President
Ann McElroy
I am truly honored to be nominated for the office of President of the Society for Applied Anthropology, an organization that has been an essential part of my professional and personal compass for almost forty years. Prior to 1970, I was educated rather conventionally, taking an Honors BA program at the University of Kansas with field research on children’s lives growing up in impoverished families on a Prairie Potawatomi reservation, and a PhD at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, with research in northern Canada in 1967 and 1969-70 on Inuit family life and child enculturation in two Baffin Island towns. I started my teaching career in 1971 prepared to teach psychological anthropology, but I found that my students were more interested in learning medical and applied anthropology. I turned to the SfAA in the mid-1970s to find models of graduate training and curriculum development. Opportunities to talk with practitioners, to participate in workshops, and to discover program resources while attending annual meetings opened an exciting spectrum of new roles for anthropologists.

During sabbatical leave in 1978-79 I launched a project on health services to migrant and settled-out farm workers in north-central California. My presentation on the project at the meetings in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1981 received positive feedback, reinforcing my conversion to applied work. Over the next decade I directed several graduate training projects: one on intercultural communication and health care in an inner-city pediatrics clinic (1982-83); another on improving communication among clinic staff and clients in a free-standing clinic for migrant and rural families in Western New York State (1982-90); and a third on community integration of persons with traumatic brain injury (1991-92). For a number of these students, their first conference presentations took place at SfAA meetings.

Fortunately, the inclusive, egalitarian ethos that pervaded the organization in the 1970s, encouraging new members to contribute their talents and interests in annual meeting activities and publications, has survived despite our growth in membership and increased structural complexity. The SfAA continues to foster inclusivity with exceptional support for students through travel grants, poster awards, and the Peter K. New Award. It encourages diversity and broad representation in committee membership and Topical Interest Group (TIG) participation, and it forges and cultivates local and regional connections to organizations and various communities at the annual meetings.

Since the term of President is short, the person in this role necessarily builds on the strengths of predecessors while assessing the feasibility of revisiting unrealized goals of their terms. I applaud the efforts of our recent and current presidents to increase transparency in the deliberations and decisions of the Board of Directors. There has been much discussion about revision of the Society’s by-laws and ways to involve the general membership in discussions of by-law changes (for example through teleconferencing). Rewriting by-laws is no small task. Some customary practices have never been codified, and other practices prescribed in the by-laws are no longer practical such written ballots rather than online voting.

Rather than promoting radical policy changes, if elected I will consult as many groups as possible to learn about successful initiatives that should continue as well as areas of unresolved conflict and potential “fault lines” deserving attention. After reviewing minutes
posted on the SfAA website, it seems that articulating the rights and responsibilities of the Student Committee should take high priority and may require negotiations in good faith. Undoubtedly there are other issues that I am not aware of, so early in my term I would consult with the Board of Directors, the Business Office and Executive Director, our publication editors, the chairs of key committees, members of the TIGS, and other groups. We should attempt to develop a consensus on the most critical challenges rather than trying to ameliorate every problem and hastily resolve every contradiction.

In addition to focusing on goals of service to our members and promotion of our discipline, we must not forget our mission to apply our knowledge and skills to the world outside our organization. To quote President Roberto Alvarez (August, 2013 online News), “Our question in the past has been centered on how we serve our membership. This continues to be crucial, but how the organization engages the world is also of great importance.” Given the environmental and political crises of the last year, it is essential to expand our international connections. For example, a proposal for the SfAA to initiate “global inter-meetings” by co-sponsoring a conference with a social science organization in another country (say, Australia) was discussed in the Executive Board meeting in spring, 2012 (as reported in the Minutes for March 28, 2012). As President, I would support this initiative and encourage continued efforts to create international exchanges.

My qualifications for the SfAA presidency come partly from various roles I played in the organization from the mid-1980s on. As a member of the SfAA’s Committee on Regional and Special Interest Groups, in 1984 I organized the Network on Health, an informal group focused on planning conference sessions on health issues. Our symposium, “Knowledge Utilization in the Health Policy Process” held at the 1985 meetings in Washington, D.C., resulted in the publication I co-edited with John van Willigen and Barbara Rylko-Bauer in 1989, Making Our Research Useful: Case Studies in the Utilization of Anthropological Knowledge.

I was elected to the Executive Committee (now Board of Directors) for the 1989-92 term, with assignments on the Ethics, Departmental Services, and Annual Program Committees. The twice-yearly Board meetings and committee assignments taught me a great deal about the complex articulation among the officers and Board, the Executive Director, the business office, and the membership. To promote the organization’s mission, maintain fiscal stability, recognize the needs and expectations of our interest groups (TIGS) and local practitioner organizations (LPOs), produce high-quality publications, and bring about successful and well-organized annual meetings each year – all these challenges require coordination, communication, and most of all, collaboration based on mutual respect.

I gained additional organizational experience from various roles in the Society for Medical Anthropology in the 1980s and ‘90s. I was elected to the SMA’s Executive Board for the 1986-88 term, chaired the Committee on Interest Groups, and was the SMA Program Editor for the 1987 AAA meetings. From 1986-89, I served on the Editorial Board for the Medical Anthropology Quarterly and during the following two years was the MAQ Book Review Editor.

After completing my term on the SfAA Board, other opportunities arose for participation. I was elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee in 1994 and served as its Chair from 1995 to 1996. In 2000 I was appointed to the Malinowski Award Committee and, from 2002 to 2005, chaired the committee. My work on this committee was particularly gratifying. It was a privilege to work with such capable and dedicated colleagues and to review the life’s
work of our extraordinary nominees. In 2006-2008, I served as a member of the Peter K. New Award Committee, and in the spring of 2012, I received the Sol Tax Distinguished Service Award at the meetings in Baltimore.

