Association of Black Anthropologists 2011 Annual Report

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II. Status, Activities and Accomplishments this year
1) Provide the most recent membership numbers and list any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership:

Number of Members: 304

Factors affecting Membership:
We introduced a facebook page and solidified our listserv which may allow some to follow ABA without paying dues as members. In addition, the economic downturn may have influenced people's ability to pay dues.

2) * Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets, if applicable). Also list any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances:

Financial Balance: 59,362

Publications: (if applicable)
Transforming Anthropology (Journal)
Decolonizing Anthropology (electronic version)

Factors affecting Finances:
We have been able to generate revenue because of our journal, *Transforming Anthropology* and the publication of *Decolonizing Anthropology* in print form. The electronic version of *Decolonizing Anthropology* became available in October so it is too early to project revenues from this publication.

3) * List the titles of your Section's AAA meeting invited sessions, co-sponsored sessions, and any special events your Section sponsored or in which it participated. Check with your program chairs if needed: When providing session information please note if these are invited, volunteered or co-sponsored.

**Session Type:** Invited  
**Session:** DISPARATE REALITIES: MEANING AND LOCATION IN THE SENEGALESE DIASPORA

**Session Type:** Invited  
**Session:** INDIGENEITY/DIASPORA: TRACKING "NATIVES" IN THE NEW WORLD

**Session Type:** Please Select  
**Session:** ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

**Session Type:** Please Select  
**Session:** TRANSFORMING THE LEGACY OF KATHERINE DUNHAM
Session Type: Please Select
Session: THEORIZING PUNISHMENT AND THE STATE

Session Type: Please Select, Co-Sponsored with SANA
Session: REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND WORK OF MANNING MARABLE

Session Type: Invited
Session: STUDYING BLACK COMMUNITIES: THEN, NOW, HERE AND THERE

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: "I’m NOT RACIST, But…”: TEACHING, RESEARCHING AND WRITING ABOUT RACE IN THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: AFRICAN (POST)COLONIES AND RACIAL LEGACIES

Other Events:
ABA LEGACY SCHOLAR AWARD CEREMONY
ABA LEGACY SCHOLAR AWARD RECEPTION
ABA/SANA/AFA/ALLA/AES/SLACA/SUNTA DANCE PARTY AND RECEPTION

4) * Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?

Requested Grant: No

If granted, who/what was it/they used for? (if applicable)

N/A

5) List spring meeting activities (if applicable):

N/A

6) List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section, if applicable (please provide the title of the award, date presented, and full name, affiliation, and title of the project/paper/accomplishment of the awardees):

Award Title: Legacy Award
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Tony Whitehead
Affiliation: University of Maryland College Park
Project/Paper/etc: Senior Scholar

Award Title: Legacy Award
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Gwen Michel
Affiliation: Georgetown University
Project/Paper/etc: Senior Scholar

Award Title: John L. Gwaltney Native Anthropology Scholarship
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Valerie Joseph
Affiliation: University of Massachusetts Amherst
Project/Paper/etc: Paper

7) Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following (e.g., special activities, funding, awards, guidance/advising on professional matters, etc.):

Undergraduate and/or graduate students

ABA Works in Progress Session (WIP) - Pairs graduate students with faculty members (to receive feedback on dissertation topics and writing progress, conference papers, and grant applications. This is a mentoring program that involves approximately 8-12 students and 8-10 faculty members annually.

Graduate Student Workshop On Sanity, Seamlessness and Purposefully Engaging the Stages of Your Graduate Career - An interactive workshop that identifies critical stages in the graduate student career cycle and provide an opportunity for students to engage and consider challenges and opportunities with each.

Early career scholars:

N/A

Independent scholars:

N/A

8) Additional outreach efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to other sections, interest groups, and scholarly societies, government agencies, public education/community engagement, and underrepresented minorities:

N/A

9) Status and use of Section internal communications such as a website, list serve, or newsletter (if applicable): Please list internal communication tools you use and what they are used for:

At present, we have a website, listserv, facebook organization page, and use Twitter

10) Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable):
III. What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: Membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

We plan to expand membership by reaching out to the other sections as well as developing a marketing campaign to increase interest, participation, and membership in ABA. We are also working on the following projects and initiatives:

* Digital archive project
* First annual Johnnetta B. Cole Student Travel Award
* Creation of a section member bibliography
* Member research site mapping project
* Works in Progress (WIP) Mentoring Program
* Graduate student mentoring program
* Plan an international conference in the Dominican Republic (Summer 2012)

IV. Please tell us what your chief concerns and issues are, especially if they are not previously noted:

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Section Assembly Executive Committee (SAEC)? Please be specific.

N/A

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.

N/A

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.

N/A