and have given awards. SAMA has decided to dissolve itself. There are SIG open meetings - please attend and get involved.

CAGH – Rudolf Virchow Awards: Elizabeth Roberts; Frankfurter; Sabine; (4th)

Integrative Medicine - Jane Saffitz

ADTSG – Travel Award: Richard Caldie; Grad student paper prize (Sydney Silverstein, Wright state University)

AARG – Patricia Willahan

DABIG – Emerging Scholar award (Shannon Blanch) Xia Hong

DRIG – defacto trouble-shooting group re: disability issues; but not focusing on this, we do research on disability. Jane Saffitz, Cara Rhyne

CAR – grad student paper prize Brigitte Jordan Paper Prize (Charlotte Wartz); book prize – edited volume (Jennifer Cole, affective circuits);

- March of the SIGs and recognition of SIG awardees

AIDS and Anthropology Research Group (AARG)	Corliss Heath
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Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group (ADTSG)	Shana Harris
Anthropological Response to Health Emergencies Group	Kristin Hedges
Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group (AMHIG)	Beatriz Reyes-Foster, Michael R. Duke
Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) and Integrative Medicine (IM) Group	Emery Eaves, Lauren Penney
Council on Anthropology and Reproduction (CAR)	Vanessa Hildebrand
Critical Anthropology of Global Health (CAGH)	Sara Lewis, Peter Brown
Disability Research Interest Group (DRI)	Tyler Zoanni
Dying and Bereavement Special Interest Group (DABIG)	Margaret Souza
Medical Anthropology Student Association (MASA)	Carolyn Egesa
Research on U.S. Health and Healthcare (RUSH)	Shannon Satterwhite/Marieke Van Eigen
Science and Medicine in South Asia (SAMA)	<i>dissolved</i>
Science, Technology and Medicine (STM) Interest Group	Danya Glabau

9. SMA Board Awards – Arachu Castro (replacing EJ Sobo, Chair of Chairs) GET THE NAMES

- a) CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Andrea Whittaker (chair), Margaret Lock, Lenore Manderson. Professor Emeritus Joan Ablon, University of California
- b) MASA MENTORSHIP AWARD – Carolyn Egesa (chair); Peter Lee, Allison Bloom, Shantha Karthigesu, Kayla J. Hurd.

With this award, students have opportunity to honor their mentors. There were 9 strong nominations;

This year's award goes to the late Dr. Joan Stevenson, Western Washington University. (Award was received by her husband). Dr. Stevenson's husband relates that his wife was an R2 mentor. When he opened her hard drive in June - which she had since 2009 – the hard drive had 5792 separate and different letters of recommendation. Weekends were "Mom's letter writing days", every weekend she worked every Saturday or Sunday. Her last letter was undone. It was for a young man to send to a naval academy. But he could not turn it into a letter for her. She stayed in contact with her students. She was a mentor and this award is something that she would have been proud of.

- c) CHARLES HUGHES GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE – Mary Anglin (chair), Rebecca Fletcher, Veronica Miranda, Thurka Sangaramoorthy.
 - Laura Meek, University of California Davis, for the paper: "The Grammar of Leprosy: Temporal Politics & An Impossible Subject."
 - Honorable Mention: Utpal Sandesara, University of Pennsylvania, for the paper: "Biopolitical Melodrama: Victimhood, Villainy, and Heroism in Indian Efforts against Sex Selection"
- d) EILEEN BASKER MEMORIAL PRIZE – Andrea Whittaker (co-chair), Virginia Domínguez (co-chair), Robert Wyrod.

We are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the award. Each year, there are 13 or 14 books nominated. Publishers nominate, but we do not accept publisher-nominated books. The award was first given in 1988. Winner that year was Emily Martin.

Difficult time choosing the winner.

- Winner - Anita Hannig (hannig@brandeis.edu) for Healing and Religion at an Ethiopian Hospital, University of Chicago Press,
- Honourable Mention - Carolyn Sufrin - for *Jailcare: Finding the Safety Net for Women*

- e) STEVEN POLGAR PROFESSIONAL PAPER PRIZE - Eileen Moyer (chair), Vincanne Adams, Rima Praspaliauskiene, Narelle Warren.

This award goes to the best paper published in MAQ. There were 31 articles published in the year.

The award goes to Andrew McDowell, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique / French National Centre for Scientific Research; for: "Mohit's Pharmakon: Symptom, Rotational Bodies, and Pharmaceuticals in Rural Rajasthan." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 31: 332–348. doi:10.1111/maq.12345

- f) CONTINGENT FACULTY TRAVEL AWARD – Clara Han (chair), Arachu Castro.

- Kasey Jernigan Postdoctoral Fellow, Wesleyan University, Center for the Americas

- g) STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS – Alexander Rödlach (chair), Carolyn Egesa. Allison Kabel, Shantha Karthigesu, Peter Lee, Allison Bloom.

Thank the MASA committee members

29 applications; Committee awarded 6 prizes; 1 undergrad and 5 grad prizes;

- McCall Bromelkamp (undergraduate awardee):
 - Creighton University in Omaha
 - "Community Health in the Campos: Exploring Findings from a Community Assessment in the Dominican Republic"
 - McCall's poster draws on data from a community health assessment done by an interdisciplinary team and examines a community's health-related goals and barriers to achieving these goals, identifying themes of resilience and agency.
- Chelsey Carter:
 - Washington University in St. Louis
 - "More Than Analytics? Considering the Intersections of Race and Class in the Lived Experiences of People with ALS"
 - Chelsey's paper explores how race and class affect the experiences of living with ALS, a purportedly "white" disease, privileging white bodies in biomedical spaces, delegitimizing the reality that people of color are susceptible to and live with ALS.
- Rebecca Henderson:
 - University of Florida in Gainesville
 - "How much is too much: Moral demarcations of Pathology in Hoarding Disorder"
 - Rebecca's paper explores issues involved with ownership, memory, and the appropriate and inappropriate possession of objects using interviews with clinical experts on hoarding disorder.
- Raphaelle Rabanes:
 - University of California in Berkeley
 - "Writing A-Diagnostically: The Politics of Refusal in Postcolonial Rehabilitation Ethnography"
 - Raphaelle's paper recounts the diagnostic refusal of a woman who challenged the diagnosis assigned to her, exploring her desire to escape both medical and ethnographic framing.

