

**PROCEEDINGS**

# Proceedings of the 87th Business Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Austin, Texas, April 13, 2018

President Leslie Aiello called the meeting to assemble at 6:35 p.m. on April 13, 2018. The Secretary-Treasurer determined that a quorum, as defined in Chapter III of the AAPA By-Laws, was in attendance. The minutes of the 2017 annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, were approved as published in the *AJPA*, 2018, 164(1), 378–408, with the following modification to New Business regarding the proposed extension of the maximum years of student membership from 6 to 10 years (*AJPA* 164, 406):

*"Section 1b. Student membership normally shall be open to bona fide students for a maximum of six years. Extensions for additional years are subject to annual reapplication"*

should be modified as

*"Section 1b. Student membership normally shall be open to bona fide students for a maximum of ten years. Extensions for additional years are subject to annual reapplication."*

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Leslie Aiello presented comments and provided the following written report.

Welcome everyone. This year our AAPA meetings are particularly exciting—we have expanded beyond our regular scientific and social programming and are holding workshops, panel discussions, and training events. These range from half day methods training sessions (3D Morphometrics and Network Analysis Using R), to sessions focusing on work-life balance, to a planning meeting for an AAPA mentoring network, to a workshop on professional ethics, to a great-writing seminar, and much more. Some of these have been sponsored by AAPA committees and others by individual members. We have been pleased with the response to these events and plan to make them a regular feature of our meetings.

Another meeting initiative that we are particularly proud of is to be able to offer free childcare. This was the result of a generous

donation from Lee Berger and a substantial subsidy from the AAPA. The uptake has been impressive, and we intend to continue free childcare as a feature of future meetings irrespective of outside donations—although we hope that they continue to come in! It is an excellent use of AAPA funds to support our members.

We have also instituted a regular AAPA Newsletter to keep members aware of what is happening and of necessary deadlines, opportunities to become involved, and other relevant information. I hope that you find it useful.

Quite a bit has been going on in the association, and I want to highlight some of the new initiatives that have emerged from our committees. The Committee on Diversity (COD) has been particularly active with four new initiatives. First, at their suggestion, the association has renamed the Professional Development Grant, the W. Montague Cobb Professional Development Grant. Cobb, an anatomist and social leader, was the first (and only to date) African American AAPA president and was also twice VP and an elected president of the NAACP. The Cobb Professional Development Grant will be a lasting memorial to an important ancestor and return his foundational work to the collective memory.

Second, with Elsevier funding, the COD Women's Initiative (COD-WI) held a workshop in Cape Town, South Africa, in March 2018 and also organized a workshop at our current meeting to develop a mentoring system for the AAPA. Third, based on a proposal from Early Career Liaison, Felicia Gomez, the Pollitzer Student Travel Awards have been expanded to provide travel support for diversity now including first-generation scholars, students from undergraduate only institutions, developing country scholars, and minority and LGBTQ scholars. And lastly, COD has been responsible for two articles in the 2018 *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology*. The first of these is by Trudy Turner and colleagues on the progress of women in biological anthropology, marshalling data from COD-WIN workshops (*AJPA* 165 (S65), 126–157), and the second is by Antón and colleagues on a decade of AAPA initiatives on race and diversity in biological anthropology. This is based on data from program and member surveys developed in the context of the COD IDEAS (Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences) program and

recounts the history of COD in the past decade (*AJPA* 165 (S65), 158–180).

The Ethics Committee has also been active in developing discipline specific case studies of ethical issues that are available on the AAPA website with the purpose of developing useful education resources for biological anthropologists. In addition, they have developed an interview project with the purpose of gathering key information on ethical concerns in biological anthropology and also organized a workshop at the current meeting on Professional Ethics in Biological Anthropology: How to approach an ethical dilemma. These initiatives have been carried out by the three 2018 Ethics Fellows: Jenny Eyre, Kristina Zarenko, and Tisa Loewen. Thank you.

There are many other initiatives coming out of our committees including the ongoing Education Committee K-12 teachers' workshop held annually at the meeting and the ad hoc committee on Data Access and Data Sharing upcoming workshop, which is tentatively planned to be held in Milwaukee in October 2018. The goal is to address issues that impede more extensive data sharing and to identify resources that support sharing of the various data types generated within the subfields of biological anthropology.

In putting together, the current meeting became aware of the large number of members who make the association function. Just shy of 300 members are involved in one way or another way—in committee work, reviewing program proposals, serving on the editorial board of *AJPA* and *YPA*, our social media, and so forth. We are a volunteer association, and our success is dependent on member involvement, and I urge you all to become involved. We do appreciate your work.

I would also like to extend sincere thanks to Lori Strong, our meeting manager from Burk and Associates. She and her colleagues take on the heavy lifting of the meetings, membership, and other logistic issues. Our association has grown impressively in recent years, and it is meeting organization which is not a trivial task. With Lori's professional help, we have now signed contracts for meetings through 2022—and I can assure you that we will have sufficient space for our growing membership, and that the meetings will not conflict with

either the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) meetings (the unfortunate situation this year) or with the religious holidays.

And lastly, I would like to thank our retiring Executive Committee members for their service and welcome our new members. I would particularly like to thank Susan Antón for all she has done as President for the past two years and particularly for her continuing leadership of the Committee on Diversity. There are a number of challenges facing the association in the near future including a potential name change, the search for a new *AJPA* editor, and continuing development of our ethics and harassment policies to name just a few. However, we are in a strong position to move forward, and I would like to thank everyone again for their involvement in our strong and vibrant association.

## REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Josh Snodgrass provided the following report.

### Annual Meeting Information

We are pleased to be joined in Austin by the Paleopathology Association (PPA), the Human Biology Association (HBA), the Paleoanthropology Society (PAS), the American Association for Anthropological Genetics (AAAG), and the Dental Anthropology Association (DAA). Meeting sessions and events are being held at the Hyatt Regency Austin (the main conference hotel) and the JW Marriott Austin (our secondary hotel). Wednesday AAPA events take place at the JW Marriott or Hyatt Regency, whereas Thursday through Saturday AAPA sessions and events are at the Hyatt Regency. All PPA, PAS, AAAG, and DAA events take place in the Hyatt Regency, whereas HBA events are in the JW Marriott (Table 1).

This year we received a large number of abstract submissions (1229), the highest of any year except the 2017 meetings in New Orleans (1346). This year's program includes 1,199 scientific presentations, which will be delivered in podium or poster sessions on Wednesday evening or during one of the three full days of the meetings. As of March 29, 2018, 15 abstracts have been withdrawn.

**TABLE 1** Meeting Metrics, 2013–2018

Meeting	2013 Knoxville	2014 Calgary	2015 St. Louis	2016 Atlanta	2017 New Orleans	2018 Austin
Registrations	1,634	1,416	1552 <sup>a</sup>	1536 <sup>a</sup>	1895 <sup>a</sup>	1711 <sup>b</sup>
Abstracts submitted	1,053	1,019	1,080	1,110	1,346	1,229
Abstracts accepted	1,004	955	1,065	1,100	1,311	1,214
Symposia (submitted/accepted/presented)	23/20	22/20	22/22/21	25/25/23	29/29/28	26/26/24
Podium symp. Sessions	6	7	6	7	7	8
Poster symp. Sessions	14	13	15	16	21	16
Contributed sessions	35	36	39	35	43	51
Podium sessions	17	19 <sup>c</sup>	21 <sup>c</sup>	18	17	22
Poster sessions	16	16	18	16	26	29
Evening poster sessions	1	1	0	0	3	2
Withdrawn papers (as of March 28, 2018)	19	30	37	9	16	15

<sup>a</sup> Pre-registrations only.

<sup>b</sup> Pre-registered as of March 28, 2018.

<sup>c</sup> Includes half-sessions.