My recent applied projects have involved collection of narratives by Canadian Inuit elders about their early lives and the impacts of settling in towns on Baffin Island (1992 through 2006); needs and gaps assessment research (including student training) with families affected by trauma death (homicides, suicides, etc.) commissioned by the Niagara Behavioral Healthcare Network (2004-2005); and a study of the role of Museum of DisABILITY History in Buffalo, NY, in reducing social and physical boundaries in communication about disability history (2011-12).

As a faculty member at SUNY Buffalo, I have developed leadership and organizational skills through directing several training programs and chairing committees. These include the Research Careers in Anthropology graduate program supported by a U.S. Department of Education training grant; the Applied Medical Anthropology M.A. track in our department; chairing the Human Subjects Review Committee for Social Sciences (1995-99) and then chairing the Social and Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board (1999-2003). Currently I serve on the Faculty Advisory Committee for the Center for Disability Studies in UB’s College of Arts and Sciences.

Various community service projects have given me experience in communicating with clinicians and health administrators. A few of these include: Grant proposal development for Delta Comprehensive Alcoholism Project, Contra Costa County, CA (1979); Board of Directors, Buffalo Childbirth Coalition (1981-84); Facilitator in Culture and Health workshop, Graduate Medical Dental Education Consortium of SUNY Buffalo (1997-98); and Member, Board of Directors, (2008-09) and Secretary, Board of Directors, and member of Executive Committee (2010-present), Children’s Mental Health Coalition of Western New York.

After 43 years of teaching, I will be retiring in May, 2014, and look forward to focusing my energy and time to serving the SfAA as President.

Kathleen DeWalt
I am a nutritional anthropologist and qualitative methodologist. Throughout my career I have worked in both basic and applied research in the US and Latin America. Currently I am a professor of Anthropology and Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh and I serve as the Director of the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), a US Department of Education funded National Resource Center for Latin American Studies. I have also served as the Director of the Kentucky Research Center for Health Risk Reduction in Rural Youth (HRRRY).

I have been a member of the Society for Applied Anthropology since 1973. During that time I have actively participated in the annual meetings, and have served on several committees, most recently on the Nominations and Elections Committees and the Malinowski Award Committee, which I have chaired for 4 years. I have also served as a member and chair of the AAA Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology, the AAA Nominations Committee, as President of the Council on Nutritional Anthropology (now SAFN) and on the Executive Committee of the Society for Medical Anthropology.

My training and research have been interdisciplinary. After taking my first professional appointment as an Assistant Professor in the School of Medicine at the University of Kentucky
I began a series of projects that worked at the intersection of agricultural research and extension, food security and health in economically marginal communities in Latin America and the Southeast US. As part of the Sorghum and Millet Collaborative Research Support Program I worked in Mexico and Honduras both on the evaluation of the impact of shifting agricultural policy and research on small producers. From 1986 through 1992 I directed the Cooperative Agreement in Nutrition and Agriculture (NACA) funded through USAID and the USDA Office of International Cooperation and Development. NACA provided models, methodologies, training and technical support for the inclusion of food security goals in agricultural research and program planning, implementation and evaluation.

I have collaborated with and carried out policy relevant research and training programs for organizations such as the USAID, the International Potato Center (CIP), the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), and the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA). In 1987 I began a series of projects in Ecuador funded through USAID, USDA, NSF and the MacArthur Foundation that addressed both the policy and practical concerns of including food security and nutrition goals in agricultural research and extension and in developing approaches to community based natural resource management. The MacArthur Foundation projects resulted in a number of implementation programs carried out by Ecuadorian NGOs and funded by various agencies aimed at developing new models of community management of natural resources in Carchi, Province Ecuador. An NSF funded restudy of two women’s cooperatives in Manabi Province led to a 25 year follow up of these project allowing for a long term evaluation of the impact of income generating projects on women’ s control of income, social power and the welfare of their children. I have also carried out research on the food security of older adults in rural Kentucky (funded by NIA), and research on cardiovascular risk in Kentucky youth (funded by NHLBI). My current research focuses on the changing livelihoods and food security of Kichwa speaking people in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

Over 20 years ago, as Director of the HRRRY Center, I set up the University of Kentucky’s first distance seminar series, and the first state-wide advisory committee that met via video conference, using the old T1 lines. As Director of CLAS I have developed an integrated strategy of using video conferencing, new social media and a blog space dedicated to research and scholarship based opinion and commentary on Latin America to fulfill our mission as a National Resource Center in Latin American Studies.

The Society for Applied Anthropology was formed 75 years ago as the premier association for social scientists who were dedicated to high quality research and practice that applies social science theory and data to solving human problems and advocating for fair and just policies, and providing fora for the discussion of and dissemination of information and the formation of new professionals. As we move thorough the 21st Century, our core mission has not changed. We are a “big tent” scholarly organization with an activist mission. I see four areas that have historically been critical to the Society’s mission, and to which I feel I can contribute over the next few years.

SfAA has always been an organization that aggressively includes the broadest range of professionals who are dedicated to this mission. Maintaining the dynamic diversity of the membership and ensuring that all our members are well represented in the Society’s leadership is an ongoing process. We have done a good job, but this is an area in which we can never sit back, but need to continue to seek out the broadest representation of our membership, including new and emerging areas of application.
The scope of our reach is global, and new technologies provide the opportunity to become a more effective and efficient global organization. SfAA has made a great deal of progress in making publications and information available globally through technology. In the next decade I see the SfAA coming squarely into the digital information age and increasing and enhancing the global dissemination of information, knowledge and models for application through our current publications and annual meetings, as well as, through the incorporation of appropriate new media and technologies. For example, activities such as teleconferencing are now possible on a global level with just a laptop computer or a cell phone. Many of us are increasingly comfortable engaging in scholarly interchanges through social media. The SfAA of the 21st century will continue to build on our current communications with new (and, perhaps, not yet imagined) media.