- Bonnie Ruder:
 - Oregon State University
 - "Flying White Doctors and Temporary Obstetrical Fistula Surgical Camps: The Allure and Consequences of the Quiz-Fix"
 - Bonnie's paper argues that camps to treat obstetric fistula in Uganda provide a mobile, easily replicated, short-term fix to the lack of infrastructure and become a quasi-permanent feature in the medical landscape.
- Feroz Ali Sadruddin:
 - Yale University
 - "What Happens After I Become a Man" End of Life Masculinities and Aspirations in Rwanda"
 - Feroz Ali's paper examines how older Rwandan men negotiate their masculinities in a context where heavy policy attention is paid to youth.

10. **Election/nominations** news – Eileen Moyer

- Thank you, outgoing Board members: *EJ Sobo (Past-President), Alex Rödlach (Treasurer), Eileen Moyer, Erin Finley, Mary Anglin.*
Arachu Castro thanks the Elections/nominations committee – every year change the composition of the board. Thank the outgoing board member. Thanks for all the work that you have done.
- Welcome incoming Board members: *Charles Briggs (President-Elect), Jessica Mulligan (Treasurer), Matthew Wolf-Meyer, Alice Street, Erica Prussing.*
Nominations committee has presented different slots – according to voting – Charles Briggs is president-elect. Jessica Mulligan is incoming treasurer;

11. **New Business** – Arachu Castro

We are planning the third SMA conference. We are planning for it to take place in February 2020. We will confirm dates as soon as possible. We have received some applications for the venue. The conference will take place in Latin America; this would be a platform for everyone to learn about the knowledge in the region. We envision this to be an international conference that will attract anthropologists from all over the world. The themes that will be focused on are: sexual and reproductive rights; indigenous and intercultural care; critical medical anthropology and critical epidemiology. Finally, we hope to have English, Spanish, and Portuguese translation capacity.

12. **Serenade** – Bryan Page

Bryan Page sings to close the business meeting.

13. President's **Brief Closing Statement** – Arachu Castro

14. **Adjournment** – Arachu Castro

*** *Please stay for the SMA Community 'Meet and Greet'* ***

APPENDICES

1. **CURRENT SUSTAINING MEMBERS** – Thank you for your continued support and dedication

Alma Michel Espinoza	Mara H Buchbinder	Michael C Ennis-	Barbara Herr Harthorn
Vincanne Adams	Heath Cabot	McMillan	Katinka Hooyer
Maria Lourdes	Arachu Castro	Pamela I Erickson	Marcia C Inhorn
Alcantara	Kitty Corbett	Pamela Feldman-	Craig R Janes
Seth R Anderson	Karen L Davis	Savelsberg	Lori L Jervis
Grace Lloyd Bascope	Mark C Edberg	Matthew C Gutmann	Paul I Kadetz
Elizabeth Bromley		Helena B Hansen	Susannah Kennedy

Laurence J Kirmayer
Peter Kunstadter
Lynn Kwiatkowski
Sandra D Lane
Simon Craddock Lee
Betty Wolder Levin
Spero M Manson
Janet W McGrath
Emily Mendenhall
Marsha Michie

Michael Nathan
Kathryn S Oths
John B Page
Sarah Raskin
Eric Ratliff
Jenny Reardon
Alexander Rödlach
Barbara Rylko-Bauer
Lesley A Sharp
Janelle S Taylor

James Trostle
Elizabeth D Whitaker
Cathleen E Willging
Randolph Kent Willis
Maria-Keiko Yasuoka
Claire M Cassidy
Noel J Chrisman
William W Dressler
Judith Farquhar
Douglas A Feldman

Margaret Lock
Susan Scrimshaw
Margaret Souza
Richard Zimmer
Kathleen M Hanlon-
Lundberg

2. **2018 SMA COMMITTEES** - Thank you for your service ²

AAA PROGRAM - Mary Anglin (chair), Eugene Raikhel, Nolwazi Mkhwanazi.

COMMUNICATIONS – Erin Finley (chair), Eugene Raikhel (co-chair), Saira Mehmood, Sydney Yeager, Dori Beeler, Laura Meek.

MEMBERSHIP – Eileen Moyer (chair), Carolyne Egesa, Alex Rödlach, Zakea Boeger, Lesley Jo Weaver.

NOMINATIONS - Eileen Moyer (chair), Eugene Raikhel, Elise Andaya, Robert Wyrod, Narelle Warren

POLICY - Andrea Whittaker (chair).

SMA 2020 CONFERENCE – Arachu Castro (chair), Elise Andaya, Josep M. Comelles, Carolyn Smith-Morris.

3. **SUPPORT STAFF & VOLUNTEERS** - Thank you for your service!

Saira Mehmood (Digital Communications
Manager)
Stephanie Cruz (Listserv Moderator)

Elizabeth Wirtz (SIG Membership Coordinator)
Sydney Yeager (webmaster)

² Committee chairs must be Board members. 'At large' members are regular SMA members; all SMA members may serve.