Twenty-six proposals were submitted for invited symposia—17 podium proposals and 9 poster proposals. All were accepted but not necessarily in the preferred format; two invited poster sessions later withdrew. The 75 scientific sessions include 8 invited podium symposia, 16 invited poster symposia, 22 contributed podium sessions, and 29 contributed poster sessions. In addition, there are 10 workshop sessions that run in parallel to the scientific program. We made the change this year to hold five simultaneous podium sessions, which increases the overall number of podium slots available in the scientific program and helps accommodate the large number of abstract submissions with podium presentation as their preference.

Abstract submissions were due on October 16, 2017—a full month later than in previous years. Notices of abstract acceptances were sent out on January 2, 2018 and scheduling information e-mails (with format, session, and date/time) sent on February 7, 2018. The annual meeting supplement document, which this year included only the abstracts and introductory material (but not the program), was sent to Wiley for production on March 21, 2018. The final meeting program was posted on March 27, 2018 and is available on the meeting website ([http://www.physanth.org/documents/135/2018\\_AAPA\\_Final\\_Conference\\_Program\\_R5.pdf](http://www.physanth.org/documents/135/2018_AAPA_Final_Conference_Program_R5.pdf)). The program has also been made available online and through Android and Apple apps.

Due to the size and complexity of our meetings and following similar associations, this year we required that podium presentations be uploaded onto a central secure server in the Speaker Ready Room no later than a half day before the presentation. This server then “pushes” presentations to the appropriate meeting room and will be available for the session.

This year we are holding a number of new activities that occur before and during our annual meeting. These events include three workshops on Wednesday (3D Morphology with Open-Source Software; Science Communication and Engagement with Religious Publics; and Social Network Analysis using R); two events on Thursday (Professional Ethics in Biological Anthropology: How to Approach an Ethical Dilemma [sponsored by the AAPA Ethics Committee] and AAPA Diversity: Reflections on the 2017 Symposium and Future Directions for Biological Anthropology [cosponsored by the AAPA Committee on Diversity]). The Friday lineup includes several events (Teaching in the 21st Century [sponsored by the AAPA Committee on Diversity AACT]; Balanced: A Panel on Family Life and Careers in Academia [sponsored by AAPA Committee on Diversity-WIN]; and an open forum on the development of a formal AAPA mentoring program [sponsored by the AAPA Executive Committee and the AAPA Committee on Diversity]) and a Wikipedia editing workshop (sponsored by the AAPA History and Awards Committee). Our final day, Saturday, includes a lunchtime event (Families and Fieldwork: Navigating Work-Life Balance) and the Presidential Panel (Should the AAPA Change Our Name?).

This year we are transitioning away from our traditional AAPA Luncheon on Saturday (because of the high cost of the lunch) in favor of a Plenary Lecture, which has been a popular event in the past. This year's Plenary Lecture was rescheduled from last year because of the cancellation resulting from the March for Science. It will be given on Friday by primatologist and molecular ecologist Anthony Di Fiore and

is entitled “In the House of the Piranha: Twenty-Five Years of Field Research in the Ecuadorian Rainforest.”

## Upcoming Change

Beginning with the 2019 meeting, we will use new abstract classification categories that authors use to select session preferences. Our incoming VP, Steve Leigh, will lead a team to revise these categories in preparation for abstract submission (for the October 15, 2018 deadline).

## Acknowledgments and Thanks

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Thanks are also due to our meetings guru, Lori Strong (from Burk & Associates), for her tireless work with meeting planning and all its complex elements from working with exhibitors, assigning rooms, and arranging catering and AV, and helping to negotiate the contract with the overflow hotel. Also from Burk, Heide Rohland, Brett Burk, Mary Lou Scarborough, Jill Drupa, Raelene Sok, and Jennifer Rosenberg assisted in numerous ways, including sorting out registration issues, organizing volunteers, arranging invitation letters and certificates of participation, and sending out meeting-related e-mail blasts. And, thanks to Amy Sullivan and Sean Sullivan from Summit Expo for assistance with exhibits and sponsorship sales and design work, and thanks to Stacey Haines for managing our audiovisual needs.

Thanks also go to Ed Hagen, webmaster, and system designer extraordinaire. Program assistant Christabelle Moore was extremely helpful. Special thanks to Leslie Aiello for stepping in on numerous occasions to help with details. Finally, thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee—the dynamic duo of Anthony Di Fiore and Liza Shapiro.

These meetings would not have been possible without all these exemplary individuals; therefore, please join me in thanking them!

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

This report from the Secretary-Treasurer, Rachel Caspari, represents a preliminary account and assessment of the AAPA finances between

January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017. As of July, 2017, Burk and Associates have been providing accounting services to the association, and therefore, this year has been one of transition. Before this, accounts were kept by the secretary treasurer on a cash-based system; thus, income, expenditures, and assets were calculated by account activity taking place solely within the year represented. With the shift to professional accountants, the books are being converted to an accrual-based system, where income and expenditures are recorded when incurred. (Under this system, for example, income generated in the fall of 2017 for 2018 membership and meeting registration is deferred until 2018 and would not be considered 2017 income.) The conversion is underway and will be completed when the books are closed on the 2017 fiscal year later this spring. The figures in this report may therefore still be adjusted, and the conversion to accrual accounting renders exact comparisons to previous years impossible.

The AAPA's 2017 income derives from four main sources: membership dues (\$197,110), annual meeting registration (\$270,928), projected royalties (135,577), and external grants (49,863). Other income includes auction proceeds, donations, and advertising revenue.

The AAPA incurred three major expenses: fees associated with coordinating and running the annual meeting (\$311,798), fees paid to Wiley-Blackwell for the publication of the AJPA (\$131,148), and fees for membership, meeting, and accounting services provided by Burk and Associates (and Rehmann) (\$103,750). Accountant services include our annual review and tax filing (available to any member by written request to the Secretary-Treasurer) and as of July, book-keeping. Other expenses include bank and credit card fees, Executive Committee expenses (including support, travel, and supplies), and legal fees. In calendar year 2017, the AAPA spent \$55,938 on external grant programming and dispersed \$70,217 to members and participants for travel assistance to our annual meeting, research stipends, and student/recognition awards.

At the close of December 31, 2017, the AAPA showed a net loss of \$32,417.33. This is due to two major factors: larger than usual deficits accrued at the annual meeting and an increase in expenditures to Wiley. This last expense is related to costs paid in 2017 associated with Print on Demand for materials at the 2016 Atlanta meetings. The bank balances are significantly lower than last year for a number of reasons, most significantly prepayment related to the 2018–2023 annual meetings, such as deposits to hotels. In addition, we drew less grant money in 2017, had a new management fee for accounting from BAI, and under the accrual system, the balances are net of outstanding checks.

Nevertheless, the AAPA is a financially healthy and vital association. In 2017, the AAPA recorded 2,263 members, a slight decrease from 2,271 members in 2016. This represents a substantial increase from the 1,950 members just two years ago, in 2015, and over the last five years, AAPA membership has grown by 55%. Numbers of meeting registrants have also grown appreciably. The AAPA recorded 1,954 paid registrants (2,112, total) attending the 2017 annual meeting in New Orleans, a strong indicator that our annual meeting continues to serve the scientific community well. Royalties from our journal, the AJPA, while fluctuating over the past five years, remain a substantial source of revenue.

The AAPA's long-term investments, managed by Merrill Lynch, fared very well this calendar year and more than offset our losses. The beginning net portfolio value at year-end 2016 was \$2,942,965.68 and 3,411,561 at year-end 2017, representing a 15.9% increase. Investment funds are allocated between three types of holdings: equities (currently comprising 70.5% of our assets); fixed income (comprising 24% of our assets); and cash (representing 5.5% of our assets). As always, the AAPA will be evaluating the allocation of funds to insure that the proportion of funds in equity, fixed income accounts, and cash reflect the needs and goals of the AAPA.

I wish to thank the current and outgoing members of the Executive Committee of the AAPA, especially Anne Grauer whose assistance and support throughout this year has been invaluable.

## REPORT OF THE EDITOR: AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

The following report was submitted by Peter Ellison.