SfAA is a very welcoming place for our newest colleagues; it is often the first international organization through which my students present their new work. We have spent a lot of time and effort on providing opportunities for training and professionalization. Recruiting a diverse, enthusiastic group of future professionals by providing support and opportunity is critical to building the dynamic membership of the SfAA of the future. This means both listening carefully to the concerns and needs of our newest colleagues, and developing even more appropriate programs and opportunities for their professionalization and the careers of the future that also use the means of communication and exchange with which they are familiar.

SfAA also needs to continue to work to secure its long term financial future. The Society has worked hard to keep the costs of membership low. This allows us to engage and serve professionals in training, new professionals, and members who provide their services without attention to the level of remuneration they receive or who are joining from regions with lower incomes. Recent efforts to build more sustainable funding models drawing on sponsorships and support from individuals and foundations and other institutions will need to continue and gain momentum.

As President of the Society for Applied Anthropology I believe that I would bring a commitment to the application of social science research and theory to improving the lives of people; a strong administrative background and experience in management, program development and fund raising; experience in using new technologies and media to further goals of scholarly communication, training and global engagement in critical issues; and a wide ranging network among both academically based and practicing anthropologists.

**Board of Directors Slate A**

**Christian Zlotniski**

I am an associate professor of anthropology at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Texas at Arlington. I received my PhD in Anthropology from the University of California in Santa Barbara in 1998. I am also director of the Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) at the University of Texas at Arlington, where I closely work with a large constituency of Latino students, many of whom are first generation college students.

My research focuses on economic globalization, immigrant labor, and work in the US Southwest and Mexico. I have conducted research on Mexican and Latino immigrants in formal and informal employment markets in California, and on indigenous farmworkers employed in the produce industry in Baja California. My research is informed by an applied
anthropology perspective through which I seek to impact the development of fair economic and social policies for the working-class peoples and communities I study. The results of my work have been published in English and Spanish, including the book *Janitors, Street Vendors, and Activists: The Lives of Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley* (UC Press, 2006), and in journals such as *Human Organization, Cultural Anthropology, and Revista Mexicana de Sociología*. My piece “Water Flowing North of the Border: Export Agriculture and Water Politics in a Rural Community in Baja California” (CA 26, 2011) explores the environmental and social effects of growing water-intensive vegetables for export in an arid region, and the water scarcity it generates for the workers who live in the region. I actively collaborate with research colleagues and students in different academic institutions in Mexico, such El Colegio de la Frontera Norte in in Tijuana.

I have been a SFAA member since the 1990s, and involved in *Human Organization* both as an author and as a reviewer. I have also been a Fellow of the Society since 2007. In the American Anthropological Association, I was member of the Executive Board of the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists until 2012. At UT Arlington, I have served my department (Sociology and Anthropology), the Center for Mexican American Studies, and the University in a wide range of capacities, including member of the McNair Scholars Program that awards fellowships for economically disadvantaged students. More recently as director of CMAS, I have been working to support Latino students, enhance recruitment of Latino faculty, and foster partnerships with local Latino organizations in North Texas.

As a member of SFAA board, I would like to contribute to increase awareness of applied anthropology opportunities for undergraduate students, especially non-traditional college students. In a job market where most anthropology graduates end up working outside academia, it is important to train our students in applied anthropology’s skills and tools so they can have a direct impact on issues such as education, immigration and immigrant communities, public health, sustainable practices, and labor and human rights. At a time of growing economic inequality in the United States and other parts of the world, I believe SFAA can contribute to raise public consciousness about the economic, social, and cultural consequences of this global trend, and advance the cause of social justice to create more equal opportunities for all.

James Loucky
As humanity has developed such anthropogenic capabilities and anthropocentric hubris as to shape climate itself, we face critical choices for which anthropological perspective and practice have never been more essential. I am honored to be a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Society for Applied Anthropology. This represents an opportunity to help set direction, and to reciprocate for insights and partnerships I have valued through SfAA since participating as a student in the 1978 annual meeting in Merida.

My awareness of human resourcefulness in responding to common biological and social needs, especially the potentialities inherent in healthy communities and youth, is rooted in my early years as well as experiences in Mesoamerica, with immigrant communities, and in other contexts of rapid change. I grew up in a refugee household, all the more multicultural as we lived in a large rooming house my parents ran for graduate students from around the world. This kindled my curiosity about other cultures and pursuit of anthropology at Haverford and Bryn Mawr, and then UCLA for MA, PhD, and post-doctoral work. Participation in a field school in Highland Guatemala proved transformative, as I lived with Tz’utujil Maya families who continue to enrich my life. One current endeavor involves elders
and youth in working with now-digitalized photographs being made accessible through community libraries. Central America also solidified my commitment to social and environmental justice. Witnessing the trauma and exodus of tens of thousands during and following the genocidal 1980s, I helped establish the Guatemala Scholars Network, and served as coordinator of IXIM, the first Maya organization in Los Angeles. Besides teaching, my advocacy has been through ecumenical and solidarity circles, as well as through providing expertise in dozens of political asylum cases. Much of my work entails building partnerships across a diaspora that now encompasses much of North America, and supporting education and empowerment for Maya and other Latino communities.

Since joining Western Washington University in 1990, I have built connections across and beyond campus around international and justice issues. I helped establish the Center for International Studies and Programs, serving as its first Director. Mindful of my own formative experience in Guatemala, I have instructed nine research or service field courses, most recently in Ladakh, India, where stewardship of water and values of interdependence guide life in high, arid Himalaya valleys. I am proud as well to be a co-organizer of the Bellingham Human Rights Film Festival, which since 2001 has presented 20+ seminal films annually and free to all.

I foresee various ways SfAA can become more effective, including through affirming ecocultural understandings that are so critical today, promoting humane immigration policies, and prioritizing intercultural and inter-generational partnerships. In a “globalized world” where inequities, materialism, and militarism prevail, we may finally be turning toward common sense. As awareness grows of the intricate connections between environmental and community health – or, to the contrary, poverty and violence – the holistic, comparative, and ethical nature of anthropology is invaluable. SfAA can encourage efforts to ensure a healthy future through internet connections as well as direct experience, reciprocal exchanges with community members with whom we work, and mentoring by more seasoned colleagues eager to share skills developed in a range of places and professions.

