

Proceedings of the Eighty-Fourth Business Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists St. Louis, Missouri March 25–28, 2015

President Karen Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm on March 27, 2015. The Secretary-Treasurer determined that a quorum, as defined in Chapter III of the AAPA By-Laws, was in attendance. The minutes of the 2014 annual meeting in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, were approved as published (AJPA 2014 155(4):669–685).

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

This has been a very busy but successful year for AAPA, during which we have really moved forward on some tough issues. I want to start by thanking the executive committee, the general membership of AAPA, and especially those who have worked hard on a number of committees, often being called on very short notice with an issue that needs attention. It has been very gratifying to work with such cooperative and hardworking colleagues who care so much about our professional organization and our scientific discipline. It has been especially wonderful to work with the other officers of the AAPA: Susan Antón, Annie Katzenberg, and Anne Grauer—a productive group of people who are serious, energetic, and committed to the hard work involved in keeping AAPA running smoothly. They are also very funny and therefore the best of colleagues. Our journal is thriving, our meetings continue to grow, and our financial status is strong. We have tried to think imaginatively about our organization and our meetings and welcome ideas from the membership.

There was lot of activity in the AAPA throughout this year, in contrast to the previous year, which I guess was a warm-up period. Much of our business is reported on by the heads of the relevant committees, but I want to mention a few highlights. We certainly worked more with lawyers than we had the previous year.

After many years of dissatisfaction with the management company that had handled collecting our dues and sending out mailings, we decided to engage a new one. We have had many problems over the years involving membership issues and access to information (and dissemination of misinformation). We finally made the decision to find alternative service. As will be described in the President-elect's report, we established a lengthy procedure for choosing a new company. The dramatic growth of our organization over the last two decades has led to heavy loads and responsibilities for our volunteers who handle our membership and our local arrangements committees. Hence, we explored turning some of that work over to the new company. The new company is BAI (Burke and Associates Inc.) (<http://www.burkinc.com/>). We are exploring ways in which we can integrate their services in order to ease the burden on our volunteers. The selection committee read proposals, interviewed staff and representatives of different companies, and

contacted other organizations for recommendations and reviews. The selection committee consisted of Susan Antón, Anne Grauer, Annie Katzenberg, Karen Rosenberg, and Josh Snodgrass.

In the fall, we were approached by a group of biological anthropologists (Timothy White, Margaret Schoeninger, and Robert Bettinger) who asked if the AAPA would support them by writing an amicus brief on their behalf in an appeal they were filing in the Ninth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals in connection with disposition of the La Jolla human skeletal remains which were excavated on land belonging to the University of California San Diego. Members of the repatriation committee (Steve Ousley, Ben Auerbach, and George Milner) worked hard to draft this letter on very short notice and to explain the value of scientific study of these remains and the importance of following NAGPRA procedures. The amicus brief was ultimately crafted by legal counsel to fit the appropriate legal standards and requirements of the Ninth Circuit in which the appeal was being made. At the time of the 2015 AAPA meetings no decision had been made by the court on the appeal.

The AJPA and the Yearbook of Physical Anthropology are published by Wiley and this year our contract expired and we negotiated a new one. This is obviously a time of great change for the publishing industry in terms of technology and that had implications for our contract. Again, this was something we needed legal counsel to accomplish.

For the second year in a row, AAPA participated in the CSSP (Council of Scientific Society Presidents). I attended the meeting in Washington in December and thought that it was potentially quite helpful. This organization allows us to work with the leaders of other scientific organizations some of which share concerns about such issues as open access and I think we can really benefit from continuing to participate. I recommend that we keep up our membership in this organization and keep sending someone to represent us at the biannual meetings which take place in May and December in Washington, DC.

AAPA has reached out to some other scientific organizations with ideas about cosponsoring programming at conferences, such as the AAA, Anatomy, etc. AAPA received two significant grants this year: one from Elsevier, written by Andrea Taylor and Robin Bernstein (Action through organization: supporting mentoring and networking for early career women scientists through the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Women's Initiative), and the other a proposal written by

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Susan Antón and Ripan Mahli (AAPA IDEAS Program: Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences) from National Science Foundation.

We are in the process of finalizing a contract for our 2018 meetings in Austin with Tony DiFiore and Liza Shapiro as local arrangements chairs and have entered into some conversations about the 2019 meetings with a couple of people. If you are interested in hosting a future meeting, please contact an AAPA officer. The job of local arrangements chair should be lighter now that we have BAI engaged!

Meetings dates for the next few years are: 2016 Atlanta, April 12–16, LAC Chair Frank Williams, and 2017 New Orleans, April 18–22, LAC Chair Trent Holliday.

I want to close by thanking outgoing Executive Committee members Andrea Taylor and Brenda Baker for their excellent work on the Professional Development Committee and Nominations Committee respectively, and to welcome Anne Stone and Leslea Hlusko. My gratitude and admiration go to EA Quinn, Local Arrangements Chair for this meeting for an outstanding job. EA heroically took over this job from the previous LAC Chair when AAPA was in a tight spot. She not only organized our meetings and the Human Biology Association meetings she presented papers on both programs!

Thank you for the opportunity to work on behalf of the AAPA. I have learned a great deal about many different things and have enjoyed the chance to work with and get to know colleagues from other universities and institutions. It has been a real privilege and honor and I would encourage others to be actively engaged in AAPA and to recommend to your students that they get involved in this organization which is our professional home.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

The President-Elect, Susan Antón, offered the following remarks. In a normal year the President-Elect would not have much to report upon; however, much has happened in 2014, and I am eager to get your input on some new initiatives.

Management firm and advance meeting planning

Given the increasing burden on local arrangements to plan and run a large meeting and given on-going challenges with membership rolls, two committees were formed during the summer of 2014 to consider advance meeting planning and assessment of our management contract, respectively. The Advance Meeting Planning committee (Antón, Chair; Jon Bethard, Ben Auerbach, Josh Snodgrass) gathered information on comparator organizations and their processes, membership perks, and meetings issues as well as on defining local arrangement committee tasks that could be effectively done by an outside firm. It was soon concluded that the work of this committee overlapped extensively with the committee working on assessing our management contract and the Advance Meeting Planning committee was essentially disbanded until we had a better sense of how/if things would change regarding our management company.

The AAPA contract with Allen Press came due for renewal at the end of 2014. In the summer of 2014 a committee (Susan Antón, chair, Josh Snodgrass, Anne Grauer, Anne Katzenberg, and Karen Rosenberg) was

formed to consider issues and possibilities. We developed and submitted a blanket Request for Proposals (RFP) to a consortium of management companies AMCI (Association Management Companies Institute), and circulated the RFP to management companies who work with other scientific societies as identified in part by the Advance Meeting Planning committee. Twenty-four proposals were received in response, including one from Allen Press. Six finalist firms were identified by the search committee. Further detailed vetting of references and conferences calls led to the selection of Burk Associates Inc (BAI) of McLean, VA. The AAPA has contracted with BAI to provide member services starting in 2015 and meetings registration starting for the 2016 meeting. The membership transition is now complete. Three BAI team members are attending the 2015 meetings. Further details regarding the search process can be obtained by contacting the AAPA Secretary-Treasurer.

Communication and community

Greater integration with related scientific groups.

We all face the pressure of increasing specialization and atomization of our discipline. To foster reintegration, I have started contacting sister societies to encourage greater participation in the AAPA meeting and joint efforts, such as symposia. So far this has entailed discussions with anatomy and forensic anthropology societies about jointly sponsored AAPA sessions and coordination of meeting schedules to avoid overlapping scheduling (as we have this year with the anatomy folks). Please pass contact information to me for societies and officers that I should consider contacting. And please send me any other ideas on this front.

Opportunities for volunteering with AAPA.

AAPA is a volunteer organization with lots of opportunities to make a difference in the discipline and the public at large. To encourage greater access and inclusion of all members, the physanth.org website has a new feature to allow members to express their interest in volunteering. The link to the Volunteer Form provides a means of signaling your interest to serve on committees of interest to you. Our standing committees are: Career Development, Diversity, Education, History, Nominations and Awards, Student Affairs (Awards) and long-standing ad-hoc committees include: Auction, Ethics, Repatriation. I look forward to hearing from you and having a pool of willing volunteers of diverse expertise to appoint to ad-hoc committees as the need arises.

Brainstorming with the president.

If you have ideas for programs or if you just want to lend your brainpower to coming up with some, I'll be running drop-in sessions at the annual meetings throughout my term. The inaugural session will be this Saturday, the 28th, 4:30–5:30pm in LaClede (feel free to bring your favorite libation).

New programs and funding initiatives

Secretary-Treasurer Anne Grauer has recommended using a small percentage of our annual income from investments toward supporting new programs that benefit members. At the same time we have received two large outside grants (one from NSF the other from the

Elsevier Foundation) to build new mentoring programs for members, and we periodically receive requests from our committee chairs to support programming. There is an existing need for a pool of funds to which existing committees can make competitive application to support programming initiatives and pilot programs. Beyond this, we welcome your ideas on the kinds of programming and opportunities that you would value.

I look forward to working with you over the next several years.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

The following report was submitted by M. Anne Katzenberg.

Annual meeting

The call for presentations went out in early June 2014 and yielded 1,080 abstracts and 22 symposium proposals. All symposium proposals were accepted (six as podium format and 16 as poster format) but one symposium was later withdrawn. One of the poster symposia is mixed with some presentations and posters, as an experiment for future consideration. All Thursday and Friday poster symposia are in individual rooms and the three symposia on Saturday morning are in one room (by agreement with the organizers) and due to some logistical problems with our Saturday room allocation at the Hilton. Based on membership feedback on ways to decompress the meetings, this year we are having a dedicated afternoon poster session from 4:00 to 6:00, following upon the success of plenary posters over the past two meetings. As a result, morning sessions remain at 4 hours with a mid-session break, while afternoon sessions run for 3 hours and the break is between those sessions and the dedicated time for posters (at 4:00). This presented some challenges for planning podium symposia since morning symposia can be longer than afternoon symposia. The call specified a 3-hour format, but some people went by previous numbers of papers but I was able to place those longer symposia in the morning whenever possible. There is one special poster session in honor of Tab Rasmussen who passed away late last summer. We retained four concurrent podium sessions with the exception of Friday morning, when there are five concurrent sessions.