### General Remarks

This year, 2018, marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*. To mark the occasion, we organized a special Centennial Issue of the journal, including 24 Centennial Perspectives invited from colleagues reflecting on the trajectory of scholarship across the discipline since the journal's founding. The publisher has agreed to make the content of this special issue freely available on the web. In addition, AAPA members who wish to may order individual copies of this issue in print form. We have also invited submission of Centennial Commentaries, commenting on the impact, either personal or disciplinary, of any articles from the journal's history of publication. We will be accepting submissions under this category throughout the year.

In all other respects, the journal continues to flourish, as reflected in the metrics reviewed below.

### Metrics

During 2017 the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* published three volumes (162164) of four numbers each, totaling 2,552 pages, not including the Annual Meeting supplement or the Yearbook. The published content included 146 Research Articles, 28 Brief Communications, 7 Technical Notes, 2 Theory and Synthesis, 2 Perspectives, 9 Book Reviews, 2 Obituaries, 4 Letters to the Editor, 4 Errata, and the Proceedings of the 2016 Annual Meeting of the AAPA.

The flow of manuscripts in 2017 remained high with a total of 464 manuscripts received (not including book reviews). Manuscripts originated from 56 different countries, with the major sources, after the United States (32.1%), being the United Kingdom (7.3%), Spain (5.8%), France (5.2%), China (3.9%), Italy (3.7%), Brazil (3.2%), and Australia (3.2%).

The acceptance rate for manuscripts is currently 49%. This figure is up slightly due in large part to the invited content of the special Centennial issue. The average time from submission to first decision is

currently 40.2 days, and the average time from submission to final decision is 65.4 days, both numbers very stable over the past several years. Appearance of accepted articles on line in Early View (at which point the publication is official, searchable, and citable) is slightly over 2 weeks after acceptance on average, the major variable being the speed with which proofs are returned by authors.

The breakdown of substantive publications in AJPA by major subject in 2017 area continued to be distributed across six broad areas: bioarchaeology/paleopathology (26%), osteology/dental anthro/bio-mechanics (19%), primate physiology/ecology/behavior (19%), human physiology/ecology/behavior (14%), primate/human paleontology (12%), and genetics/genomics/phylogenetics (11%).

The impact factor for AJPA calculated by ISI/Web of Science for 2016 (the index is always lagged two years) was 2.552, a 6.2% increase over 2015 (2.402). In comparison, JHE's impact factor increased 4.4%, from 3.767 to 3.932. Currently, AJPA ranks 10th of 82 anthropology journals and 24th of 48 evolutionary biology journals in impact factor. We continue to far outdistance our peer journals, however, in the total number of articles published and citations received.

## 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. David Watts is rotating off the Editorial Board this year and deserves special thanks for his service. Joining the Board as his successor is Martin Muller. I would like to extend special thanks to Assistant Editor Pippi Ellison, our journal manager at Wiley, Paul André Genest, and our production editors, Thomas Manbeck. 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 seriously their responsibility to participate. And finally, I thank the AAPA for the opportunity to serve as Editor.

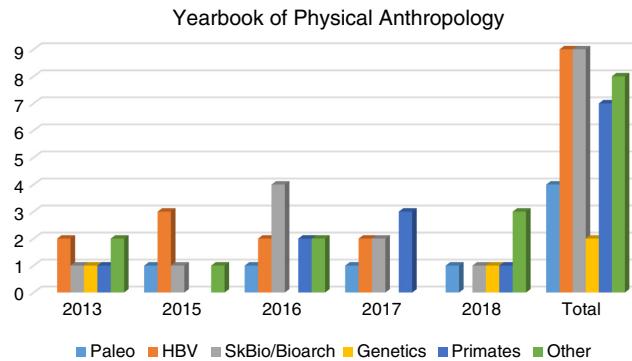
## REPORT OF THE EDITOR: YEARBOOK OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

The following report was submitted by Lyle W. Konigsberg.

Trudy R. Turner provided the following information:

"The 2018 edition of the *Yearbook* is my last as Editor. It has been an extraordinary experience. I collaborated with an amazing editorial board of enthusiastic, dedicated, and wonderful colleagues. My sincerest thanks to Shara Bailey, Robin Bernstein, Jeff Long, Debra Martin, David Sprague, Chris Vinyard, and our late friend and colleague Bob Sussman. Our collective thanks to all the authors and reviewers of the *Yearbook*. *Yearbook* articles are always highly cited and downloaded, and we appreciate your continuing attention. We wish Lyle Konigsberg and the new editorial board all the best. Figure 1 indicates the distribution of articles during the tenure of this editorial board."

I (Lyle Konigsberg) am happy to report that Trudy Turner has agreed to continue-on as a member of the editorial board for the



**FIGURE 1** Number of Yearbook papers in sub-areas 2013–2018

*Yearbook*. In doing so, she follows a tradition set by Sara Stinson when she served on the editorial board for Robert Sussman and continued by Bob when he served on the editorial board for Trudy. Also serving on the editorial board with Trudy are Jane E. Buikstra, Darryl J. de Ruiter, Agustín Fuentes, Debbie Guatelli-Steinberg, Laura M. MacLatchy, Connie J. Mulligan, and John H. Relethford. I thank each of them for their willingness to serve on the editorial board. I also thank Paul André Genest from Wiley and Sonia Wilson, formerly from Wiley, for their instruction on basic editorial issues and the use of "Scholar One."

As mentioned above, starting with the 2019 *Yearbook*, we will be using the "Scholar One" system that Wiley uses for the AJPA. The website for this is <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ajpayearbook>. As publications in the *Yearbook* are by invitation, you should either receive an invitation from the Editor or volunteer a submission. If you wish to volunteer a submission, you should contact either the Editor or an editorial board member. Given the desirability for a variety of articles in each edition of the *Yearbook*, we may not be able to accommodate volunteered manuscripts in a given year if they overlap with already planned submissions or if a volunteered submission does not add to the diversity of topics covered in an issue. The *Yearbook* publication date is in January of a given year; therefore, first drafts should be submitted by June 30 of the preceding year. The format for submissions is the same as for the AJPA (available at: [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1096-8644/homepage/ForAuthors.html](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1096-8644/homepage/ForAuthors.html)), save that the abstract should not be subdivided into sections.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

AAPA committee chairs provided written reports in electronic form in advance of the meeting (reports appear below), and the floor was opened for questions. The Membership Committee report was presented to attendees in hardcopy and orally. Attending voting members of the AAPA were asked if there were comments or objections to the proposed list of new and transitioning voting members. In the absence of objections by voting members in attendance, the Secretary-Treasurer cast a unanimous ballot for the amended list submitted.

### Membership Committee

Lisa Sattenspiel submitted the following report.

**TABLE 2** AAPA Membership Numbers

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 (as of March 15, 2018)
1,636	1,457	1,563	1950	2,271	2,263	1,680

### Membership Numbers/Trends

Membership over the last several years can be found in Table 2. Last year at the time of our annual meeting, we had 1,695 members. The total membership number at the present time (i.e., for the 2018 calendar year) is 1,680, essentially the same as the count at the same time last year.

Our dealings with the management company (BAI) continue to run smoothly and are responsible in part for the recent increase in our membership. With their help, we are better able to ensure that members renew each year, and we are also able to get regular updates and Newsletters out to the membership to let them know about important issues associated with their memberships.

### Membership Category Changes

As announced in last year's meeting and through Newsletters, the Spouse and Life Membership categories have been discontinued. The few individuals listed below as transitioning into those categories applied just before the change went into effect. A few additional membership category adjustments were discussed by the executive committee at its April 11 board meeting. A report of these changes was provided by the Membership Chair at the business meeting on April 13.