Regarding migration, an extensive focus of anthropology, I bring experiences working with families and schools on the US-Mexico border, Mexican and Central American communities in Los Angeles and the Pacific Northwest, and models for social inclusion. In early 2013, I took students to the Arizona/Sonora border to accompany No More Deaths in responding to abuses being perpetrated in the name of homeland security. Humanizing people whose lives are affected by forces beyond their control will always be an essential anthropological task. Rights to move, and to not move, are still rare in public discourse. Yet questions of climate responsibility, collective wisdom, and dwelling well together will increasingly shape future scenarios.

Lastly, focus on youth is essential for SfAA to ever more strongly shape policy and civic preparedness. Young people are drawn to the perspective and methods of anthropology, and we must do even more to include them in collective efforts. We can build capacity for connecting people with opportunities at home and abroad, beyond current reliance primarily on personal networks. Treating youth as the present, and not just the future, also helps counter uncertainty and fear, promoting instead what we might call “hope-mongering” – guiding younger members of SfAA and of society toward principles, practices, and opportunities that foster social and environmental wellbeing.
Board of Directors, Slate B
Alicia Re Cruz
I graduated in 1992 with a Ph.D. in anthropology, from the University of New York in Albany. I have been teaching Anthropology at the University of North Texas since 1992, and I currently hold the rank of Professor in the Department of Anthropology. My professional career started working with Maya peasants in the Yucatán and the cultural transformation associated to Maya migration towards Cancún. I cultivated *milpa* during my 1989-1990 field work in Chan Kom, in order to better understand the agricultural-ritual cycle and the political meaning of corn in the Government’s agricultural development programs and political elections. This work resulted in several publications including a book *The Two Milpas of Chan Kom* (SUNY Press, 1996) and the video production of an ethnographic documentary, *The Maya Dreams of Chan Kom: Tourism, Migration and Changing Identities in the Yucatán* (2006, distributed by University of Illinois Press with double issue in *Journal of Film and Video*, volume 60, No. 2 & 3). On 1992, as an assistant professor of Anthropology at the University of North Texas, I initiated a research agenda focused on transnational migration, particularly in reference to female and undocumented Latino immigrants and their multifaceted religious and socio-economic strategies to accommodate to North Texas. This work has resulted in numerous articles such as: Migrant Women Crossing Borders (*Journal of Borderland Studies*, 1998), Taquerías, Laundromats and Protestant Churches, the Landmarks of the Hispanic Barrios in Denton (*Urban Anthropology* 2005), When Immigrants Root and Transnational Communities Grow (*Urban Anthropology* 2009). For the last two decades I have devoted my profession to working with the multi-dimensional cultural phenomenon of migration, either trans-local, in reference to rural-urban indigenous migration or trans-national in reference to migration across borders. My last anthropological adventure has been in the area of intercultural education with a particular effort in establishing epistemological and ethnographic conversations among different anthropological and interdisciplinary ways to approach the phenomenon in Europe and the Americas. I have been collaborating with an interdisciplinary team of scholars in Spain since 2006 in projects related to *Social Integration/Participation Strategies and Racism Protection in Schools* [http://www.proyectos.cchs.csic.es/integracion/en](http://www.proyectos.cchs.csic.es/integracion/en). An upcoming issue of the journal *Anthropology in Action* documents the applied contributions of these collaborative research projects.

My focus in applied anthropology has been in the area of displacement, the strategies people develop to adjust and accommodate to the host societies, and the policies that affect their lives. On 1999, I organized the *Immigration Resource Council for Conflict Resolution* (IRC), a collaborative program between the Department of Anthropology at UNT and Dallas International, a coalition over 1,300 civic, educational and religious organizations in North Texas area. I have also participated as a professor in a Bilingual Education program, teaching public school teachers how to utilize basic anthropological concepts and methods in their classrooms. The focus on applied work has brought me to explore the area of Legal Anthropology as well. I have worked with a local NGO in VAWA (Violence against Women Act) and Human Trafficking programs. I have been teaching anthropology for more than twenty years at UNT and organized seminars, workshops and courses at the CSIC (national Council for Scientific Research) in Madrid, UQROO (University of Quintana Roo) in Chetumal, among other academic and research institutions in Mexico; this experience has put me in contact with other ways of thinking and doing anthropology which have modeled my pedagogical strategies as much as the thinking and reflection on the global role and position of our discipline today.
For the SfAA, I have been involved in many ways since I joined in 1993. I have been involved in Human Organization as a reviewer. I have presented numerous papers and posters, organized sessions, panels, round tables in collaboration with U.S. and Mexican students, and Mexican and European colleagues. I have been member of the SfAA program committee three times and I served on the Sol Tax Committee for several years. I was elected to be on the Nominations and Elections Committee in 2011 and served as chair of that committee until 2013.

I am committed to public anthropology from the local to the international arenas, with open conversations integrating diverse ways to understand and approach what we think and what we do as professionals in the field of applied anthropology. I am excited about the possibility of serving the Society as a member of the board, about the privilege of learning from each other and about the great opportunity to converse with different ways of putting applied anthropology in the global map.

Christine G.T. Ho

It is a great honor to be invited to run for a seat on the Society for Applied Anthropology Board of Directors, after being a member for many years. Apart from presenting papers at many SfAA annual conferences, I also served in an ad hoc capacity to the SfAA Human Rights and Social Justice Committee until a few months ago when I was appointed formally to that committee. My Board experience includes three terms on the Executive Council of the Caribbean Studies Association from 1998-2002 and from 2004-2006, as well as serving as Secretary for the Association for Feminist Anthropology (AAA) from 1997-2000.