Regarding format, the 1,080 abstracts included 376 requests for podium, 592 requests for poster, and 112 indicating that either format was fine. Of these, 1,065 were accepted and 60 sessions were created (see Table 1). There is an average of 355 presentations per day with 100–120 podium and 160–290 posters. Thursday and Friday have considerably more posters than Saturday due to loss of the large poster room at noon and the later timing of the afternoon session due to the Annual Luncheon, thus less time for dedicated poster viewing. Abstracts were rejected largely on the basis of not providing any indication that the work had been done. We had 37 withdrawn papers after the program was completed for a wide variety of reasons, and a few additional individuals who did not withdraw but did not provide presentations. Overall there are 60 sessions; 21 symposia of which 6 are podium and 15 are poster symposia in individual rooms.

We retain previous changes to the meeting including an earlier Annual Business Meeting (last 2 years) and Saturday Association Luncheon (begun last year).

TABLE 1. Comparative meeting metrics

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Meeting	Portland	Knoxville	Calgary	St. Louis
Registrations	1,601	1,634	1,416	1,742
Abstracts submitted	1,045	1,053	1,019	1,080
Accepted	1,018	1,004	955	1,065
Format: podium	395	328	381	376
Poster	553	618	528	592
Either	97	107	110	112
Symposium (submitted/accepted)	16/16	23/20	22/20	22/22 ^a
Podium	8	6	7	6
Poster	8	14	13	15
Contributed Sessions	29	35	36	39
Podium	18	17	19 ^b	21 ^b
Poster	12	16	16	18
Evening poster	0	1	1	0
Withdrawals		19	30	37

^a One symposium withdrew.

^b Includes half-sessions.

AAPA abstract submission and registration system

The online system worked very well and whenever there was a little glitch, Ed Hagen fixed it as quickly as he could which was usually soon after I reported it (sometimes before, and thus his nickname, Radar) and almost always the same day so, kudos to Ed. Ed also generates a smart phone/tablet friendly e-program which can be updated right up to the time of the meeting. Thanks to Susan Antón and previous planners for changes to the “shape” of the meeting which now runs for three full days, and for new ideas about highlighting poster presentations, symposia and relevant workshops and committee meetings.

Acknowledgements

Sincere thanks to the members of the program committee, who reviewed all symposium proposals and abstracts: Abigail Bigham, Carola Borries, Richard Brisbescas, Scott Burnett, Michelle Buzon, David Cooper, Susanne Cote, Dan Eisenberg, Masako Fujita, Tracey Galloway, Lauren Halenar, Katarina Harvati, Laurie Kauffman, Corina Kellner, John Krigbaum, Sang-Hee Lee, Kristi Lewton, Ripan Malhi, Andrew Marshall, Charles Musiba, Herman Pontzer, Terry Ritzman, Mary Silcox, Julie Teichroebe, Claire Terhune, Theodore Schurr, Christina Torres-Rouff, Amy Rector Verrelli, Frank Williams, and Program Assistant, Nicole Engel. Ed Hagen, webmaster and system designer extraordinaire—thanks for all you do. Finally, a very special thanks to E.A. Quinn and the local arrangements committee in St. Louis for their attention to details and all their hard work.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

The report from the Secretary-Treasurer, Anne Grauer, represents an account and assessment of the AAPA finances on a cash-based system. As such, the income, expenditures, and assets are calculated by account activity taking place solely between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014.

The AAPA receives income from four main sources: membership dues, annual meeting registration, royalties

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from the Wiley-Blackwell publication of the AJPA, and return on investments. At the close of December 31, 2014, the AAPA showed a total net gain of \$68,521.39 in cash accounts, and \$146,446 (6.5%) increase in long term investments, managed by Merrill Lynch.

The three major expenses incurred by the AAPA were fees paid to Allen Press for maintenance of our membership list, Wiley-Blackwell for publication costs associated with the AJPA, and the annual meeting. Other expenses of the Association included disbursement of awards, retention of accountant services for our annual review and tax filing (which is available to any member by written request to the Secretary-Treasurer), Executive Committee expenses (including support, travel, and supplies), and legal fees for services involving contract negotiations. In addition, the Association maintains an organization insurance policy through Cambridge Property and Casualty.

Assessing the Association's cash flow indicates that the AAPA remains financially healthy. The greatest fluctuation stems from our annual meeting, with costs varying by host city. Our continued effort to insure that communication with members is consistent and effective, and to simplify the membership and meeting registration application and payment processes, has led the AAPA to develop a new relationship with Burk & Associates, Inc (BAI) to maintain our membership database, and in subsequent years to oversee the meeting registration process. While this will incur greater expense to the AAPA, the closer oversight to membership dues and registration fees is expected to offset the expense.

Based on the healthy financial foundation upon which the AAPA rests, I propose that the AAPA consider allocating, when reasonable, a proportion (not to exceed 3%) of our principle investment (our endowment, if you will) to explore new initiatives that support scientific research, educational initiatives, broaden our diversity, and strengthen our community.

To close, I wish to thank the incoming and outgoing members of the Executive Committee of the AAPA for their assistance, support, and good humor throughout this year.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was unanimously accepted.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR: AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

The following report was submitted by the AJPA Editor, Peter Ellison:

General remarks—Renewal of the Wiley contract

At the end of 2014 the AAPA renewed its contract with Wiley to publish the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, together with the *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology* and the Annual Meeting supplement (both officially supplements of *AJPA*) for another 6 years, through the end of calendar year 2020. The new contract introduces some substantive changes to the publication format of *AJPA* and clarifies the status of the *Yearbook* but in most other substantive regards renews the terms of the previous contract.

The most substantive change for AAPA members and readers of *AJPA* and the *Yearbook* is that beginning in 2016 the standard publication mode will be digital only. Members who so wish will be able to order print copies of the journal for an additional charge, but those copies

will no longer be included as a standard benefit of AAPA membership. There was no room for negotiation of this issue, nor any sense on the part of the negotiating committee that print publication could be continued by a shift to a different publisher. The move to digital-only publishing of academic journals is sweeping the industry and print subscriptions are declining steeply. Most access of journal content is electronic, as are most searches of the journal literature. Coupled with this move, Wiley has introduced significant enhancements of its digital interface and will soon introduce an app for mobile devices that will allow AAPA members direct access to journal content. Among the side benefits for authors will be the disappearance of charges for color illustrations.

The new contract includes explicit language stating that the *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology*, including all its back files, is the sole property of the AAPA. (*AJPA*, in contrast, is owned by Wiley, not the AAPA.) Wiley will continue to vet permission requests for *Yearbook* content on behalf of the AAPA, but any fees for that access will be decided by the AAPA and be remitted to it. The new contract also stipulates that all articles published in the *Yearbook* will henceforth be freely available without charge from the *AJPA* web site.

Discussion took place during the course of the contract negotiations regarding the ability of authors to post the "final accepted manuscript version" of all articles published in *AJPA* on an institutional web site where they are openly available. Some universities have already established repositories of this kind. Wiley is working with a number of academic publishers to establish such a repository, known as CHORUS (<http://www.chorusaccess.org>), and to make it available to *AJPA* authors. The library community is also at work developing a similar repository, SHARE (<http://www.arl.org/focus-areas/shared-access-research-ecosystem-share#.VNPpve15Abo>). A third possibility would be to establish a repository of our own for all publications in our field. For now the decision has been made to monitor these developments over the next year.

Performance in 2014

During 2014 the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* published three volumes (153–155) of four numbers each, totaling 2,012 pages, not including the Annual Meeting supplement. The published content included 152 Research Articles, 20 Brief Communications, 7 Technical Notes, 2 Perspectives, 28 Book Reviews, 4 Obituaries, 1 Letter to the Editor, and 6 Errata. The Proceedings of the 2013 Annual Meeting of the AAPA were published in the February issue (153, 2), and the Proceedings of the 2014 Annual Meeting were published in the December issue (155, 4). The AAPA Constitution and Bylaws were published in the April issue (153, 4). In the October issue (155, 2) we featured a special Symposium Set on "Reconciling 'Health' and 'Stress' in Physical Anthropology," guest edited by Laurie J. Reitsema and Britney K. McIlvaine.

The flow of manuscripts in 2014 continued its upward trend, with a total of 462 manuscripts received (not including book reviews) (Fig. 1). Manuscripts originated from 53 different countries, with the major sources, after the United States (316), being the UK (88), Canada (34), Germany (33), Italy (32), China (28), Spain (28), France (27), Poland (23), Argentina (19), and Australia (16).

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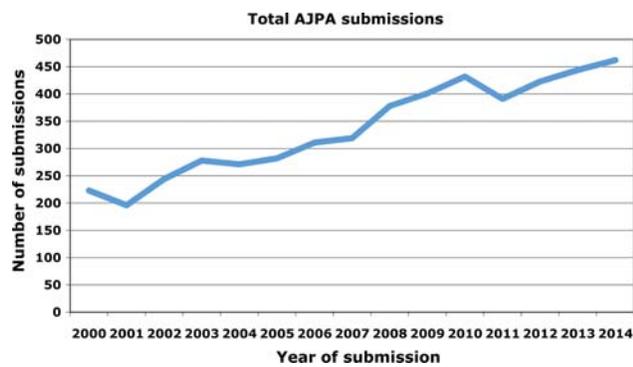


Fig. 1. Number of submissions per year since 2000.

The acceptance rate for manuscripts during 2014 was 44%, the same as in the previous year. Currently, the average time from submission to first decision is 34.2 days, and the average time from submission to final decision is 60.7 days. This represents a significant change from last year's report, where the average time from submission to final decision was 158 days. The credit for this improvement should be equally shared by the Associate Editors, who averaged 5.5 days to recruit referees for first submissions and 7.8 days for resubmissions, and by reviewers, who averaged 20.9 days to return reviews of first submissions and 17.5 days to return reviews of resubmissions. The average lag time from manuscript acceptance to appearance on Early View, which constitutes official, citable publication, was 17.5 days, and from acceptance to print was 81.7 days. Although there is much to celebrate in these statistics, it should be noted that they are averages. There are still too many individual cases in which the review process takes much longer than it should. We will continue to work at shortening that tail of the distribution.

