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SfAA Announces Award In Honor of Dr. Bea Medicine

The Society for Applied Anthropology will honor the memory of Dr. Beatrice Medicine with an annual student travel scholarship. We expect that the Board of Directors will announce the complete details of the scholarship in March, 2007, at the 67th Annual Meeting of the Society in Tampa, Florida.

A Committee, chaired by Prof. Sue-Ellen Jacobs, is currently developing the policies and procedures which will govern the Award. The Committee has also developed a plan to establish an endowment which will support the Award.

The scholarship celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Beatrice Medicine, an internationally prominent anthropologist who passed away in December, 2005. Dr. Medicine was a descendant on both sides of her family from the Lakota Sioux and enrolled throughout her life on the Standing Rock Reservation. This heritage found reflection in her life's work - an impressive record of teaching, research, and service, which focused on understanding and tolerance within the broader human condition and particularly toward Native peoples. Notable among this body of work were two recent volumes, *Learning to be an Anthropologist and Remaining Native* (University of Illinois Press, 2001) and *Drinking and Sobriety Among the Lakota Sioux* (AltaMira Press, 2006).

Dr. Medicine was selected in 1996 to receive the prestigious Bronislaw Malinowski Award. This Award is presented annually by the Society to an outstanding social scientist honoring a lifetime commitment to the application of the social sciences to the resolution of human problems. Previous awardees have included (among others) Margaret Clark, Sir Raymond Firth, and Gunnar Myrdal.

Please contact the Offices of the Society for Applied Anthropology for additional information about the endowment and the Award.

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