I have spent most of my professional life in academia, teaching at several institutions: University of California, Irvine; U.C.L.A., University of South Florida, Colgate University and, most recently, Fielding Graduate University. My teaching and research interests have centered on Globalization, International Migration, Caribbean Studies, Racial, Ethnic and Gender Inequality, Human Rights and Social Justice. Throughout my years in the academy I have been an advocate for social justice because it is an issue about which I feel passionately.

To my surprise, I received the Social Justice Award from my home institution, Fielding Graduate University, in December 2012, for founding curricular changes on social change, diversity, and inequality and for co-founding the concentration in Transformative Learning for Social Justice, as well as serving as Chair of the Social Justice and Diversity Governance Committee for two terms. This award was last given in 1997. I was also surprised to be invited by the Center on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, to be part of their weekly speaker series in November 2012. As an advocate for human rights, my presentation was titled, “The Quest for Migrant Dignity.”

However, it was the explosion of xenophobia and Islamophobia in the wake of the tragic events of 11 September 2001 that inspired me to become more applied in my orientation and to take action for social change. The inhumanity of the U. S. Immigration Detention System deserves special attention from anthropologists, especially advocates for human rights, because the system violates human rights routinely. The spectacular growth in the U.S. Detention-Industrial Complex can be attributed, at least in part, to the privatization of Mass Incarceration and to a political ideology of punishment codified in immigration and other laws. The result is a detention system bursting at the seams with immigrants, only half of whom have criminal records. As a scholar-activist, I have dedicated myself to exposing, to anthropologists and the general public alike, the social injustices and human rights abuses embedded in U.S. immigration policies and practices and to remedying the situation in various ways.


As an ordinary citizen, I led a delegation in June 2009, on behalf of Amnesty International, to urge members of the U.S. Congress to support legislation to reform the U.S. immigration detention system. I published a report on this project in the Human Rights Forum of *Anthropology News* in February 2011, volume 52, number 2: 27.


As a practicing anthropologist, I have recently begun working with a legal NGO/community organization advocating immigrant rights called Community Initiatives for Visitation of Immigrants in Confinement. (CIVIC) has invited me to create and launch visitation programs in the two immigration detention centers in South Florida where none exist at the present time. Visitation programs would provide incarcerated immigrants who have no local family or friends with visitors from local communities, in this way helping them to maintain contact with the outside world.

If elected to the Board, I would like to share my interest in and knowledge of social justice, not only with members of the SfAA Board but with the general membership, as well as support the mission of the association. I would also like to assess the needs and desires of the membership in terms of skills training, information sharing, assistance, and support to try to establish priorities for how best to serve the diverse interests of the membership.

**Board of Directors, Slate C**

Maryann McCabe

Earlier this year the SfAA President appointed me for a one-year term on the SfAA Board of Directors to fill an empty slot on the Board. Now I run for a regular term. Currently I serve as Board liaison to the Committee on Human Rights and Social Justice. With Board approval, I have initiated a Topical Interest Group (TIG) on business anthropology in response to this growing field of praxis among members.

I earned a Ph.D. in anthropology from New York University in 1981. Since then I have worked in government, the public sector, and the academy.
My doctoral dissertation was a study of child sexual abuse conducted in New York City. The study examined how child protective service workers and Family Court judges make decisions on cases. My first job was Director of Child Sexual Abuse for the New York State Department of Social Services, 1981-1987. This was a newly created position to develop policy, programs and professional training for treating victims, offenders and families. Based on this work and my dissertation, I co-edited two volumes, Child Sexual Abuse (1985) and Child Neglect: A Research View (1986), and wrote child sexual abuse curriculum for social workers published by American Humane Association (1988).

My public sector experience began with employment at Cultural Analysis Group, the 1st anthropological market research firm in the country, located in New York City. I was Vice President, 1987-1991. After moving to Rochester, NY in 1991, I started a consulting practice, Cultural Connections LLC, doing market research for Fortune 500 companies and advertising agencies in the U.S., Japan and Europe. This practice continues to the present. My interest in ethnographic research for clients has led to publication in peer-review journals of articles on U.S. cultural practices such as taking vitamins and magical thought, branding luxury cars, cooking and creativity, and pet keeping and configuring kinship and natural cosmology. In this role I have been teaching courses on market research, entrepreneurship and sustainability since the year 2000. My research interests focus on food production and distribution as a strategy for community development. I am a Board Director for Rochester Roots, a local community organization that promotes food security by working with public school students and teachers to grow organic produce in the city. My university position has involved working with students in Urban Fellows, a summer internship program for civic engagement, and Kauffman Entrepreneurial Year, a 5th year program to develop knowledge and skills in entrepreneurship.

Since joining SfAA in 2004, I have been involved as author, reviewer and presenter. Continuing with the Board, I would be interested in expanding SfAA’s outreach to business anthropologists, strengthening relationships between SfAA and community organizations, and broadening training and professional opportunities for students in applied anthropology.

Maria L. Cruz-Torres
I have a B.S. in Marine Biology (1985) from the University of Puerto Rico and a M.A. (1987) and Ph.D. (1991) in Cultural Anthropology, with a concentration in Human Ecology, from Rutgers University. As an undergraduate student I conducted research with fishermen and fishing associations in eastern Puerto Rico. For my masters thesis I conducted research among the Cuban fishermen of Key West Florida as part of a larger project that sought to understand the impact of implementing a limited entry system in the Florida Lobster fishery upon fishing households. My doctoral dissertation focused on the impact of aquaculture development upon rural communities in Northwestern Mexico. I have conducted long-term ethnographic research in Sinaloa, Mexico, which resulted in the publication of my book Lives of Dust and Water: An Anthropology of Change and Resistance in Northwestern Mexico (2004, University of Arizona Press). In this book I analyze and discuss how contemporary rural communities in Sinaloa respond to local, regional, national, and global economic and environmental changes. I have actively collaborated with colleagues and students at the Autonomous University of Sinaloa (UAS) on many levels (workshops, talks, thesis committees) and co-edited a book Fisheries, The Environment, and Sustainability in Sinaloa (Pesca, Medioambiente y Sustentabilidad en Sinaloa, 2007) with colleagues in the School of Marine Sciences at UAS.
This book compiles various case studies that focus on the social dimensions of Sinaloan fisheries. More recently I co-edited a book on *Gender and Sustainability: Lessons from Asia and Latin America* (2012). This work addresses the manner in which gender shapes the path to sustainability. It emphasizes the lived experiences of women and men in dealing with global environmental changes, economic development, diminishing access to natural resources, and prevalent stereotypes about gender roles. My current research focuses on food systems, and it examines the work of women in Mexican shrimp fisheries, focusing on their economic and cultural contributions, and their participation in grassroots social movements. In relation to this research, I am also collaborating in an engagement project, with women shrimp traders in Sinaloa, to publish in Spanish their testimonies and experiences as workers in the informal sector.