### Membership Applicants

Between April 17, 2017, and March 19, 2018, a total of 463 people applied as new members and an additional 123 applied to transition membership categories. The new member applicants include 31 post-doc/contingent members, 67 regular members, 14 special members, 2 spouse members, and 349 student members. The transitions include Student to Regular or Life (30), Student to PostDoc/Contingent (47), Student to Special (4), PostDoc/Contingent to Regular (2), Regular to Student (6), Regular to PostDoc/Contingent (17), Special to Student (1), and Special or Spouse to Regular (2). An additional 14 members transitioned from Regular to Retired or Life Membership; these individuals do not need to be voted on and have not been included in the list below.

As we observed last year, some new applicants had been approved previously for membership but had let their membership lapse for multiple years. The number of such applicants is relatively small; however, if nonpayment extended more than a few years, these individuals were treated as new member applicants and appear on our approval lists in Table 3.

Credentials for membership of new applicants for Regular and Special member categories were verified by researching the applicants online, reviewing CVs/qualifications, and/or soliciting reference letters. The approval process for new applicants for Student membership involved the additional step of confirming student status with an advisor or faculty member in their department.

The names of the new and transitioning applicants who applied between March 19, 2017, and March 18, 2018—all of whom have been preliminarily approved—are listed by membership category in

Table 3. A few additional people who applied before March 19, 2017, did not appear on last year's list; they have also been included here. The first section of Table 3 represents new members, and the second section has the names of members transitioning between categories (with the previous category listed after the name).

### Nominations and Elections Committee

The following report was submitted by Susan Antón.

#### Nominations for Executive Committee of the AAPA

Three officer positions (President-Elect, Vice President, and Secretary) and two Executive Committee member positions were open for election this year. All terms begin Friday, April 13, 2018, following the business meeting.

Nominations were solicited from the AAPA membership (in the call for papers, in the AAPA Newsletter, and on the registration online system). Nominations (including self-nominations) were sent to Antón via email or via the registration online system. The deadline for nominations was October 16, 2018.

The committee chair (Antón) triaged the nominee list to ensure all nominees were regular members in good standing. A total of 30 eligible nominations for two executive committee positions were made. For three officer positions, 42 eligible nominations were submitted some of which overlapped with executive committee member nominees. Because current members of the Executive Board were among those nominated for the officer positions, two nominating committees were formed: one for the presidential nomination (Antón [Chair], Aiello, Sattenspiel, Konigsberg) and the second for all other nominations (Antón [Chair], Aiello, Konigsberg, Snodgrass). These committees aimed to include multiple officers while at the same time representing multiple subdisciplines.

The committees were charged with narrowing the slate to two people per open position and a list of ranked alternates. The committees considered subdisciplinary representation, experience in the field, AAPA and other service, and rank when selecting nominees. Those selected were contacted to confirm their willingness to run and to serve if elected.

The poll opened via email to all Regular Members on February 1, 2018. Email reminders were sent to those who had not voted on February 14 and February 26, 2018. The poll closed Feb 28, 2018. Of 1,114 regular members, 446 voted in this election. The results were certified by BAI and reported to the President and Past-President on March 1, 2018.

Our new President-Elect is Anne Grauer.

Our new Vice President is Steve Leigh.

Our new Secretary is Graciela Cabana.

Nate Dominy is confirmed to fill the remaining 2-years of Gregg Gunnell's term.

Our new Executive Committee Members are Robin Nelson and Christina Torres-Rouff.

**TABLE 3** New and transitioning member applications**New Applicants (463)****PostDoc Member (31)**

Ayers, Laura E.

Basu Mallick, Chandana

Benitez, Marcela

Borths, Matthew Robert

Burrell, Andrew

Chan, Keith

Diaz-Zorita Bonilla, Marta

Dittmar, Jenna M.

Fitzpatrick, Leslie

Fox, Keolu

Friant, Sagan R.

Gamble, Michelle

Grebe, Nicholas

Greenwald, Alexandra Merritt

Hansen, Bethany Kaye

Jobin, Matthew Jared

Kaburu, Stefano Seraph Kiambi

Key, Alastair

Martinez, Gabriela Gordon

Menter, Colin

Neff, Nadia

Pany-Kucera, Doris

Perea-Rodriguez, Juan Pablo

Price, Michael Holton

Rahman, Munsur

Ready, Elspeth

Spriggs, Amanda

Tan, Amanda

Taylor, Kathryn Renee

Tucci, Serena

Van Belle, Sarie

**Regular Member (58)**

Alvarado, Louis Calistro

Anzellini, Armando

Aranyosi, Edward Floyd

Armour-Chelu, Miranda Jane

Babbitt, Courtney

Barak, Meir M.

Beaver, Joseph Edward

Benazzi, Stefano

Berge, Aislinn J.

Bidmos, Mubarak

Branwell, Wendy Lyn

Carder, Abigail

Cashdan, Elizabeth

Chadwell, Brad Anthony

Coyne, Sean P.

Davis-Floyd, Robbie Elizabeth

DuBois, Zachary

Dutour, Olivier Jean

**TABLE 3 (Continued)**

Falsetti, Anthony Benjamin

Fink, T. Michael

Foley, Allison Jane

Goto, Ryosuke

Grine, Frederick E.

Harris, Ronald Alan

Horsburgh, K. Ann

Howell, Susan

Huff, Chad Daniel

Johnson, Edward Montgomery

Kingston, John

Kline, Michelle Ann

Maga, Ali Murat

Malit, Nasser

Mattison, Siobhan

Michel, Lauren

Moore, Maggie

Moorjani, Priya

Nichols, Kimberly A.

Nichols, Melanie

Raveendran, Muthuswamy

Reinhard, Karl J.

Reisman, Robert Wayne

Rosinger, Asher

Schell, Lawrence M.

Schrader, Sarah

Schultz, Alan Frank

Smith, Eugene I.

Snodderly, Donald Max

Snopkowski, Kristin

Snyder, Jordan A.

Sponheimer, Matt

Terleph, Thomas

Towner, Mary C.

Walker-Pacheco, Suzanne

Wankmiller, Jane Catherine

White, Steven M.

Wilson, Laura

Wärmländer, Sebastian

Yazedjian, Laura

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Chaubey, Gyaneshwer

Gautam, Rajesh Kumar

Ghosh, Sudipta

Kawazoe, Tatsuro

Kruger, Ashley

Missoni, Sasa

Pickering, Robyn

Small, Candice

Subramaniam, Boopathi

**Special Member (14)**

Blatner, Maria Theresa

Brown, Sarah

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Capirci, Arianne

Cook, Rebecca

Gillis, William

Guzik, Heather

Howard, Rich

Lee, Won-Joon

May, Sarah

Peixotto, Becca

Roivas, Shannon Lynn

Singleton, Robin Gail

Van Etten, Kathrine

Vecino Gazabon, Alessandra

**Spouse Member (2)**

Hess, Nicole Hagen

Straight, Bilinda

**Student Member (338)**

Abel, Lateefa

Alarcon, Edgar

Albers, Grace

Allen, Kayla Breanne

Amaki, Alexandria Malia

Anaya, Alisha

Anise, Ilianna Eden

Aris, Christopher James Donald

Atkins, Ashley Michelle

Auchter, Leah Elizabeth

Aulds, Meredith

Austen, Jennifer

Austin, Elizabeth

Aviles-Saleh, Yesenia Beija

Baide, Alexis

Baiges Sotos, Laura

Ballare, Elizabeth

Barnes, Elizabeth

Batchelder, Chelsea

Batist, Carly H.

Bell, Rachel Brietta

Bemis, Caitlin

Berthiaume, Emma

Bhagat, Raj

Boswell, Malwina Misque

Bradley, Madison Meta

Bradley, William

Breen, Meredith

Bright, Lisa N.

Brown, Melissa Ann

Brzezinski, Emma

Bull, Simon Alexander

Bunyea, Nicole Danielle

Bythell, Abigail

Calhoun, Grace

Campbell, Timothy L.