The breakdown of publications in *AJPA* (excluding book reviews) by major subject area is provided in Figure 2, although the categories are somewhat arbitrary and for many articles, nonexclusive. The chart represents the Editor's assignment of a "primary" area to each publication. In the future we hope to have authors assign areas to their own manuscripts for statistical purposes. Five broad areas dominate the distribution: bioarchaeology, osteology/paleopathology, human

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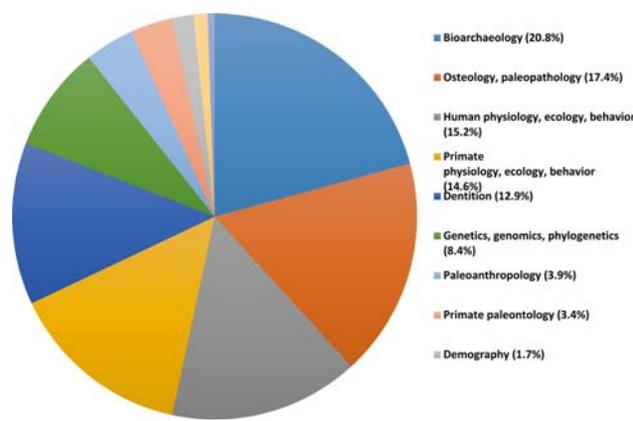


Fig. 2. Break down of published articles by subject area.

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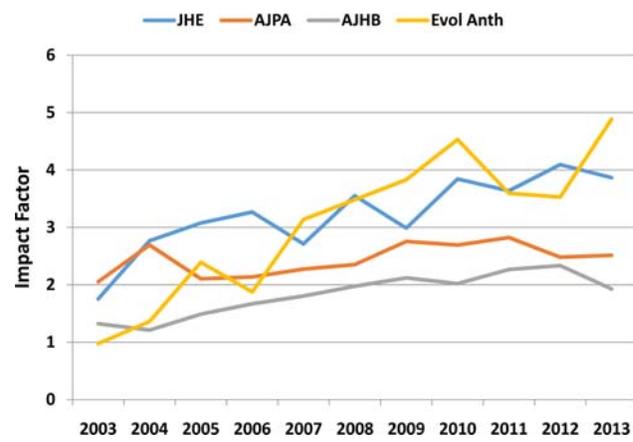


Fig. 3. Impact factors for AJPA and sister journals since 2003.

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physiology/ecology/behavior, primate physiology/ecology/behavior, and dentition.

The impact factor for *AJPA* calculated by ISI/Web of Science for 2013 (the index is always lagged 2 years) was 2.514, a slight increase from 2012 (2.418) but still below the recent high point of 2011 (2.824) (Fig. 3). We compare well with our sister publications in the field, though as illustrated in Figure 3, our impact factor has been rather stagnant during a period when other journals in the field have seen steady increases. This continues to be a matter of some concern to me, and a reason for our efforts to speed up the review process.

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Changes for 2015

We have introduced a new article category that will debut in 2015: Theory and Synthesis. This category will feature articles that make particular contributions to theory or that synthesize material across the subfields of biological anthropology in a way that significantly advances understanding.

We have also introduced structured abstracts for Research Articles and Brief Communications with a structure that reflects the structure of the paper itself, organized under headings of Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, and Conclusions. As the medium for searching and reading the scientific literature has become increasingly digital, the importance of an Abstract in succinctly representing the main points of an article has greatly increased. Structured abstracts facilitate the clear communication of the main points to a reader who may, at the first pass, only have access to the abstract and not the full article.

Acknowledgements

I am very grateful to the Associate Editors of the journal for their diligent efforts in shepherding the review process for so many submissions and for helping to significantly reduce the time manuscripts spend in review. Six Associate Editors are rotating off the Editorial Board and deserve special thanks for their service: Kristiaan D'Aout, Tony Di Fiore, Toomas Kivisild, Connie Mulligan, Leanne Nash, and Chris Vinyard. I would also like to extend special thanks to Assistant Editor Pippi Ellison whose efforts have particularly helped to accelerate the review process. I thank Tiffany McKerahon and Allyn Molina from Wiley for their sustained engagement

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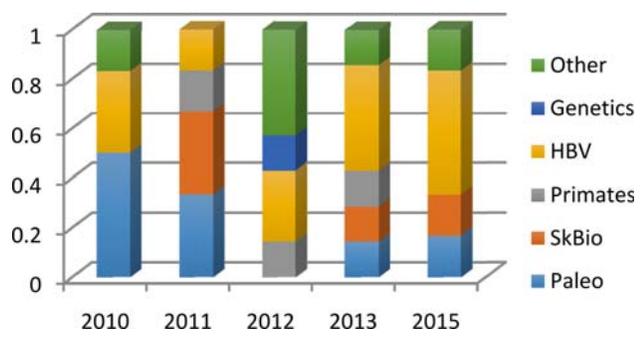


Fig. 4. Number of Yearbook papers in sub-areas 2010–2015.

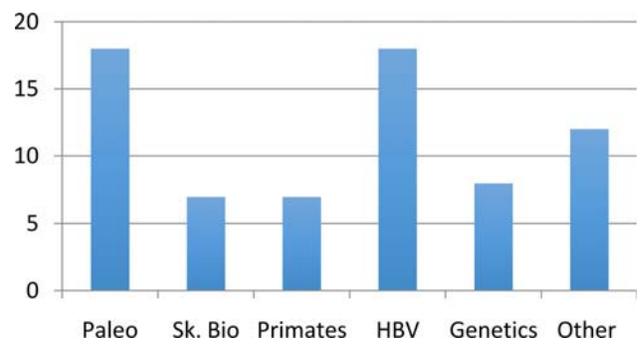


Fig. 5. Eleven Year Summary of Yearbook articles by topic area.

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during the contract negotiation process, and Tiffany in particular for all her help throughout the year. Finally, I would like to thank the membership of the AAPA for their participation in the process of peer review. For all its faults, peer review remains the foundation of integrity in scientific publishing. I hope everyone takes their responsibility to participate seriously as a major element of their professional duties. And I thank the AAPA for the opportunity to serve as Editor-in-chief of AJPA.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR: YEARBOOK OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Yearbook Editor Trudy Turner submitted the following report: The 2015 Yearbook of Physical Anthropology included 6 articles and a total of 145 printed pages. The editorial board makes every effort to include contributions from all the subareas within biological anthropology (see Fig. 4). An analysis of the past 11 years of contributions to the Yearbook indicates that some subareas are much better represented than others in the Yearbook (see Fig. 5). We are attempting to remedy this and strongly encourage all our colleagues to consider the Yearbook as a venue for their publications.

The Yearbook publishes reviews of current research in biological anthropology. Recommendations for subject areas and authors are appreciated. Many Yearbook articles are solicited, but unsolicited papers are most welcome. Submission requirements are detailed at the Yearbook link on the AAPA page of the Wiley website. Please also feel free to consult with any member of the Editorial board.

As a result of the contract negotiations between Wiley and the AAPA, there have been some changes that affect the Yearbook. The Yearbook will now be published at the beginning of the year instead of at the end of the year. To accomplish this change there was no 2014 edition of the Yearbook. Instead Volume 156, Supplement S59 came out in January, 2015. This will be the pattern moving forward. A particularly important change is that from now on all Yearbook articles will be freely available on the Wiley website. One final change is that the number of pages in the Yearbook has been increased.

I am deeply grateful to the authors and reviewers of Yearbook articles. I would also like to thank Tiffany McKarahan of Wiley and Thomas Manbeck of Cenveo Publishing Services for their expertise. I am also enormously indebted to the editorial board of the Yearbook, Shara Bailey, Robin Bernstein, Jeff Long, Debra Martin, David Sprague, Bob Sussman and Chris Vinyard for

their hard work, thoughtful advice and continued helpfulness.

OTHER REPORTS

Brief reports were made by Rebecca Farrell, Program Director for Physical Anthropology at the National Science Foundation; by Leslie Aiello, President of the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; by Agustín Fuentes for the BAS-AAA; and by Karen Strier representing Sol Tax, AAAS representative.

Nominations and elections committee

Brenda Baker submitted the following report. Two Executive Committee member positions were open for election this year. Nominations were solicited from the AAPA membership (in the call for papers, within the online registration, and on the website). Nominations (including self nominations) were sent to Baker via email. A total of 25 nominees were eligible for consideration. This number represents an increase in nominations (20 last year). Additional nominees were determined to be ineligible because they were not AAPA members and are not included in the above total.

The Nominations Committee for the Executive Committee slate covered the main sub-specialties of Physical Anthropology and represented different ranks (junior to senior): Sheela Athreya (Associate Professor, Texas A&M University, paleoanthropology/functional morphology), Graciela Cabana (Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee, genetics); Teague O'Mara (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Konstanz and Max Planck Institute for Ornithology, primatology), and Lisa Sattenspiel (Professor, University of Missouri, human biology). The committee narrowed the field of Executive Committee nominees to four with two alternates in order to fill a slate of four candidates for the ballot. The committee considered overall subspecialty and geographic representation, experience in the field, in AAPA and other service, and seniority (prioritizing associate and full professor ranks) when selecting nominees.

Following the selection of the candidate slates, full members of AAPA voted via an electronic poll designed by BAI. The initial solicitation was sent on January 15, 2015. A second reminder was sent in mid-February to those who had not voted in mid-February, with the poll closing at midnight on March 5, 2015. A total of 401 ballots was cast, a decrease from last year when two

TABLE 2. List of 2015 Pollitzer travel award winners

APRIL DOBBS	KEVIN KNOWLES	MEGAN RUE
AMANDA LEE	ELAINE KOZMA	MYRA LAIRD
JULIA ARENSEN	KRISTEN RAMIREZ	BRIAN PADGETT
JOEL BRAY	LORING BURGESS	PEDRO FERNANDEZ
CHRISTINA STANTIS	LU YAO	SARAH TRAYNOR
REBECCA GILMOUR	LYDIA LIGHT	SAMANTHA PATTERSON
JEFFREY PETERSON	MALCOLM RAMSAY	SAMANTHA YAUSSY
JESSE GOLIATH	MARIA DARR	MARISSA STEWART

officers were elected (2011 = 191, 2012 = 441, 2013 = 520, 2014 = 480).