I have served as a consultant for a National Science Foundation Bio-complexity, interdisciplinary, and transnational collaborative research project focusing on the links between human and biophysical processes in coastal marine ecosystems in Baja California, Mexico. I have also served as vice president, president, and chair of the Eric Wolf Prize for the Political Ecology Society. I was a member of the board of the Gendered Perspectives on International Development (GPID) Working Paper Series of the Center for Global Contexts at Michigan State University, and a member of the advisory board of *Conservation and Society*. Prior to joining Arizona State University, I was an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of California in Riverside.

Currently, I am an Associate Professor in the School of Transborder Studies, where I teach courses on Political Ecology; Ethnographic Research; Gender and Development; and Expressive Culture. I am also a member of the teaching faculty in the School of Sustainability; a Senior Sustainability Scientist in the Global Institute of Sustainability; Graduate Faculty in the School of Human Evolution and Social Change, and the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University; and Associate Editor for *Conservation*. I am a fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology, and have been very active in the annual meetings, as a presenter, organizer, and discussant. I would like to see the SFAA create more spaces and opportunities for collaboration that allows for more global engagement and collaboration.

**Nominations & Elections, Slate A**

**Yewoubdar Beyene**

I am an Associate Professor in the Institute for Heath and Aging, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and in the Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine at University of California-San Francisco. I received my Ph.D. degree in medical anthropology from Case Western Reserve University in 1985. In addition, from 1985-87, I was a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of International Health/Epidemiology at UCSF.

My professional interests reflect my own cultural background. I was born and raised in Ethiopia and have lived and worked in the United States, Mexico, Greece and Cameroon. Living and working in different societies has enriched my personal growth and enabled me to adapt to new cultures and settings. This is one of my work’s greatest pleasures.

My career at UCSF consists of research, teaching and mentoring students from diverse graduate programs. I have taught and mentored graduate students in medical anthropology, medical and nursing students, and post-doctoral fellows. My teaching focused on bio-cultural anthropology emphasizing the integral relationship of culture, biology and health, ecological anthropology, and comparative medical systems. In addition, I was a small-group instructor.
for first-year, second-year and third-year medical students on foundations of patient care for over five years. I have chaired and mentored PhD dissertations on topics such as: medical pluralism in Mexico, blindness in Malawi, ethnomedicine and malaria in Nepal, growing Old in Tzintzuntzan, Mexico, menopause among Thai immigrants in the United States, and ethnic identity among Pakistani immigrant.

My research interests are diverse and include women's reproductive health and aging, health care beliefs and practices of traditional cultures, HIV prevention, refugee and immigrant health and chronic illnesses and aging. My projects have been multidisciplinary, collaborating with health care providers from various medical and Nursing disciplines. I have been a principal investigator on several NIH and California State funded research. My work focused on topics such as: Menopausal experiences of Mayan women in rural Yucatan, Mexico and rural Greek women in Evia, Greece; traditional healers' knowledge of HIV/AIDS in Ndu, NW Cameroon; African immigrants at risk for HIV infection in the United States; cultural response to chronic illness among African-American and Latino elders in San Francisco, CA.

Most recently, I was the PI of an NIH/NIA funded study examining the effect of gender in management of chronic illnesses among African-American and Latino elderly in the San Francisco Bay Area; and a co-investigator on an NIH/NICHD funded anthropological study examining the life-course of older parents who have conceived with in vitro fertilization. I also served for four years on the Neuroscience, Behavior and Sociology of Aging Review Subcommittee B, NIA/NIH, Ad hoc committee SBIR on Aging Review Subcommittee, NIA/NIH and CDC Special Emphasis Panel for Intervention Research to Promote the Health of People with Disabilities.

Furthermore, I have been involved in immigrant and refugee-related work for over 20 years and had served on the California Refugee Health Committee of DHHS, CA, African Refugee Women’s Network Task Force, and the Board of African Community Resource Center in Los Angeles. Currently, I am a member of African Immigrant Data Group of the Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC), a group charged to produce a policy brief on HIV/AIDS in African immigrant populations in the U.S.

It is truly an honor to be nominated to serve the Society for Applied Anthropology. I am passionate about the purpose and mission of SfAA and have been a member of the Society since 1992 and Fellow since 2007. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the nomination and elections committee of SfAA.

Cathleen Crain
Ms. Crain is a Managing Partners of LTG Associates, the oldest anthropologically-based consulting firm in the U.S. and a senior professional anthropologist. She has more than thirty years of experience in health and human services research, evaluation, program development, policy analysis, and technical assistance. Ms. Crain has been engaged in scores projects for international, federal, state, and local governmental organizations, and with for- and non-profit organizations.