Cappello, Brea Lynn

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Cara, Kelly Copeland
Carlson, Meredith
Carmody, Danielle
Carrera, Sofia Cristina
Cerrito, Paola
Champion, Robert C.
Chandrashekhar, Aparna
Chaney, Carlye
Chevrolet, Jessica Michaela
Church, Elizabeth
Colby, Abigail Elise
Collver, Bianca Andrea
Cook, Jacob
Cooper, Lindsay C.
Corona, Jennifer
Cosman, Miranda
Coupal, Isabelle
Cridlin, Sandra
Cruz, Krysten
Cuello del Pozo, Paloma
Cuevas, Karen Elizabeth
Cunningham, Bronte
Curley, Angelina
Danella, Erika Bunnine
Daniels, Jessica Presley
David, Micki Jo
Davies, Thomas William
Depp, Randi Marie
Dery, Shannon Leigh
Dollas, Niovi
Dona, Allison
Dorton, Ruth Lynn
Duecker, Hailey
Dunmore, Christopher James
Edwards, Holly
Edwards, Regan Hope
Ehlers, Miranda May
Ellis, Rebekah Josephine
Elmo, Christine
Enfinger, Zachary Jacob
Eranezhath, Vinayak
Eschmann, Caitlin
Escoffier, Catherine Nicole
Farley, Michelle
Fatula, Sara
Feder, Jacob Alexander
Feefer, Laney Renee
Feinberg, Troi Magdalena
Feng, Henry
Field, Samantha
Figus, Carla
File, Casey
Fleming, Elijah

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Fritzinger, Elizabeth M.
Frye, Brett Marie
Gaddis, Katherine Elizabeth
Gagnon, Christian
Galimany Skupham, Jacqueline Lorna
Gallagher, Joanne Lynn (DZC Archaeology)
Gallagher, Joanne Lynn (Humboldt State)
Garcia, Angela
Gardner, Brianna
Gardner, Sara
Georgiou, Leoni
Gibson, Diana May
Gibson, Evelyn D.
Goden, Christopher Michael
Gomez Gomez, Libardo Enrique
Grady, Ruth E.
Greenberg, Gennifer Paige
Griffith, Maura K.
Guerrero, Amanda Christina
Hall, Karen
Ham, Allison
Hammond, Lauren J.
Hanson, Pamela
Harris, Brendan
Harris, Nathan
Hart, Emilee
Helgeson, Kari
Hemingway, Holden
Henderson, Cory
Hendricks, Darby
Hendrikson, Kyle Thomas
Hermsmeyer, Isabel
Herrick, Noah C.
Herubin, Aimee
Hillis, Kayla Renea
Hirst, Cara Stella
Hoag, Kelly
Hockenbary, Kendall
Hodges, Shannon
Hoffman, Megan
Holdbrook, Alexandra
Holdsworth, Elizabeth A.
Holenbeck, Christopher Tell
Horvat, Jenna
Hunter, Laura Elizabeth
Hussain, Shiylah Kiran
Janin, Katrien Gwenola
Johnson, Johnathon Aaron
Johnson, Norma
Johnson, Sade
Jones, Caroline
Jones, Lauren Elizabeth
Kancle, Lauren Marie

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Keiter, Skyler Jay
Kelly, Kilian
Kenessey, Dorotya
Kiely, Jennifer R.
Kilroy, Grace Stuart
Kim, Suhhyun
Köcher, Ginelle Kathryn
Koppa, Abigale
Koutlias, Lauren Georgiana
Kraus, Jacob
Kroll, Jennifer Ann
Kuzma, Rachel
Kvicalova, Marie
Kyweluk, Moira
Laffey, Ann O.
Lambrigger, Taylor
Lang, Lexi Rae
Lang, Madlen Mary-Anna
Lans, Aja
Lapeyre-Montrose, Stephanie
Larkin, Danielle
Leach, Ashley
Ledger, Marissa
Lennartz, Autumn
Levin, Naomi Simcha
Lewis, Krystle
Lill, Caroline Elizabeth
Liguicota, Venus
Lopez, Andrea
Lubrano, Samantha
Lucas, Maddie Leigh
Luhrs, Avereem M.
Lute, Sabrina L.
Mace, Alyssa
MacKinnon, Marla
Mammano, Kristina Lynn
Mann, Eva M.
Mantchev, Jessica Marie
Marotta, Grace
Marquardt, William
Marquez, Heriberto
Marshall, Aubree Storm
Martin, Alyssa
Martinez, Alexis D.
Massou Bandes, Georgette Marie
Matheney, Brittany Nicole
Maxwell, Simon Joseph
McAlpine, Mary Cathryn
McCall, Ashley
Mckinnon, Meghan
McLean, Catherine
Melora, Raphaela M.
Mensah, Paul

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Mercado Malabet, Fernando Mario
Messer, Jenna
Michener, Suzanna
Mikulski, Richard
Miller, Heidi
Miller, Valerie Tucker
Mills, Samantha
Mincer, Sarah Thomas
Miyagi, Raelani Rankin
Monaco, Eliot
Monetti, Lisa
Mowery, Jessica
Murray, Megan Alyce
Nagendran, Lavania
Nastold, Shannon A.
Natahi, Selim
Navarro, Yesenia
Nawn, Kristen Marie
Nelder, Kyrie Rose
Nelson, Jennifer
Nett, Emily
Newberry, Diana Andrea
Newcomb, Jessica Danielle
Newell, Savannah
Newham, Elis
Newman, Laura
Nichols, Hayley
Nihells, Angel Joy
Noble, Ian Thomas
Noche-Dowdy, Liotta
Norman, Hailie Nicole
Norwood, Alexandra Lynn
Novak, Jessica T.
O'Brien, Kaedan Patrick
Ochoa, Miguel
Ogden, Brigid Marie
Otero, Antonio Rafael
Owens, Jenna Louise
Paine, Oliver
Paquette, Jesseca
Parnell, Emily
Paskoff, Taylor
Patterson, Meredith M.
Peacock, Taylor
Perofsky, Amanda C.
Pham, Amy
Phillips, Megann
Philson, Conner Steven
Pickel, David
Pirson, Amber R.
Pope, Melissa Ann
Poston, Alexander
Pryor, Mackenzie

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Purcell, Brian
Raboin, Dominique Lorraine
Ramos, Tanya
Ratliff, Lauren Elizabeth
Raymond, Kimberly
Reck, Sophia
Regan, Denise Anne
Reichert, Franziska
Reinhardt, Kathleen
Roberts Buceta, Natalia Grace
Rodwell, Benjamin William
Rose, Alexandra
Rubinstein, Danielle
Russell, Dorian G.
Rust, Kathleen
Rutherford, Adarabinnaz K.
Ryder, Christina
Saavedra, Richard
Salahuddin, Hana
San Martin Flores, Gabriela
Sanchez, Aubrie
Sanger, Jessica Elizabeth
Sater, Sierra
Schaeffer, Lillian Miles
Schaner, Haley
Schapker, Nicole
Schmidt, Dana
Schofield, Joshua
Schrank, McKenzie
Sciandra, Olivia
Scott, Lauren
Sender, Rachel
Showalter, Grace
Shreyer, Sofiya
Shuttleworth, Dominic
Siddiqui, Safaa Naeem
Skelton, Sally
Slank, Carly
Smith, Brooke Lauren
Smith, Christopher
Smith, Christopher Keith
Smith, Nicholas
Snyder, Thomas J.
Sobaszek, Margaret
Spear, Jeff Kimball
St Pierre, Melanie Lane
Starr, Izzy
Steinicke, Tessa
Stiles, Kaitlyn
Stone, Genevieve
Swift, Jaime
Sykora, Lydia Lynn
Taylor, Margaret Zuzolo