The new Executive Committee Members are Leslea Hlusko and Anne Stone. Their term starts Friday, March 27, following the business meeting.

Darwin and Lasker Awards. Nomination packets were solicited for two awards: 1) Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award and 2) Lasker Award for Outstanding Service. Nominations were solicited from the AAPA membership (in the call for papers, in online registration questionnaire, and on the website). Nominations were due via email or regular mail no later than September 15, 2014. Two nominees for the Lasker Award and 13 for the Darwin Award were considered, all of which were new or renewed nominations. All but one of the nomination letters was submitted electronically.

Nomination packets for the Lasker Award were submitted via email to the Executive Committee for discussion and voting on September 26, 2014, which concluded October 1, 2014. Nomination packets for the Darwin Award were submitted via email to the full Executive Committee on November 11, 2014, and voting concluded on November 18, 2014.

As per our previous practice, submissions of new and/or updated nominations made in 2014 but not awarded in 2015 are to be retained for future consideration. Therefore, all remaining nominees will be reconsidered for each award in the coming fall. Members are encouraged to submit new nominations to Anne Stone by September 15, 2015. The 2015 winners are Phyllis Dolhinow (University of California, Berkeley), Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award, and Dennis O'Rourke (University of Utah), Lasker Award for Outstanding Service.

Student liaison to the executive committee. The position of Student Liaison to the Executive Committee was established at the 2012 Executive Committee meeting to help increase student participation in the AAPA. Applications for the position were solicited from interested graduate student members in the call for papers, via an email blast sent by Allen Press to student members, on the AAPA website, and posted by our current student liaisons to our Facebook page. Application materials were sent to Baker via email.

Five applications were submitted by the September 15, 2014, deadline. The applications were reviewed and discussed by the chair of the nominations committee, the current student liaison, and a subset of the EC who had no conflict of interest. Our Student Liaison for 2015–16 is Melanie Beasley, a Ph.D. candidate from the University of California, San Diego. Her term officially starts with the 2015 Executive Committee meeting and continues to next year's Executive Committee meeting. I thank

all those who considered the many outstanding AAPA members for each of these positions and awards.

Student affairs committee

The following report was submitted by Anthony di Fiore: This year, we had 40 applicants for Pollitzer Travel Awards, down from 128 last year. The dramatic decline is perhaps due to our earlier deadline for submission (December 1st rather than January 15th). The decline in submissions may also be due to the fact that we instituted a new rule this past year where students can only receive one Pollitzer Travel Award in their careers. In light of the much smaller number of submissions, I think we need to reconsider these new policies and recommend that the Executive Committee take this up at our meeting.

The Pollitzer Travel Award essays were each read by four members of the Student Affairs Committee. Essay judges included Michelle Bezanson, Maureen Devlin, Anthony Di Fiore, James Higham, Jason Kamilar, Kristi Lewton, James Loudon, Katherine MacKinnon, Julie Lesnik, Scott Madux, Stephanie Meredith, Michael Muehlenbein, Leila Porter, and Danny Wescott. This year, the committee awarded a total of 24 prizes of \$500 (see Table 2). The following recommendations were made to the executive committee for discussion: 1) return to a January deadline for Pollitzer Travel Award essay submission; 2) relax the rule that students can only receive 1 travel award in their career; 3) possibly institute a web-based submission and review process for the travel awards and a web-based submission process for the student research competition.

The AAPA student research competition. For the 2015 student research competition, a total of 31 submissions were received this year, down 8 from 39 last year. These were judged by Michelle Bezanson, Maureen Devlin, Anthony Di Fiore, Rebecca Lewis, Julie Lesnik, James Loudon, Jason Kamilar, Katie MacKinnon, Scott Madux, Michael Muehlenbein, and Danny Wescott. The winners of the competitions (Fig. 6) were:

James Herrera (Stony Brook) *Environmental instability and functional traits explain lemur ecological community structure* (Poster)—Earnest Hooton Prize

Maryjka Blaszczyk (NYU) *Boldness in wild vervet monkeys: individual differences and consistency across contexts* (Podium)—Sherwood Washburn Prize

Eleanor Dove (Liverpool John Moores U) *A (whole) new idea: Using nutrient foramen location to identify relative growth and the center of ossification in juvenile tibiae* (Poster)—Ales Hrdlicka Prize

Michael Granatosky (Duke U) [*italics*]: *Kinetics of below branch quadrupedal walking in primates and other mammals: implications for the evolution of specialized suspensory locomotion*—Juan Comas Prize

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Fig. 6. Recipients of student prizes at the Saturday evening student awards reception. Left to right (top row): James Herrera, Maryjka Blaszczyk, Eleanor Dove, Megan Petersdorf, Susan Antón, Leah Sparrow, Catalina Villamil, and Nicholas Holowka; (bottom row) Anthony Di Fiore, Michael Granatosky. Missing from the photo are Mary Cole and Halska Glowacka. Photograph by Brenda J. Baker.

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Mary Cole (The Ohio State U) [*italics*]: A semi-automatic method for intracortical porosity quantification with application to intraskeletal variability—Mildred Trotter Prize

Honorable mentions went to Megan Petersdorf (NYU), Leah Sparrow (Univ of Calgary), Catalina Villamil (NYU), and Nicholas Holowka (Stony Brook).

Membership committee

The following report was submitted by J. Josh Snodgrass.

Management company transition. As part of the January 1, 2015 transition to the new management company (BAI), we now have a new AAPA liaison/contact (Heide Rohland) and a new website was launched (<http://birenheide.com/AAPA/membership.php>). There is now an accurate membership directory that is available to members. BAI is also assisting AAPA with the integration of the membership and conference registration systems.

Membership numbers/trends. Membership over the last several years is as follows:

Last year, at the time of the meetings, 1,265 members were registered (report date April 7, 2014). We experienced a membership decline several years ago that was in part

TABLE 3. Membership trends

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 (as of 3/22/15)
1,628	1,615	1,636	1,457	1,563	1,433

due to major problems with Allen Press, our management company (see Table 3). In response, we made a major effort over the past 2 years to address these issues and increase membership in the association. We have now started to check whether those who register for the annual meeting as a members (and receive the meeting registration discount) are actually members; we started this effort on March 2, 2015 and it to date has resulted in ~200 attendees either renewing their membership or applying to become a member. Going forward, the membership and conference registration systems will be integrated.

Based on the most recent numbers, it appears that membership is now increasing. 577 people have applied to become new members since the end of the 2014 meetings; 323 had applied in a similar time frame during the previous year.

Membership applicants. Since the 2014 meeting, 577 people have applied for membership. Most of these are new applicants, though some are from applicants wishing to transition from Student Member to Regular Member. Furthermore, others had been approved previously

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for membership but had let their membership lapse; if it had been more than 2 years of non-payment, I treated these as new member applicants. For new applicants for Regular and Special member categories, I verified credentials for membership by researching the applicants online, reviewing CVs, and/or soliciting reference letters. For new applicants for Student membership, I reviewed their credentials, researched the applicant online, and then confirmed student status with an advisor or faculty member in their department. The names of these 577 appear in Table 4.

Career development committee

Joan Richtsmeier provided the following report:

Early career mentoring award. We had six outstanding proposals for the Early Career Mentoring opportunity. Ashley Hammond was chosen as new mentee and will be shadowing Dr. Susan Antón (AAPA President). In her application, Dr. Hammond spoke of the challenges faced by early career scientists that are nonissues for established scientists, which underscores the need for an early career representative to give voice to these concerns and vision for the AAPA. She will strive to expand the dialogue surrounding early career physical anthropologists to include issues such as adjunct instructor rights and policy on free speech in social media. While we wish Ashley the best during her 2-year appointment as the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Early Career Executive Committee Mentee, we thank Jon Bethard for his service as outgoing Early Career Mentee.

Professional development awards (PDA). The AAPA PDA committee reviewed 22 applications in 2014–2015 (5 fewer than in 2013–2014). Twelve applicants were from the US, 10 were international, coming from Kazakhstan, Spain (2), France, South Africa, Japan, Australia, UK, Venezuela, Canada). Each application was reviewed by at least two independent reviewers. In reviewing proposals, the Committee considers the significance of the work, the quality of the proposal, the potential impact of the award on the applicant's career, and the strength of the recommendation letter and CV. The Committee also makes every effort to fund broadly across the discipline. The Committee recommended funding five proposals, each in the amount of \$5,000. Award and declination letters were emailed to applicants on March 2, 2014. The award recipients are as follows:

Marin Pilloud

University of Nevada Reno, “Dental phenotypic variation in Neolithic Anatolia: identifying social structure and population movement in early farming societies”

Elizabeth Quinn

Washington University, “I breastfeed, therefore I am”

Davide Ponzi

University of Chicago, “Role of Puberty in the Development of Chronotype in a Rural Caribbean Community”

Sharon Kessler

McGill University, “Mouse lemurs as potential sentinels and reservoirs of diseases”

Christopher Shaffer

Grand Valley State University, “Ethnoprimateology of the Konashen community owned conservation concession, Guyana”

TABLE 4. List of new members approved by vote of members at the 2015 Annual Business Meeting