Topics of Ms. Crain’s work have included HIV/AIDS, intimate partner violence, tuberculosis, hepatitis, STDs, child abuse and neglect, community development, genetics education, juvenile justice, justice diversion, substance abuse, refugee resettlement, geriatrics, and language access to services. She is frequently called upon to develop research and evaluation strategies in complex settings. Ms. Crain is also a senior trainer, rapporteur, and facilitator.
and skilled at the development of the content of meetings and consultations. Key successes during her career with LTG have included:

- Creation of an anthropologically-informed behavioral assessment tool that has been widely used in HIV/AIDS and STD/STI programs to identify and reach out to at-risk populations. She participated in the training of hundreds of health providers in the method and conducted quality control for large-scale dissemination of method.
- Provided monitoring and evaluation and capacity-building for governmental and non-governmental organizations in the U.S. and internationally.
- Involved in the creation and development of Decent Care for the World Health Organization.
- Facilitated the Pacific Basin Summit to develop a new health plan for the Pacific with Ministers of Health of U.S. Trust Territories and Freely Associated States and key U.S. government officials.

Prior to joining LTG Ms. Crain spent a number of years working both nationally and locally on refugee and immigrant issues. She was the national director of refugee services for the American Council for Nationalities Services (now the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants). Prior to her national work Ms. Crain worked in San Francisco, California focused on health and human services issues for refugees and immigrants. She was instrumental in the development and implementation of a multi-language health access program that created an innovative web of services designed to support arriving refugees and immigrants from Southeast Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Caribbean as they began to navigate the American system of services and eventually into jobs. She eventually oversaw resettlement, employment and health services. These highly successful programs provided services in 27 languages with a staff of 55. Other professional positions that Ms. Crain has held include being the Director of Research and Evaluation for the Medical Care Project for Institutionalized Persons, and being Anthropologist/Therapist in a substance abuse treatment center.

As a senior professional anthropologist, Ms. Crain has been a member of SfAA for more than two decades and is a Fellow of the association. She is active in the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology and chairs the Organizational Relations Committee which puts on the annual Careers Exposition at the AAA meetings. She is also a member of the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists. Finally, Ms. Crain is an adjunct Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Maryland, College Park where she has been active in mentoring new professionals for over ten years. Over the past twenty years, LTG Associates, and Ms. Crain and Dr. Nathaniel Tashima have been recognized four times in the national Praxis Awards for excellence in practicing anthropology.

As a member of the Nominations Committee and an active professional anthropologist, she will bring extensive practicing and professional networks. She will also bring a vision of and enthusiasm for bringing more professional anthropologists into active participation in the SfAA.

**Nominations & Elections, Slate B**

**James Stansbury**

I received a PhD in anthropology from the University of Kentucky in 1996 and completed the Master of Public Health (MPH) at the Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2006. Currently, I am employed as a Consumer Safety Officer with the United
States Food and Drug Administration working with a team that promotes patient input through qualitative research as a basis for instrumentation used in clinical trials for drug development. I have also conducted reviews of post-market safety surveys as part of my work with the Agency. Other government positions include fellowships with the Department of Veterans Affairs (2002-2004) and the National Institutes of Health (2007-2008), as well as a contract position at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Consulting work has involved program and project evaluation in global health and other development efforts (2008-2010). I was privileged to work on evaluation projects for USAID, the Aspen Institute, and the International Women’s Media Foundation. Most of this work focused on African initiatives.

My most recent university teaching engagement was with the University of Florida (1997-2005). I have also worked as adjunct faculty or as a teaching assistant at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Transylvania University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of New Mexico. The latter institution is my undergraduate alma mater and where I received an MA in anthropology.

Research experience includes diverse field and clinical studies in medical anthropology since 1985, primarily in Latin America and the United States. Publications include articles on refugee mental health; child nutrition and health in situations of rural change and following natural disaster; HIV/AIDS, both reporting fieldwork and addressing research issues; health measurement and methods issues; and chronic disease including publications on disparities issues in stroke in the United States, and anthropological and medical contributions in oncology.

My experience as an anthropologist and public health professional includes work in government, private sector consulting, and in university settings. I am a Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology and a recent past-president of the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists (WAPA) with a wide network among both practicing and academically based applied anthropologists. With your support I welcome the opportunity to serve SfAA on the Nominations & Elections committee.

Roland Moore
For over twenty years, I have worked as an applied anthropologist at a multidisciplinary public health non-profit, the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation. Although I savor traveling for work, I am based at its Prevention Research Center, which just relocated to Oakland, California from its longtime Berkeley setting. In my role as Senior Research Scientist, I am responsible for heading some and contributing to other research projects focusing on the relationship between policy and alcohol-, tobacco-, and drug-related behavior in various populations, including occupational groups such as restaurant workers and military personnel, and communities including rural California reservations and remote Alaska towns. Collaboration with other anthropologists and with epidemiologists, social psychologists, evaluators and other specialists is a hallmark of my work, which is reflected in the variety of over forty coauthored articles on public health issues.

I have extensive experience conducting National Institutes of Health-funded ethnographic research on substance use and work conditions among assembly plant workers, city and county employees, and hospitality industry workers including bartenders, servers, and kitchen staff. I have also served as ethnographer on three mixed-method studies of alcohol
use and health in military workplace settings, working closely with Dr. Genevieve Ames. She and I are dual PIs of a new National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) study focusing on identifying barriers to treatment among National Guard soldiers returning from deployment in the Middle East. Collaborating with Dr. Juliet Lee, in a series of three studies that were funded by the National Cancer Institute and California’s Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program, I was the PI of research on compliance and noncompliance with smoke-free workplace law in bars frequented by different ethnic groups, with a goal of identifying enforceable public health policies that will support low-SES worker health. I also have experience from several large-scale community-level intervention projects, including two Alaska-based studies on preventing youth abuse of inhalants and other harmful legal products, and I am PI of a large collaborative NIAAA-funded intervention with colleagues at the Scripps Research Institute and a tribal clinic to reduce the prevalence of underage drinking in and around nine rural Southern California Indian reservations. In related professional service, I am Vice-Chair of the Society for Medical Anthropology’s Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Study Group SIG and also served as a board member of the Alcohol Policy Network for the past four years.