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Tchang, Michel Claude
Tennant, Courtney Alexandria
Timmis, David
Tobolsky, Victoria
Toler, Maxx
Trebouet, Florian
Tremblay, Kenneth
Trombley, Trent Michael
Tyler, Erica
Van Kuijk, Silvy Marcella
Vanier, David
Vayro, Josie V.
Verostick, Kirsten A.
Vilchis, Sahara
Voas, Maddeline Rendell
Wackerly, Nicole
Watson, Jenna Mackenzie Spears
Watts, David Quentin
Werner, Kasey
Westbrook, Carita
Weyher, Anna
Whitney, Tabor
Whittemore, Anna Fancher
Wiedenmeyer, Emilie
Williamson, Kylie
Williamson, Megan
Wolfson, Brandon
Wolin, Daniela
Wu, Andrea Nicole
Zamora, Kristina
Zaragoza, Ronnie M.
Zhang, Chi
Zhang, Yifan
Zhu, Kimberly T.
Zintel, Trisha
Znachko, Caroline
<b>Student Member Developing Country (11)</b>
Adamic, Anita
Afra, Kamar
Cao, Thuan
Sekhavati, Yeganeh
Sy, Ibrahima Oumar
Villa-Islas, Viridiana
von der Meden, Jessica
Lalunio, Eunice
Páez Crespo, Elys Johanna
Tucker, Steven Joseph
Zhang, Wenxin
<b>Member Transitions requiring a vote (109)</b>
<b>From Student to Life Member (1)</b>
Winburn, Allysha Powanda
<b>From Student Member to Regular Member (29)</b>
Gonzales, Lauren Ann

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Koehl, Anthony J.	
Mant, Madeleine	
Pierson, Brian	
Spradley, Jackson Ples	
Goliath, Jesse Roberto	
Honap, Tanvi Prasad	
Milich, Krista	
Moffett, Elizabeth A.	
Perash, Rachel M.	
Sherry, Diana	
Stewart, Marissa	
Tegtmeyer, Caryn	
Vidoli, Giovanna M.	
Villamil, Catalina I.	
Wakefield, Robyn K.	
Perrone, Alexandra	
Thompson, Nathan E.	
Walter, Brittany S.	
Barone, Lindsay Marie	
Child, Stephanie Lynn	
Harrison, Donna	
Nesbitt, Allison	
Warrener, Anna	
Avalos, Tobias	
Hoke, Morgan	
Mayberry, Melanie M.	
Placek, Caitlyn D.	
Saitou, Marie	
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Adamic, Anita	
Afra, Kamar	
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Sy, Ibrahim Oumar	
Villa-Islas, Viridiana	
von der Meden, Jessica	
Lalunio, Eunice	
Páez Crespo, Elys Johanna	
Tucker, Steven Joseph	
Zhang, Wenxin	
<b>From Student Member to Post doc Member (47)</b>	
Agostini, Gina M.	
Allen, Kathryn Grow	

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Berger, Elizabeth
Blanco, Marina Beatriz
Blaszczyk, Maryjka B.
Boehm, Emily
Boose, Klaree
Boyer Ontl, Kelly
Bryan, Kenneth
Cameron, Michelle E.
Catlett, Kierstin
Corley, Margaret K.
Edmonds, Hallie M.
Erb, Wendy M.
Fleischman, Julie
Gautney, Joanna
Getz, Sara Marie
Halley, Andrew C.
Housman, Genevieve A.
Kane, Erin Elizabeth
Karban, Miranda E.
Katz, David C.
Kesterke, Matthew John
Kjosness, Kelsey M.
LaFleur, Marni
Light, Lydia E. O.
Maier, Christopher
Mallott, Elizabeth
Marshack, Joshua L.
Nieves Colon, Maria A.
Ortiz, Alejandra
Paul, Kathleen S.
Pisor, Anne C.
Putt, Shelby
Reedy, Sarah
Rej, Peter
Ross, Abigail
Ruth, Aidan A.
Saers, Jacobus
Shamoon Pour, Michel
Shapiro, Darshana
Starkweather, Kathrine
Stricklin, Dawn C.
Urlacher, Samuel S.
Vyas, Deven Nikunj
Wuthrich, Craig

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Yapuncich, Gabriel S.	
<b>From Student Member to Special Member (4)</b>	
Davenport, Michelle Lynn	
Goldstein, Justin	
McClain, Brittany	
Walters, Michael Charles Henry	
<b>From PostDoc Member to Regular Member (2)</b>	
Gocha, Timothy P.	
Pampush, James D.	
<b>From Regular Member to Student Member (5)</b>	
Holmes, Andrew	
Brennan, Emily J.	
Kim, Alexander M.	
Russell, Claudia Kinley	
Thomas, Julie	
<b>From Regular Member Developing Country to Student Member (1)</b>	
Tuller, Sydney M.	
<b>From Regular Member to Postdoc Member (17)</b>	
Amorim, Carlos Eduardo	
Calce, Stephanie E.	
Coan, Carol N.	
Fornai, Cinzia	
Friedl, Lukas	
Garofalo, Evan	
Herrera, James P.	
Hilton, C. E.	
Kessler, Sharon E.	
Macias, Marisa	
Miro-Herrans, Aida T.	
Moscovice, Liza Rose	
Nevell, Lisa	
Roach, Neil T.	
Rosenbaum, Stacy	
Smith, Lindsey W.	
Walker, Kara	
<b>From Special Member to Student Member (1)</b>	
Pritchard, Carrissa Sue	
<b>From Special Member to Regular Member (1)</b>	
Sheridan, Susan Guise	
<b>From Spouse Member to Regular Member (1)</b>	
Howells, Michaela	

Thank you to all the candidates and to the members of the nominations committee. Great thanks also to Heide Rohland and Ruedi Birenhide of BAI for logistical help.

### Career Development Committee

The following report was submitted by Nathaniel J. Dominy.

### Early Career Mentoring Award

We received six strong applications for the Early Career Liaison program. Kimberly Congdon (Assistant Professor, Touro University Nevada) was chosen as our new Early Career Liaison. In her application, Professor Congdon described her commitment to inclusivity in AAPA at two levels: the demographics of membership and areas of scholarship supported. She expressed a strong commitment to

serving underrepresented members of AAPA. She will shadow the VP and work closely with the Education, Diversity, Career Development, and Student Programs committees. We wish Professor Congdon the best during her appointment as the AAPA Early Career Liaison, and we thank Felicia Gomez for her service as outgoing Early Career Liaison.

### Cobb Professional Development Grants

The AAPA Cobb Professional Development Grants (CPDG) committee reviewed 27 eligible applications in 2017–2018. As in the past, we received several applications from outside of the United States and many projects involved international work and collaborations. Overall, the pool of applications was strong, representing the breadth of AAPA membership. Each application was reviewed by three independent reviewers and the Committee Chair. In reviewing proposals, the Committee considered 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 endeavored to fund broadly across the discipline and career stages. The Committee recommended funding six proposals, each in the amount of \$7,500. Award and declination letters were emailed to applicants on March 16, 2018. The award recipients are as follows:

#### **Sarah Schrader**

Assistant Professor, University of Leiden

"Unearthing hidden stress and frailty: an assessment of hair cortisol and non-specific disease indicators."

#### **Myra Laird**

Postdoc, University of Chicago

"The influence of dietary grit on feeding behavior."

#### **Andrew Barr**

Visiting Assistant Professor, George Washington University

"Tumbili (Late Miocene, Kenya): a new window into eastern African mammalian evolution at the dawn of the hominin lineage."

#### **Brandon Wheeler**

Lecturer, University of Kent

"The evolutionary origins of primate sociality: finding a missing piece of the puzzle."

#### **Wendy Erb**

Research Associate (post-doc), Rutgers University

"Calls for conservation: bioacoustic monitoring of endangered apes to support protection of a threatened Bornean landscape."

#### **Keolu Fox**

Postdoc, University of California San Diego

"Mining paleogenomic datasets for thrifty variants involved in catecholamine resistance."