Regular member (n = 209)	Keely C. Carlson	Rebecca J. Ferrell ^a	Angela Khalil
Nancy J. Akins	Stephen G.B. Chester	Adam D. Foster	John D. Kingston ^a
Kari L. Allen	Habiba Chirchir	Susan R. Frankenberg ^a	Temesgen L. Kelecha ^b
Sergio Almecja ^a	Kathryn Clancy	Lukas Friedl	Sharon E. Kessler
Lucinda Almy-Hamilton	Siobhan Clarke	Andrew Froehle	Alexander M. Kim
Andrea J. Alveshere	Margaret Clegg	Eva C. Garrett	Aryn Klein
Summer Arrigo-Nelson	Sebastien Coette	Alexander Georgiev	Maranda A. Kles
Myrtati D. Artaria ^b	Zachary Cofran	Drew P. Gerkey	Soichiro Kusaka
Elizabeth G. Atkinson	Catherine Cooke	Lee Gettler	Susan C. Kuzminsky
Graham Banes ^b	David M.L. Cooper	Ian Gilby	Stacy Lindshield
Alon Barash	Lynn E. Copes ^c	Felicia Gomez	Jessica W. Lynch Alfaro
William A. Barr	Lisa Corewyn	Harry W. Greene	Kristin M. Macak
Lisa Becker	Lee Cronk	Nanda Grow	Bertrand Mafart
Jelena J. Bekvalac	Craig A. Cunningham	Ariel Gruenthal-Rankin	Heli Maijanen
Jada Benn Torres	Frank Cuozzo	Ashley Hammond	Debra L. Martin
Jennifer Blake	Franklin E. Damann	William Harcourt-Smith	Stacey A. Matarazzo
Samantha H. Blatt	Camille De Becdelievre ^b	Katerina Harvati ^c	Ripan Malhi
Charlotte Brassey	Kate M. Detwiler	Valerie A. Haskins	Frederick K. Manthi ^b
Jessica F. Brinkworth	Lily J. Doershuk	Kevin G. Hatala	Hannah E. Marsh
Michelle Brown	Kerry M. Dore	John Hawks	Andrew Marshall
Lauren Butaric	Ravindranath Duggirala	Cheryl Ann Hill	Dawn Marshall
Jennifer F. Byrnes	German V. Dziel	Carolyn R. Hodges-Simeon	Jennifer S. Mascaro
Alyson Caine	Courtney D. Eleazer	Jason A. Hodgson	Michael P. Masters
Joseph R. Califf	Marina C. Elliott	Sammantha Holder	Hila May
Meadow Campbell	Shawn G. Fackler	Andrew Holmes	Robert McCarthy
Stephanie L. Canington	Dean Falk ^c	Amy Jacobson	Laura A. McCarty
Terence Capellini	Ceri Falys	Alexandra C. Johnson	Jessica McCoy
Robyn Capobianco	Lisa Ferguson	Steve Johnson	Kieran McNulty

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Philip Melton	Matthew S. Taylor	Melanie E. Boeyer	Nicholas Ellwanger
Stephanie Meredith ^a	Julie A. Teichroeb	Ryan J. Bohlender	Amanda Ellwanger
Deborah C. Merrett	Zaneta M. Thayer	Matthew R. Bond	Gideon Erkenwick
Catherine Merritt	Jasem B. Theyab	Klarea Boose	Elizabeth Evangelou
Marc Meyer	Jayne-Leigh Thomas	Seth B. Boren	Stephanie S. Evelyn-Wright
Aida Miro-Herrans	Cynthia L. Thompson	Helen M. Brandt	Eleanor Farber
Jennifer L. Molina-Stidger	Julie Thomas	Joel R. Bray	Sara Fardi
Jennifer Muller	Meredith L. Tise	Rebecca S.A. Brittain	Lawrence Fatica
Maria De Lourdes Munoz ^b	Gabriel A. Torres	Elizabeth A. Brown	Katherine Fernandez
Carson Murray	Anthony Tosi	Elissa A. Bullion	Pedro J. Fernandez
Pablo Nepomnaschy	Ben Trumble	Carla L. Burrell	Tyler Fording
Teresa Nichols	Sydney M. Tuller ^b	Stephanie Calce	Alexandria Furguson
Amy Non	Jenny Tung	Sarah Caldwell	Aileen Fernandez
Heather L. Norton	Caroline VanSickle	Claudia Maria Carbone	Ben Finkel
Cara Ocobock	Chiara N. Villa	Morgan Carpenter	Patrick Finnigan
James C. Ohman	Brian Villmoare	Amanda Rae Carter	Kevin V. Flattery
Carolyn M. Orbann	Patricia Vinyard ^a	Natasha Castellon-Hinkle	Raquel Fleskes
Hannah O'Regan	Erin R. Vogel	William D. Cawley	Shai Fogelson
Martha R. Palma Malaga ^b	Juliette R. Vogel	Ligia E. Ceja	Frances Forrest
Esteban Parra	Andrew Wade	Tara Cepon-Robins	Stephanie A. Fox
Laurel Pearson	Qian Wang	Brittany Chamberlain	Colleen Friedly
Elizabeth Pennefather-O'Brien	Christina Warinner	Olivia Cheronet	Amanda N. Friend
Ezra Phillips	Elizabeth Wilk	Ainash Childebayeva ^b	Katharina Fuchs
Mindy Pitre	Lana Williams	Marine Chkadua	Ethan L. Fulwood
Kimberly Plomp	Leslie L. Williams	Diana M.C. Christie	Davette Gadison
Michael Prout	Katherine Willmore	Tessa Cicak	Zachary Garfield
Jill D. Pruetz	Emily Wroblewski	Allison N. Clark	Ian George
EA Quinn	Zhenglan Xia ^b	Kelsey S. Clarke	Rebecca George
Jennifer Raff	Xiaohui Xu ^b	Megan K. Cleary	Dagmawit Abebe Getahun
Marissa Ramsier	Alexandria R. Young	Jasmine M. Cloven	Diana Gibson
Nicole M. Reeves	Jesse Young ^c	Christina Cloutier	Laura P. Ginn
Melissa J. Remis	Angel Zeininger	Caitlynn Cole	Holly Glass
Kathryn L. Reusch	Melissa Zolnierz	Devan S. Compton	Devora Gleiber
Linda Reynard	Molly Zuckerman	Nathan Cooley	Rachel Glenzer
Terrence B. Ritzman ^b	Special members (n = 4)	Aviva A. Cormier	Luke Glowacki
Neil T. Roach	Brett Burk	Miranda Cosman	Michael W. Goepper
Michelle A. Rodrigues	Valerie J. First	Nicole M. Crowe	Elisabeth A. Goldman
Alan R. Rogers	Laura B. Fisher	Allyson E. Darke	Emmalea Gomberg
Charles Roseman	Simon Hillson	Maria Darr	Andres Gomez
Stacy Rosenbaum	Student member (n = 364)	Christopher A. Davis	Lauren Ann Gonzales
Aaron Sams	Elicia F. Abella	Heidi S. Davis	Deborah Graham
Clara J. Scarry	Andrea Acosta	Kim P. Deckers	Nathaniel Graham
Michael A. Schillaci	Donovan M. Adams	Marisol Delgadillo	Michael C. Granatosky
P. Thomas Schoenemann	Sarah D. Alden	Dorien de Vries	Callie L. Greenhaw
Katherine Schroer	Myeashea Alexander	Alexandra DeCasien	Jacob S. Griffin
Ryan Seidemann	Neha J. Angal	Arthur DeFruscio	Alicia R. Grosso
Maja Seselj ^c	Laurel Appleton	Martha N. Diaz	Janna Gruber
Laura Shackelford	Mark A.S. Arceno	Mary P. Dinsmore	Elaine Guevara
Yousuf Shaik ^b	Julia L. Arenson	Danamarie Donatelli	Ariana D. Gugora
Allison M. Sharplin	Irisa Arney	Erin Donovan	Oznur Gulhan
Heidi Shaw	Livia A. Arnold	Shelby Doubeck	Stacy Hackner
Yun Ysi Siew	Sewasew H. Assefa	Kohl T. Dothage	Alyssa J. Haggard
Kirk E. Smith	Madelaine C. Azar	Pamela H. Douglas	Alycia Hall
Lindsey W. Smith	Alyssa C. Bader	Eleanor R. Dove	Sarah A. Hall
Noah Snyder-Mackler	Iulia Badescu	Jessica M. Dow	Marian Hamilton
K. Elizabeth Soluri	Emily C. Bair	Allison C. Doyle	Bethany Hansen
Susan D. Spencer	Christopher Barrett	Elizabeth C. Doyle	Kelly Harkins
Margaret A. Stanton	Sarah E. Baumgarten	Julius A. Doyle	Arianna R. Harrington
Nancy J. Stevens ^c	Kristine G. Beaty	Aaron M. Durchholz	Mallorie A. Hatch
David Strait	Dana E. Becker	Amy East	Kelly Heim
Laura Stroik	Jonathan R. Belanich	Kaitlin E. East	Lauren Heitkamp
Kyra Stull	Charles D. Benton	Rebecca M. Eden	Lauren Hennes
Diana M. Swales	Andrew W. Best	Michael D. Edge	Jacqueline Herdocia
Melissa C. Tallman	Scott Blumenthal	Daniel Ehrlich	Diego Hernandez