My doctoral research at the University of California, Berkeley focused on the cultural repercussions of economic change in a central Greek community, in which tourism and factory work were supplanting agriculture and pastoralism. I retain a scholarly interest in the anthropology of Modern Greek culture and serve as electronic discussion list manager for both the Modern Greek Studies Association and the AAA’s Society for the Anthropology of Greece. I just was named Book Review Editor for the Social Sciences, Journal of Modern Greek Studies, 2013-2015. Since 1997, I have taught a course on Modern Greek culture every other year or so at San Francisco State University.

Since 1996, I have been a regular presenter at the Society for Applied Anthropology meetings (my favorite annual conference for its consistent quality and relevance) and am proud to be a Fellow of the SfAA. If elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee, I would work diligently to identify diverse candidates with extensive experience in conducting applied anthropological research, and to communicate the value both to the organization, and to the candidates’ professional experience, that the slate opportunities would offer.

Student Board Member
Jessica-Jean Casler
I am a second year PhD student in Cultural Anthropology at the University of Florida. I study medical anthropology with an emphasis on applied and public anthropology. In the past year I have been fortunate to teach undergraduate courses in both Applied Anthropology and Global Gender Roles. My other research interests include: the anthropology of development, critical medical anthropology, social network analysis, feminist anthropology and Latin America and the Caribbean.

My doctoral dissertation project stems from these interests and will explore how short-term health care actors (such as church led medical mission trips) function in urban poor health care systems in Nicaragua. The study combines qualitative and quantitative methods to examine how short-term providers are, perceived, used, and integrated into network structures within broader health care systems. The findings will help policymakers and short-term health care providers more efficiently regulate and reorder health care resources to better serve patients.
My experience in the public sector began in 2008 when I founded Coffee for your Conscious, a non-profit dedicated to working with the employees of a Honduran coffee cooperative to help them garner higher wages. Unfortunately, the relationship with the Honduran land owner fell through during the economic crisis in 2009, just after the NGO was established. During the same period, I was working for a Congresswoman in the U.S. House of Representatives. I began to understand that that the policy decisions made in D.C., as well as those of my NGO, were often hindered by limited information about peoples’ actual lived experiences and ideas. More often than not, the results were shortsighted and ineffective policies. Although both of these experiences were somewhat short-lived, they encouraged me to find better ways to share peoples’ voices with policymakers and have had lasting effects on my professional and academic trajectory.

During my graduate studies in anthropology, I have been able to research the complex cultural, political, and economic institutions affecting policy development; and I continue to design research that I hope will have an impact on people and policy. I have found that applied anthropology provides an ethical and intellectual space to contribute information from communities to policymakers, valuing local knowledge and attempting to create broader change.

I have also found great value in sharing anthropological research and ethnographic work with public audiences and am currently working to do so in Gainesville, Florida. I have used the undergraduate classes I teach as forums for public engagement, creating assignments for students that encourage them to write critically about their world for local papers and blogs. I used those assignments as the foundation for a UF Public Anthropology Group and Blog that promotes engagement between the university and the community, and shares research questions and findings in more accessible language. I am working with a few undergraduate students and faculty members now to better publicize the group and find new ways to engage our community.

One of the things I have linked to the UF Public Anthropology Blog is the NSF funded community based participatory research (CBPR) project in Tallahassee addressing health disparities in African-American communities. I was selected to participate in the CBPR project this summer and I learned a lot about the time and effort it takes to establish equitable partnerships and the incredible amount of critical reflection and open communication researchers must engage in, in order to maintain and improve those interactions. I also discovered how important and powerful CBPR can be for both researchers and communities and I hope to use this experience to guide my own long-term research projects and relationships.

As the SfAA Student Board Member, I would establish relationships with the SfAA Student Committee and as many other student members as possible. I would be careful to try and weigh-in from not only my own perspective, but also contribute the opinions of my peers in order to contribute with as representative a voice as possible. I would like to see the SfAA help set up local student and faculty groups at interested campuses that emphasize communicating university research with the respective community via newspaper articles, public blogs, or even monthly forums for sharing, questions, and feedback. Given the current educational climate, I think it is more important than ever to communicate what exactly we do as anthropologists and why it is important to the broader public. I have been a member of the SfAA since 2010 and am honored to have been nominated to serve as the student representative on the board. If elected, I will do my best to serve the association.
Ona Harris
I am a graduate of the University of North Texas (2012) with a Bachelors of Public Affairs and Community Service in Anthropology and a Bachelors of Arts and Science in History. As a non-traditional student, I can bring a unique perspective to the SFAA which includes my international experiences. My involvement as a student representative to SfAA also comes from active membership in student activities such as student government, ASA (at UNT), and conference participation. I also spent many years as a volunteer coordinator in the arts world and Celtic societies as a volunteer and coordinator.

My focus of study began with Celtic Identities in American culture and has expanded to include the affect immigration imbeds in and on America cultural memory. A developing interest includes the environmental and political issues, as well as, cultural practices, which influence food procurement and consumption. Equally important to my academic interests is the development of interdisciplinary practice which I think is needed in academia to broaden the understanding of cultural identity, community memory, and historical influences.

My paper on “Revisionist History, Power, and Cultural Identity” was presented at the VIIth International Cultural Symposium at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey. The symposium was also an opportunity to interact with international academics in a multidisciplinary discussion titled Memory and Culture. An opportunity to return to Turkey to examine the Anatolia regions, in which Celtic antiquity interacts with modern communities, presents a direction for future research.

I am currently a student at Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, studying for the M.A. in Irish Studies, an interdisciplinary degree. While in Northern Ireland my plan is to investigate the procurement of foods both in historical usage and modern application. My M.A. degree is an opportunity to integrate political science, geography, and cultural history into the discussion.

As student representative I would use my international network to encourage students from around the world to interact with our members. I would like to develop a forum for students to locate opportunities for the practical application of anthropology.