A committee of 15 reviewed of the pool of eligible proposals. Each reviewer brought insights to the projects and the qualifications of the applicants. The committee included:

Bob Anemone  
Karen Baab  
Aaron Blackwell  
Brenda Bradley  
Sharon DeWitte  
Kara Hoover  
Chris Kirk  
Patrick Mahoney  
Sarah McClure  
Connie Mulligan  
Herman Pontzer  
EA Quinn  
Campbell Rolian  
Gary Schwartz  
Qian Wang

### Career Development Committee

The Career Development Panel event for the 2018 AAPA occurred on Friday, April 13 from 12:15–2:15 p.m. The Executive Committee acknowledges that career challenges facing PhDs have evolved significantly over the past 10–15 years and that many of our members are increasingly dependent upon funding from granting agencies to accomplish the goals of their research. This year, the Executive Committee invited leaders from three agencies that provide significant financial support to pre-professionals and established investigators in Anthropology. Representatives from the National Science Foundation (Rebecca Ferrell), the Leakey Foundation (Paddy Moore), and the Wenner-Gren Foundation (Leslie Aiello) provided data and introductory remarks about their respective foundations and then opened the floor to questions. In this 2-hour interactive workshop, attendees were free to ask questions pertaining to funding in general and about their specific research endeavors. Participants were shown how to look for suitable funding opportunities, how to approach funding agencies to get important questions answered, and how to develop targeted research questions that can turn into funded projects.

### Committee on Diversity

The following report of 2017–2018 activities was submitted by Susan Antón.

The AAPA Committee on Diversity (COD) is an umbrella organization seeking to develop programs that increase the recruitment, participation, and retention of diverse scholars within the field of physical/biological anthropology. We have six current interest groups<sup>1</sup>, and a steering committee comprised co-chairs of these.

<sup>1</sup>Committee on Diversity Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences (COD-IDEAS); COD Women's Initiative (COD-WIN); COD Undergraduate Research Symposium (COD-UGRS); COD LGBTQQIAA interest group; COD Anthropologists Outside of Anthropology Departments, Contingent, and Teaching Focused Faculty (COD-AACT) Task Force; and COD International (COD-I).

This year the committee has run national and international workshops, published demographic data and histories, developed meeting programming, and supported the inclusion of diverse criteria into AAPA programming.

The COD has worked with the officers and executive committee of AAPA this year in several important ways.

### **W. Montague Cobb Professional Development Grants**

Based on a proposal from COD, the Excomm has named the *W. Montague Cobb Professional Development Awards* (<http://physanth.org/about/awards-funding-and-other-opportunities/professional-developmentgrant/>). Cobb, an anatomist and social leader, was the first (and to date only) African American AAPA president (he was also twice Vice President and an elected president of the NAACP). Long overlooked in the history of AAPA, the Cobb awards honor an important ancestor and return his foundational work to the collective memory.

### **Expansion of Pollitzer Travel Awards**

Based on a proposal from Early Career Liaison Felicia Gomez and the COD, additional awards are now provided to student travel awards to support diversity. In addition, revised review protocols include consideration of diversity criteria that consider access to resources including: first generation scholars, students at undergraduate only institutions, developing country scholars, minority, and LGBTQ scholars.

### **Yearbook Publications**

COD has contributed two publications to the 2018 Yearbook of Physical Anthropology. A paper by Turner et al., considers progress for women in biological anthropology, marshalling data from COD WIN workshops. The paper by Antón et al., presents demographic data from program and member surveys developed by COD IDEAS and recounts the history of the COD in the past decade. Citations are provided in the "Highlights" section below.

### **Demographics**

In addition to the above published papers, the COD webpage includes a subpage with links to past program and membership demographic surveys. The AAPA COD and the AAPA ExComm developed a demographic survey that is now part of the AAPA membership profile and can be filled or updated by each member throughout the year (through your membership number, see [physanth.org](http://physanth.org) membership page). Unfortunately, a very small percentage of members fill out their member profile either partially or completely. We are exploring with AAPA ExComm the possibility of administering periodic anonymous surveys to members.

### **COD Events at the 2018 AAPA Conference**

COD hosted several meetings of the subcommittees, a combined meeting for representatives of all the subcommittees, and a number of activities. Meetings were open to all AAPA members. A list of these events follows:

Wednesday:

COD-IDEAS Workshop; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

COD-Undergraduate Research Symposium; 6:00–8:00 p.m.

COD-IDEAS Poster Session IDEAS ALUMNI Symposium: *Creating and Supporting Diverse Communities within AAPA*; 8:00–11:00 p.m.

Thursday:

COD-LGBTQQIAA Committee meeting; 12:00–2:00 p.m.

COD-AACT Committee meeting; 12:15–2:15 p.m.

AAPA & COD Sponsored Panel Discussion AAPA Diversity: *Reflections on the 2017 Symposium & Future Directions for Biological Anthropology*; 12:15–2:15 p.m.

Friday:

COD-WIN committee meeting; 7:30–9:00 a.m.

COD-AACT *Teaching Anthropology in the 21st Century*; 8–10 a.m.

COD-IDEAS (underrepresented minority) committee; 12:00–1:00 p.m.

COD AACT Panel: "*The Anthropologist's ACademic Taboo II: Discussing alternative opportunities to 'traditional' R1 anthropology faculty positions*"; 2:30–4:30 p.m.

AAPA & COD-WIN Open Forum – Forming an AAPA Mentoring Network; 12:15–2:15 p.m.

COD-WIN sponsored workshop *Balanced: A panel on family life and careers in academia*; 12:15–2:15 p.m.

Saturday:

COD-MAIN Steering Committee Meeting; 7:30–9:00 a.m.

COD-International Scholars: 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Below are highlights from the 2017–2018 activities of each COD group (full reports follow):

- COD IDEAS: An NSF grant to AAPA COD-IDEAS funds a project to increase ethnic diversity of scholars in the field of physical anthropology by building infrastructure to train and retain minority students currently in physical anthropology and create outreach programs to raise the visibility of physical anthropology in minority communities. The third IDEAS workshop will be held in Austin in 2018. IDEAS Scholar Videos are posted on the YouTube Channel. IDEAS members represented AAPA at SACNAS, the STEM Diversity Conference. An *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* Yearbook article: *Race and diversity in U.S. Physical Anthropology – A Decade of Initiatives by the AAPA*, 165: 158–180 was contributed by Antón SC, Malhi RS, and Fuentes A. See Appendix I.
- COD-WIN: An Elsevier foundation grant to the AAPA COD-Women's Initiative supported an international workshop delivered by COD-WIN in South Africa. In Austin in 2018, the group is sponsoring a panel discussion on balancing family and career and an open forum on developing an AAPA-wide mentoring program. An *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* Yearbook article: *Participation, representation, and shared experiences of women scholars in biological anthropology* was contributed by Turner TR, Bernstein RM, and Taylor AB. See Appendix II.
- COD-UGRS: The 2017 COD-Undergraduate Research Symposium held its seventh annual symposium and awarded undergraduate travel supplements. See Appendix III.
- COD-LGBTQQIAA: In 2017, COD-LGBTQQIAA held a social and fund-raising event and donated to a local LGBT youth group in New Orleans. In 2018, the group will hold its annual committee meeting to take up various questions. See Appendix IV.

- COD-AACT: COD-AACT sponsors a panel and a teaching workshop at the 2018 AAPA meeting. Teaching Anthropology in the 21st Century workshop will be offered again in 2018. See Appendix V.
- COD-IS: The International Scholars group changed its acronym in 2017, is working on a Facebook page, and holds their third formal meeting in Austin in 2018. See Appendix VI.

Those interested in starting another subgroup should contact Susan Antón, the COD Chair.

## Reports of the COD Interest Groups

### Report of the annual activities of the AAPA COD-IDEAS

AAPA-COD IDEAS (Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences) aims to increase ethnic diversity of scholars in the field of physical anthropology by building infrastructure to train and retain minority students currently in physical anthropology and creating outreach programs to raise the visibility of physical anthropology in minority communities.