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Lisa C. Highsmith	Chelsea Leonard	Susan A. Oubre	Jason St. John
Melanie L. Highsmith	Melissa A. Liebert	Sofia I. Pacheco	Christina M. Stantis
Brittany Hollister	Emily Lloyd	Guillaume Pages	Olivia A. Starich
Kelsey L. Holtlander	Raquel Lopez	Evelyn L. Pain	Alexandra Stassen
Kellen N. Hope	Laura C. Loyola	Tiffany Pan	Abigail L. Stone
Emily Hopkins	Teghan Lucas	Kathryn A. Parker	Ryan Strand
Haley E. Horbaly	Justin R. Lund	Samantha K. Patterson	Bonnie J. Sumner
Daphne R. Hudson	Ingrid Lundeen	Daisy Pavia	Key Sun
Hilarie Huley	Diana Malarchik	Sarah J. Peacock	Elizabeth Tapanes
Cortney N. Hulse	Sharon C. Maniaci-Melton	Megan D. Petersdorf	Alexandra Thomas
Caitlin Humphrey	Nicholas Mann-Ercole	Rachel Petersen	Patricia Thomas
David Ingleman	Zorina K. Manoni	Lauren Petruzzo	Peter A. Thompson
Stella Ioannou	Julia A. Margolis	Sarah R. Phillips-Garcia	Emma G. Thurau
Melanie Jackson	Molly C. Martell	Taylor A. Polvadore	Sarah Ann Timmons
Austin Jacobs	Jennifer L. Massimin	Austin L. Polonitza	Dave Tolliver
Dave Jacobson	Sandra Mathews	Amanda B. Price	Cassandra B. Tran
Farnaz Khatibi Jafari	Marisa A. Maughan	Whitney Puetz	Anna E. Tremblay
Elizabeth T. Johnson	Caitlin E. Mayer	Justin Pyle	Charity Upson-Taboas
Naomi Johnson	Rebecca Mayus	Leslie Quade	Natali Valdes
Sydney D. Johnson	Amanda K. McCaffrey	Robin Quataert	Andrew Van Horn
Victoria P. Johnson	Brittany McClain	Claira Ralston	Welsey Alexandra Vanosdall
Chelsea M. Jordan	Fiona G. McCrossin	Christina Ramazani	Samantha Wade
Kelsey Jorgensen	Chloe McDanel	Helena Ramsaroop	Robyn Wakefield-Murphy
Jelena Jovanovic ^b	Alexandra McGough	Malcolm S. Ramsay	Amber D. Walker-Bolton
Beki S. Jumonville	Kate McGrath	Meredith Reid	Jessica Walz
Hyunwoo Jung	Sara A. McGuire	Elizabeth Renner	Monica M. Warner
Jessica E. Kaiser	Timothy S. McHale	Abigail Rich	Jennifer Washabaugh
Boryana Kasabova	Ellison McNutt	Lizette Rodriguez	Gregory J. Wehrman
Lauren E. Kauffman	Lindsey Meador	Megan J. Rue	Jacob White
Erin Kello	Lauren A. Meckel	Fernando Saavedra	Kurt E. White
Brittany Kenyon	Jessica Mesa	Lita Sacks	Katie M. Whitmore
Alastair J.M. Key	Katherine M. Meyer	Amelia Sancilio	Erin M. Whittey
Amanda Khan	Michael C. Michayluk	Kayleigh A.M. Sandhu	Kyle S. Wiley
Melissa Kidd	Dan J. Miller	Marcela Sandoval Velasco	Mary A. Wilkins
Aoife Kilmartin	Emily E. Moes	Summer R. Sanford	Amanda N. Williams
Emma N. Kirby	Elizabeth A. Moffett	Kristen Savell	Samuel J. Williams
Scott Kirkland	Alysse M. Moldawer	Jerred K. Schaefer	Meredith Wilson
Amanda G. Kittoe	Vincent Moloughney	Roman M. Schomberg	Kyle I. Wilson
Chris Klaes	Carrie S. Mongle	Valerie A.M. Schoof	Kelsey E. Witt
Shannon A. Klainer	Joshua W.R. Moore	Kaylee Schotten	Amanda R. Wittrup
Anthony J. Koehl	Erika L. Morey	Mallory A. Schreier	Deming Yang
Sara M. Kropp	Paul E. Morse	Joshua M. Schrock	Lu Yao
Krystiana Krupa	Russell J. Moskal	David M. Schruth	Ghandi Yetish
Raquel Lamela Lopez	John A. Mowell	Matthew Schwartz	An-Di Yim
Joshua M. LaMontagne	Amanda Murphy	Timothy M. Sefczek	Colleen B. Young
Tracey Lancaster	Enquye W. Negah	Chalachew Seyoum ^b	Johanna E. Young
Natalie Langowski	Elizabeth A. Nelson	Emily Shea	Kristin Young
Genevieve M. Lapointe	Caitlin E. Nichols	Kate D. Sherwood	Sharon M. Young
Natalie M. Laudicina	Alexis O'Donnell	Nicole Siegel	Alexandra J. Zachwieja
Austin B. Lawrence	Christina I. Oliveira	Anne M.E. Sohler	Fatma B. Zalzala
Amanda B. Lee	Kelly B. Ontl	Kristen D. Smith	Andrew J. Zamora
Sean M. Lee	Rebecca Ortega	Leah Sparrow	Kaya G. Zelazny
Roxanne Leiter	Kelly R. Ostrofsky	Karen R.B. St. George	Adam C. Zimmer

^a Spouse.

^b Dev. Nation.

^c Life.

Career Development Panel. The Career Development Panel event for the 2015 AAPA meeting took place on Friday noon to 2 pm. This year the panel was entitled: "Adversity, Strategy and Success." The panelists were chosen in order to share their very different life experiences to help AAPA attendees to navigate their

own paths to success whether it be in an alternate or traditional job.

The panelists include:

Dr. Kristina Aldridge is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. Her

background is in biological anthropology, anatomy, craniofacial development, and neuroanatomy. Her research focuses on the complex interrelationships between development, structure, and function of the human brain. She received her doctorate in Cell Biology and Anatomy from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, followed by postdoctoral positions at Pennsylvania State University and at Washington University School of Medicine. Her career was thrown off-track by 2 years of treatment for cancer, diagnosed mid-way on her path to promotion and tenure. The support of her colleagues and creative strategies to remain productive allowed her to come back to academia with a renewed passion for research and teaching, and with a healthy approach toward work-home balance.

Dr. Rebecca Ferrell is a biological anthropologist with a background in skeletal biology, dental microstructure and development, paleodemography, and reproductive aging. Her overarching research interests include the reconstruction of health, stress, and mortality patterns in past human populations, and evolutionary adaptations in humans. Since receipt of her doctorate in Biological Anthropology from The Pennsylvania State University she has been a postdoctoral fellow at Georgetown University's Center for Population and Health, a member of the anthropology faculty at Howard University, and a Scientific Review Officer at the National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health. Currently she is on detail to the National Science Foundation, serving as Program Director for the Biological Anthropology program, and is also a Research Associate at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

Kat Willmore is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Western Ontario. Her research is largely focused on questions addressing the mechanisms that generate and structure phenotypic variation in mammalian skulls. Following a positive and productive postdoctoral experience at Pennsylvania State University, Kat chose to leave academia and move to a small town in Canada where her husband had secured a job. To fulfill her passion for learning, research and teaching, she took up writing science for a general audience. Science writing gave Kat an opportunity to continue to use, and to build upon her research experience, as well as a chance to practice clear communication of science. Additionally, science writing allowed her to stay up-to-date in her field and to maintain contacts in academia. Ultimately, Kat's interest in first-hand research lured her back to academics, but her experience as a writer has positively impacted her career and approach to research and teaching.

Local arrangements committee

Elizabeth A. Quinn, the chair of the Local Arrangements Committee reported that attendance at the St. Louis meeting was very strong, with over 1,700 participants from around the world. Special thanks was given to the hotel management and staff for their help and cooperation throughout the planning process and the meetings, and for all the members of the Local Arrangements Committee for the assistance in making the meetings successful.

Committee on diversity

The following report was submitted by Susan Antón. There are currently five groups developed and run under the umbrella of the COD: 1) IDEAS (Increasing diversity

in evolutionary anthropological sciences); 2) AACT (Anthropologists outside of Anthropology Contingent and Teaching focused faculty); 3) LGBTQQIAA interest group (aka gAyAAPA); 4) WIN (Women's Initiative); 5) and International Scholars (pending). Ripan Malhi will become Co-Chair (Agustín Fuentes) when Antón assumes the AAPA presidency.

COD initiatives at the 2015 annual meetings.

Eight initiatives were undertaken during 2015 meeting: 1) the fifth annual COD Undergraduate Research Symposium, took place Wednesday, March 25 from 6 to 8:30 pm, prior to the AAPA Welcome Reception. This year a later abstract deadline was instituted to allow easier participation for undergraduates. Undergraduates receive a certificate of participation from the AAPA president and complimentary meeting registration. Sixty abstracts were submitted. The following students received awards: Kathlena Anderson, Emily A Chamberlain, Lauren Christopher, Sara Cooper, Nicole M. Crowe, Tyler Fording, Leslie Gotuaco, Vanessa Graves, Alycia E. A. Hall & Sydney D. Johnson, Daniel Jager, Ingrid Lundeen, Risa Luther, Elizabeth Moore & Arielle Dening, Kyle G. Morley, Cody J. Mosher, Rachel Ogden, Colton Runion, Delaney Sztraicher, Yesenia Taveras Cruz, Madelaine Azar & Naomi Johnson, Jazmin Branch, Meytal Chernoff, Christian Freeman, Carley Schleien, Emily Walco: 2) WIN (Women's Initiative) hosted two Early Career Mentoring Workshops funded by the Elsevier Foundation grant (PI's Robin Bernstein and Andrea Taylor). The workshops served as a pilot for future funding: 3) Anthropologists outside of Anthropology Contingent and Teaching (AACT) organized and ran a program entitled, "Teaching Biological Anthropology in the 21st Century." This successful, previously independent program is now run by COD AACT; 4) the COD held their regular committee meeting on Thursday from 12 to 1 pm; 5) the LGBTQQIAA (also known as gAyAPA) interest group held their second annual meeting Thursday evening; 6) AACT (Contract/Contingent Faculty Working Group) held their second annual meeting on Friday from 12 to 1 pm; 7) the IDEAS steering committee met on Friday from 12 to 1 pm; and 8) the COD Panel: In the Shadow of Ferguson was held on Saturday from 2 to 4 pm.

COD initiatives online. A number of online initiatives were instituted this year. The COD Listservs and webpage formally migrated to the AAPA server. The main COD listserv is administered by Phoebe Stubblefield and Susan Antón; the WIN listserve by Andrea Taylor and Susan Antón; the LGBTQQIAA list by Stephanie Meredith and Susan Antón; and the AACT by Susan Antón.

Details on how to enroll on the lists and updates on committee activities can also be found on the main AAPA site. The COD Facebook page is maintained by Kerry Dore. The page is at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=111005358936354&ref=ts>

Demographic survey. Allen Press ran a Survey Monkey demographic survey of the membership in 2014. Summary results can be obtained by contacting the AAPA Secretary-Treasurer.

Burk Associates has incorporated demographic questions into the membership database, so that going

forward we should be able to cull yearly cross-sectional data to assess membership trends, support grant writing, and assess programming.

Grants. An NSF proposal was submitted and funded for the IDEAS program (supporting workshops and mentoring of minority scholars). Antón and Malhi, co-PIs were funded \$159,000 over 3 years. An Elsevier Foundation proposal was resubmitted and funded for the WIN mentoring workshops. Taylor and Bernstein are the co-PIs. This initiative was funded \$48,000 over 2 years.

Ad hoc student committee

The following report was submitted by Christina Stantis: In accordance with the structure created by the Executive Committee, the committee co-chairs are the Student Liaisons for the AAPA Executive Committee. The current liaisons are Melanie Beasley (UC San Diego) and Christina Stantis (University of Otago). Student Affairs Committee events at the 2015 meeting included a student-run panel titled "Networking tips and tricks: getting the most out of your meeting" followed by the student committee meeting.

2014 AAPA meeting (Calgary) summary. At the 2014 AAPA Executive Committee Meeting the outgoing student liaison (Jill E. Scott) and the incoming student liaison (Christina Stantis) reiterated their commitment to developing an *ad hoc* student committee. The purposes of this committee include: 1) Providing a voice to student members; 2) Understanding student-specific needs and concerns; 3) Increasing student involvement in the association and association events.

The committee organized a panel ("How to get into grad school"). Twenty eight students attended. The first student committee meeting was held after the AAPA Annual Business Meeting. Fifteen interested students (undergraduate and graduate) attended. At the meeting, the co-chairs introduced themselves to student members. The co-chairs proposed several subcommittee ideas that students could volunteer for and welcomed suggestions. Subcommittees were created and led by student volunteers. The current subcommittees are: 1) Facebook group; 2) Survey of student interests/demographics; 3) Student Panel; 4) Mentorship. The survey and panel subcommittee were introduced by the co-chairs. Others were created at students' suggestions.

AAPA American Association of Physical anthropologists Student Members' Facebook group. Created in Sept 2014, the Facebook group has 544 members as of March 12, 2015.

This group provides a platform to promote student involvement in the organization and annual meetings. Thus far, this group has provided a means to create contacts for sharing travel arrangements and accommodations at the meeting and to remind students about meeting events (such as the Auction fundraiser). Regular members of the AAPA are allowed to join the group and encouraged to post information about field schools and graduate programs. Non-members of the AAPA are also allowed to foster interest in physical anthropology and the AAPA in the broader public.

Ad hoc auction committee

The following report was submitted by Susan Antón. The Ad Hoc Auction Committee for the Calgary 2014 and 2015 meeting consisted of six members: two co-chairs (Antón/Snodgrass) and Herman Pontzer, Emily Middleton, Myra Laird, and Catalina Villamil. We are greatly indebted to the 20 student volunteers without whom the auction couldn't run. The 2014 Auction was emceed by Trenton Holliday and Shara Bailey, with assistance from Emily Middleton and Catalina Villamil, Scott Williams and James Higham. Lunches with Luminaries continues to be very popular. In Calgary, Peter Ellison/Cynthia Beall, Trudy Turner/Colin Chapman, Lee Berger/Scott McGraw, and Jane Buikstra/Charlotte Roberts graciously hosted students for lunch. This year in St. Louis, Nina Jablonski/Carol Ward, Josh Snodgrass/Bill Leonard, and Phyllis Dolhinow/Tony Di Fiore will be hosts. Total costs for the 2014 Auction were \$775. There were 160 items available for silent auction and 25 items up for live bidding. This year in St. Louis, we expect there to be over 220 items available for silent bidding and 15 for live bids. In total, the earnings from the Calgary Student Auction was \$9,647. Hence, 20 students were awarded travel grants to attend the 2015 meeting, and many smaller Undergraduate Research Symposium awards were allocated to support undergraduate participation and travel.

Ad hoc ethics committee

The following report was submitted by Erin Riley: Committee members include Deborah Bolnick: molecular anthropology, ancient DNA; Graciela Cabana: molecular anthropology, bioarchaeology; Bert Covert: primate paleontology; primate conservation; Eric Delson: paleoanthropology; primate paleontology; Ann Kakaliouras: bioarchaeology, NAGPRA; Robin Nelson: human biology; human growth and development; Erin Riley (chair): primate ecology and conservation; ethnoprimateology; Elle Saine (student member): human skeletal biology; forensics; Heather Shattuck-Heidon (student member); Trudy Turner: genetics & life history of nonhuman primates; women in science; ethics and bio anthropology; Jennifer Wagner: attorney at UPenn, anthropological genetics.

Our primary activities included: 1) Compilation of ethics resources: the committee has compiled a list of resources to complement the Ethics Code on the AAPA website. The resources have been forwarded to Ed Hagen (website manager) who will build a more involved section for Ethics on the AAPA website (estimated completion May 2015); 2) A subcommittee has been formed (with additional members from outside of the Ethics Committee) to draft a Sexual Harassment Policy. Subcommittee members: Robin Nelson (chair), Erin Riley, Eric Delson, Jen Wagner, Robin Bernstein, and Holly Dunsworth; 3) We have a working outline and plan to draft a statement at our upcoming committee meeting in St. Louis.

Planned actions include: 1) Continue working on ways to make the code of ethics a more dynamic document; 2) We will solicit case studies that highlight ethical issues experienced by AAPA members. These will also be included online. We also plan to write brief histories behind sections of the code to provide greater background information and context. These will also be included online; 3) Complete a draft of a Sexual Harassment Policy for approval by the AAPA Executive

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Fig. 7. Dennis O'Rourke, Lasker Distinguished Service award winner, with award presenter, Trudy Turner. Photograph by Brenda J. Baker.

Committee; 4) Continue the process of moving the Ethics Committee from ad hoc to standing committee status. This action item will be addressed at our committee meeting in St. Louis; 5) Work with the Executive Committee to develop a standing policy and procedure for determining when to issue position statements (on issues with ethical concerns), what content should be included in such statements, who drafts them and what the approval and dissemination process would be.

OLD BUSINESS

President, Karen Rosenberg, reported that the initiative to change the AAPA bylaws to include the Ethics Committee as a standing committee was progressing. Member Agustín Fuentes moved that the following be distributed to all AAPA members in good standing:

Motion

To change the AAPA Bylaws (Article 3, Section 2a) to include the Ethics Committee, formerly known as the "Ad Hoc Ethics Committee," as a standing committee of the Association.

The motion passed unanimously. Thus, the following change (in bold) will be made to the AAPA bylaws upon approval by a majority vote at the 2016 annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia:

Proposed change:

**ARTICLE III
Committees**

Section 2a. Other Standing Committees. The following standing committees shall be constituted: Membership and Credentials; Publications; History and Honors; Student Affairs; Education; **Ethics**; Diversity; and Career

Development. Each Committee shall have at least three members, one of whom is designated by the President to chair the Committee. All members are appointed for a 3-year term by the President with advice and consent of the Executive Committee. There shall also be a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three persons, including a Chair. It shall be appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Executive Committee for a 1-year term, beginning at least 3 months prior to the annual meeting. The President is responsible for charging Committees with their duties and receiving their reports. At the President's discretion, Committee members may be given staggered terms. All Committees are to keep detailed records of their proceedings suitable for transmission to future committee members. The Chair of the Membership and Credential Committee is specifically charged with examining the credentials of membership applicants in all membership categories, corresponding with applicants concerning membership, presenting a list of qualified applicants to the Executive Committee and general membership for consideration, and overseeing the maintenance of the Association's membership records.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The AAPA Gabriel Lasker Award for Outstanding Service was presented to Dennis O'Rourke by Trudy Turner (Fig. 7). The following remarks were offered by

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Trudy Turner. Dennis O'Rourke's professional life provides us all with an extraordinary example of the ways in which an individual's service can enrich our discipline and our association. The entire biological anthropology community has benefited from Dennis' work and this award is one way in which we can offer our thanks.

Dennis served on the Executive Committee of the AAPA where he chaired the student awards committee, and chaired the local arrangements committee for the meeting in Salt Lake City. Dennis has been the Vice-

President of the association organizing two meetings and has served as the association's president. Even after stepping down as president, he continued to serve the association as a member of the search committee for the editor of the *Yearbook* and chair of the search committee for the editor for the *AJPA*.

All of this barely scratches the surface of Dennis' contributions to our discipline. Dennis has served on the executive committee of the Human Biology association and as founding member, vice president and president of the American Association of Anthropological Genetics. He is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and will serve as Chair of section H, Anthropology.

Dennis' career has shown us how a dedicated academic can live a life combining research, teaching and service. His research and his service to the bioanthropological community are entwined. Dennis' research is on the population and evolutionary genetics of historic and prehistoric populations of the circum-Arctic. Dennis has served on review panels for *Arctic Social Science*, the *Bering Sea Ecosystem*, the *Polar Year* and has been on the editorial boards of the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology*, as well as the *AJPA*, *PLoS One*, and the *Cambridge Studies on Biological and Evolutionary Anthropology*.

Many of you may have first come into contact with Dennis when he was the Program Director for Physical Anthropology at NSF. The NSF is one of the major funding agencies for our discipline and the program director not only ensures that proposals are reviewed, but also can actively speak about the value of our discipline to the scientific community. Dennis credits his time at NSF with allowing him to forge for himself a broader, more inclusive perspective on our discipline. While at NSF Dennis sought out additional funding opportunities for biological anthropologists by establishing linkages with other social science directorates. These opportunities led to greater visibility for our discipline.

Also, while at NSF Dennis became seriously involved in the discussions of ethics in biological anthropology. It was during Dennis' tenure as program director that issues concerning the ethics of working with the genetics of identified populations came under particular scrutiny. Dennis' own research concerns this issue and he has worked continually to ensure appropriate interactions with identified populations in the Arctic. As part of this effort, Dennis supported a workshop I organized on Anthropological Genetics and Ethics. Although I had known Dennis before this, it was because of his support of the workshop that I was able to work more closely with him and learn what a wonderful colleague he is.

Dennis' interest in and work on ethics in the discipline continued after his term at NSF. Plenary sessions organized when he was Vice President of the AAPA concerned ethics in the profession. He has spoken frequently on the topic. He is co-chair of the Institutional Review Board at his university and is a member of the Department of the Interior's NAGPRA review committee. His continued service on NAGPRA review committees ensures an advocate for our discipline in this important committee.

Although not traditionally thought of as service, mentorship of students and junior colleagues is also vital to the continued health of a field. Dennis has certainly distinguished himself here also. To date, he has served on 44 PhD committees, chairing 17. His contributions to subsequent generations of biological anthropologists will be profound.

Dennis has provided a constant, reasonable and measured approach to issues that are vital to our discipline's continued relevance. He is a supportive and thoughtful colleague who has served our association and our discipline well. He is truly a model for all of us of an individual whose life's work is one of scholarship, commitment and service. He is most deserving of this honor and I am thrilled to present this award to him.

Dr. O'Rourke accepted the Gabriel Lasker Award for Outstanding Service to a standing ovation from the membership. The following remarks were offered by the recipient.

Thank you, Trudy. That was overly kind and generous, although I do appreciate it. When Karen first called to inform me that I would be receiving the Lasker Award this year, my first reaction was stunned disbelief, my second was to wonder who she really meant to call. Improbably, it wasn't a mistake! For which I am truly grateful.

I am particularly honored, and humbled, by this award. Because like many here, I suspect, I consider this Association my professional and intellectual home. In a very real sense, I grew up here, attending my first AAPA meeting as a third year undergraduate student, when we were still sufficiently small to meet on college campuses and have no simultaneous sessions. That was over 40-years ago, and if my memory serves, I have missed only two meetings since then. The first as a beginning graduate student when I had nothing to contribute, and no money to travel in any case, and the second, several years later when it was suggested to me that I should probably forego the meetings that year in favor of staying home for the birth of our daughter. Thanks for that good advice, Tam.

I have far too many friends and colleagues to thank for permitting me the opportunity to serve our academic community, so I won't even try. Most of you know who you are and how you have helped me. I sincerely thank you, and appreciate your support and advice. But I do want to thank Trudy for thinking of me with a nomination, and the Executive Committee for looking on the nomination with favor. I am well aware that there are many others whose dedication and hard work on behalf of the Association also deserve special recognition.

I will note that I am particularly pleased to receive the Lasker Service Award here in St. Louis, where I spent a most enjoyable, and occasionally productive, post-doctoral stint in genetic epidemiology at Washington University School of Medicine. And we are just a state away from Lawrence and my graduate training with Mike Crawford. It was Mike, to whom I owe much, who many years ago required all his graduate students to attend the annual AAPA business meeting to really learn what our profession and association was about. Despite our grumbling and grudging attendance, it was an instant education, as anyone fortunate enough to have attended business meetings in the late 1970s and early 80s can attest. We don't have business meetings like that any more, for which we probably should be grateful. But they were an important introduction to being professionally engaged. And I have thoroughly enjoyed it ever since.

And, of course, I have always benefited from the constant support and encouragement of my family, who seemed to cheerfully tolerate my frequent absences for meetings, conferences, paper and poster preparation, fieldwork, and the like. Thanks Tam, Jamie, Kelly, who are here with me tonight, and Darcy, who couldn't be here this evening. An impending birth took justifiable precedence.



Fig. 8. Phyllis Dolhinow, Darwin Lifetime Achievement award winner, with award presenters Katie MacKinnon and Agustin Fuentes. Photograph by Brenda J. Baker.

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Thank you all. I am truly honored; it's been a privilege.

CHARLES R. DARWIN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The AAPA Charles R. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Phyllis Dolhinow by Katie MacKinnon and Agustin Fuentes (Fig. 8). The following remarks were offered by Katie MacKinnon and Agustin Fuentes.

Phyllis Dolhinow has been an extraordinarily influential scholar and mentor in the field of primatological anthropology over a career that has spanned five decades, beginning at the University of Chicago, then a post-doc at UC-Davis, followed by nearly thirty-five years at UC-Berkeley. Her long-term research interests have been in the evolution of development and life-history in primates, focusing on mother-infant bonds, play, and social behavior. In the 1960s and early 70s she pioneered the integrative approach in primate studies via editing a series of highly influential books, notably *Primates: Studies in Adaptation and Variability* (1968, as Phyllis Jay), and *Perspectives on Human Evolution, Vol. 1 & 2* (1968, as Phyllis Jay, with Sherwood L. Washburn), and then *Primate Patterns* (1972), among others. In addition to a long and distinguished publication record, she has inspired generations of undergraduate and graduate students to think about human and nonhuman primate evolution in a sophisticated manner, through a prism of primate biology, phylogeny, and behavior. She retired in 1999, and is currently Professor Emerita of anthropology at U.C. Berkeley.

There are few instances wherein we have the opportunity to both reflect on, and acknowledge in person, individuals who could best be considered pioneers of our field. She is one of the very few living biological anthro-

pologists whose intellectual, professional, and creative work changed the course of modern primate studies—and who became a role model for hundreds, if not thousands, of students over the past five decades. By way of her articles, books, teaching, fieldwork, lectures, and organized symposia, Professor Phyllis (Jay) Dolhinow has influenced generations of students and shaped the discipline of modern primatology. For twenty-six years she introduced numerous graduate and undergraduate students the complexities, methodologies, and wonder of behavioral observation on primates at the primate field station in the hills above UC Berkeley. Her mentoring provided a robust evolutionary and anthropological training, and instilled a life-long respect for generous intellectual scholarship in her students. Her contributions to our field ultimately led to a burst of new primate behavior data and research methodologies throughout her career. She has been an inspiration to many of us who were lucky to be her students, and for whom a lifetime of guidance and advice was but a phone call away. There is no person, we feel, more deserving of the honor we present here today – we are thrilled to present the AAPA Charles Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award to Phyllis Dolhinow!

Dr. Dolhinow accepted the Charles R. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award to a standing ovation from the membership.

The following remarks were offered by the recipient. The Charles Darwin Lifetime Award is a truly great honor, and an unexpected one. I know there are people in the audience who are deserving of this honor and I would share it with them.

In sixth grade we were required to write a “Career Book.” I had already spent many hours sitting on the floor reading in an elderly set of Britannica and I was intrigued by the pages on Physical Anthropology. That

then became the subject of my essay and of my following years of study. It has been exciting, rewarding and has offered me opportunities to study around the globe.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this awesome award.

NEW BUSINESS

President, Karen Rosenberg, reported that the initiative to change the AAPA bylaws to include a new membership category. The proposal states, "We the undersigned being regular members of the AAPA in good standing propose the following new member category be added to the bylaws and be conferred with the same voting status as regular members at a membership rate between Student and Regular Member fee categories, New category Postdoctoral/Contingent Faculty." The proposal was approved. As stipulated in the bylaws, the Executive Committee will discuss the proposal and present a formal Bylaws Amendment to the membership at the next business meeting for discussion and approval.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions were offered by Lorena Madrigal. Dear friends: It is my pleasure to provide the resolutions of the AAPA 2015 meetings. I start by thanking our local hosts and by proclaiming that the St. Louis meetings were a success. I also thank the local hosts of upcoming meetings, and encourage AAPA members to volunteer to host meetings in the future. It is a lot of work, but it is worth it.

I would also like to welcome all new members. Thank you for joining us!

An important resolution this year is to observe the growing number of student members in our association. The AAPA is welcoming to all, young and not so young. We encourage undergraduate participation with our undergraduate research session, we encourage student research and participation with our student prizes and travel awards, and by having a student liaison member to the board, and we encourage younger colleagues with the professional development awards.

As our organization welcomes new and young members, it also loses its older members. This year in particular, we have lost several giants of our disciplines, and it is now, with a heavy heart, that I would like to recognize them.

George Armelagos, whose work challenged long-held views about the transition from hunting and gathering to agriculture, and who encouraged biological anthropologists' current drinking patterns by demonstrating that ancient Nubians drank their fair share of beer. George served the AAPA in several capacities: he was an executive board member in 1981, our vice-president from 1983 to 1984, and AAPA President from 1988 to 1989. George also received the Charles Darwin award from the AAPA.

Lane Anderson Beck, whose work in bioarchaeology emphasized the importance of placing the analysis of human skeletal remains firmly into cultural context. Her work as curator at the Arizona State Museum and within the Department of Anthropology provides a lasting legacy for many in our field.

Walter H. Birkby, forensic anthropologist. During a court appearance, he was asked by a defense lawyer, who questioned his credential, to take a quiz, matching dental records of several children. Dr. Birkby matched 100% of the records, and proved that he was indeed, an expert witness. He is said to have dealt with skeletal

remains with the same respect and concern that doctors have for their patients.

Irven Devore, who dedicated his career to the "big picture" through his interdisciplinary approach to evolutionary biology and his astute photographic eye. Focusing first on baboons, and later on humans, Dr. Devore mentored many young scientists with his unwavering commitment to the scientific process, his acceptance of controversy, and his sense of humor.

Kenneth Kennedy, who did extensive field and laboratory work on the prehistoric peoples of India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. He wrote extensively about bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology, as well as about the history of biological anthropology. His courses were known for his rigor and high standards. He was an associate of the Order of the Holy Cross, an Anglican Benedictine monastic order, and saw learning as a means to seek God.

Donald Harvey Morris, who had a long and successful career at Arizona State University. Indeed, an award in his name is presented by ASU to acknowledge an exceptional graduate student in evolutionary anthropology and bioarchaeology. He enjoyed taking care of his dogs, horses, and small farm.

Tab Rasmussen, who studied primate evolution by focusing on the fossil record and the comparative study of living primates. He did behavioral and paleoanthropological research in several countries of Africa, the Americas, in the Solomon Islands and in several states in the USA. He was known to be an exceptional teacher.

Clyde Snow, who via his forensic anthropological work brought closure to so many families who lost their loved ones to war and political persecution. Dr. Snow was the luncheon speaker during our Tampa meetings, and he spoke with the greatest dignity and respect of both the victims and their families. He was a role model to many of us, as he was expelled from school after a fire cracker incident.

Gentry Steele, who influenced generations of biological anthropologists at Texas A & M, and who published exceptional work on human skeletal anatomy. Dr. Steele had a passion for photography, which resulted in two coffee-table books on the natural beauty of Texas.

Bill Stini, who had a long career during which he published copiously and advised a large number of students. His family has described him as a self-made man, who went from a small town boy to a world renowned authority. He was a member of the AAPA executive board in 1979–1980, the editor of the AJPA from 1983 to 1989 and president of the association during 1998–1999.

We honor our departed members, and thank teachers and colleagues from all generations. We are grateful to those who have passed for all they did for the discipline of biological anthropology, for the AAPA, and for their students.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was moved to adjournment and adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne L. Grauer
Secretary-Treasurer