### Publication of AAPA Demographic Data and history of IDEAS

**Yearbook of Physical Anthropology Article.** *Race and diversity in U.S. Physical Anthropology – A Decade of Initiatives by the AAPA*, 165:158–180 was contributed by Antón SC, Malhi RS, and Fuentes A. The paper aggregates and compares AAPA member survey data with national statistics on representation in Anthropology and related sciences, and reviews the past decade of work by the AAPA Committee on Diversity, with a focus on the COD-IDEAS projects.

**Web Resources.** The above publication, white papers on previous survey results, and links to comparative data and programs are provided on the COD-IDEAS page of physanth.org. We continue to maintain a COD-IDEAS Facebook page and the COD-Main listserv. Visit our webpage on physanth.org for instructions on how to join these.

### At the AUSTIN Meetings, in 2018, COD-IDEAS is sponsoring several events

**IDEAS Alumni Poster Session.** Felicia Gomez led efforts to develop an IDEAS poster symposium for alumni to present their research and promote how research from diverse scholars produces outstanding studies. Twenty IDEAS faculty and alumni will present in the symposium, which will be held Wednesday night in the Marriott Grand Foyer adjacent to the AAPA Opening Reception. *IDEAS ALUMNI Symposium: Creating and Supporting Diverse Communities within AAPA*. 8:00–11:00 p.m. [Marriott Hotel; Grand Foyer].

**COD-IDEAS Sponsored Panel Discussion.** Deborah Bolnick and Rick Smith developed a panel discussion cosponsored by COD-IDEAS *Reflections on the 2017 Symposium and Future Directions for Biological Anthropology* 12:15–2:15 p.m. [Zilker 4].

**IDEAS Annual Committee Meeting.** During the 2018 AAPA conference in Austin, the COD will host a luncheon meeting to discuss specific projects related to the increase in representation and

inclusion of underrepresented minorities in Biological Anthropology and a general COD meeting for all of the subcommittees to discuss their efforts and to enhance communication between the various groups under the COD umbrella. Both meetings are open to all AAPA members. See the earlier program notes for times and places.

**IDEAS NSF Workshop.** In 2015, the AAPA was awarded three years of NSF funding for the IDEAS pathway program which includes mentoring and outreach activities at annual AAPA meetings, social media, and community outreach to foster interest in human and primate biology and evolution, and building infrastructure to support the development of and synergies between Broader Impacts programs across physical anthropology. The IDEAS Workshops bring minority students to the AAPA meeting for a pre-meeting, science and mentoring workshop, and networking activities throughout the meeting.

**2018 IDEAS Workshop.** In Fall 2017, the COD put out the call for applications for the IDEAS workshop to undergraduate and graduate students. There were 34 applicants for 16 slots. A panel of IDEAS faculty reviewed the applicants and selected the finalists and alternates in early 2018. The AAPA COD will provide funding support for IDEAS scholars to attend the 2018 meeting in Austin. For the 2018 IDEAS workshop, a few faculty from California will not attend the AAPA meetings due to state legislation stating that state employees of California will not funded to travel to Texas. For the 2018 IDEAS workshop, three additional faculty, Teresa Wilson, Jada Benn-Torres, and Amy Lu, agreed to join as faculty.

The 2018 AAPA IDEAS faculty are: Ripan Malhi, Agustín Fuentes, Jada Benn-Torres, Rick Bibiescas, Graciela Cabana, Kerry Dore, Amy Lu, Robin Nelson, John Mitani, Milena Shattuck, Phoebe Stubblefield, Zaneta Thayer, Claudia Valeggia, and Teresa Wilson.

The 2018 AAPA Student Scholars are: Cesar Arcasi Matta, Antonia Carter, Jennifer Corona, Isis Dwyer, Kristen Herlosky, Sydney Gonzalez, Natalie Grube, Emily Lau, Marcela Lopez, Shay-Akil McLean, Tiffany Pan, Amanda Rossillo, Katharine Ryan, Sana Saboowala, Chelsea Wanstead, and Aaron Young.

**2017 IDEAS Workshop Assessment.** The AAPA COD provided funding support for all IDEAS student scholars to attend the 2017 meeting in New Orleans where they participated in an all-day Wednesday workshop and are mentored and assisted in making connections throughout the entire AAPA conference. Following the workshop, we performed exit surveys to evaluate the 2017 IDEAS workshop and program. We summarize these as follows:

- Participants rated the IDEAS topics and activities at AAPA 2017 as excellent (71%) or very good (29%).
- Participants will recommend IDEAS workshop to other students. Promoter Score: 100.
- 94% of the participants strongly agreed or agreed that the workshop activities will help/helped to achieve their career goals.
- 87% of participants strongly agreed and agreed that the “mini-science sessions” were relevant to their interest in biological anthropology.

- The graduate-undergraduate discussions were recognized as the most relevant followed-up by the speed up mentoring and sharing the stories. The undergraduate students especially valued much more the interactions with graduate students and faculty rather than the mentoring.
- Mentoring groups, 81% strongly agreed or agreed that contributed to their interest.
- Increased confidence: 94% reported increased confidence to pursue a career in biological anthropology.
- 100% of the participants plan to remain in contact with the IDEAS community with 100% of the participants planning to continue doing research in Biological Anthropology.

### Other Outreach by COD-IDEAS in 2017–2018

**IDEAS NSF Videos.** At the Atlanta and New Orleans meetings, the COD IDEAS in collaboration with the Boas Network and funded by NSF undertook scholar interviews. The videos are publicly available at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists youtube channel ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNJwd-YXBLwgz9K3zx\\_Bxw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNJwd-YXBLwgz9K3zx_Bxw)).

**Broader Recruitment and SACNAS.** To raise the profile of biological anthropology as a graduate career direction for STEM-oriented students from racialized minorities, for the second year, COD IDEAS sponsored a booth at the annual SACNAS conference in October. SACNAS brings minority undergraduate and graduate students together for mentoring, science, and graduate programming. The booth was staffed by IDEAS Faculty Susan Antón and IDEAS Student Scholar Vanessa Graves and NYU MA Student. We made good contacts and introduced the possibility of biological anthropology to students in STEM disciplines. Next year's meeting is in San Antonio—members who are interested in helping out please contact Susan Antón.

Respectfully submitted,

Drs. Agustín Fuentes, Ripan Malhi, and Susan Antón, co-chairs

### Annual activities of the AAPA COD-Women's Initiative

This annual report summarizes the activities of the AAPA Committee on Diversity's Women's Initiative (COD-WIN), from April 20, 2017, to April 13, 2018.

### International workshop

We offered our final Elsevier-funded international workshop on March 10, 2018. This workshop was open to women biological anthropologists of all ranks and was held at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, co-organized by Andrea Taylor and Rebecca Rogers Ackermann and delivered by A. Taylor as part of AAPA COD-WIN. The workshop was modeled on, and adapted from, a combination of the "Enhancing Your Career with Strategies for Mentoring and Networking" and "Improving Your Work-Life Satisfaction" workshops created by the Association of Women in Science (AWIS). Participants were between the ages of 23 and 51 years and ranged in rank from masters-level to Senior Lecturer. Many participants were affiliated with UCT but also came from the University of Pretoria, University of Botswana, Wits University, and the Ditsong National Museum of

Natural History. Areas of interest included paleoanthropology, genetics, forensic anthropology, bioarchaeology, and skeletal biology/functional morphology. Funds from the New Scholars award covered the costs of travel and lodging, supplies, food, and small gifts for participants.

### Publication of COD-WIN workshop survey data

We published survey data collected from four Elsevier-funded workshops ( $N = 117$  participants) as part of an *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* Yearbook article: Turner TR, Bernstein RM, Taylor AB, with contributions from Abigail Asangba, Traci Bekelman, Jennifer Danzy Cramer, Sarah Elton, Katerine Harvati, Erin Marie Williams-Hatala, Laurie Kauffman, Emily Middleton, Joan Richtsmeier, Emőke Szathmáry, Christina Torres-Rouff, Zaneta Thayer, Amelia Villaseñor, and Erin Vogel, 2018. Participation, representation, and shared experiences of women scholars in biological anthropology, 165, 126–157.

### Workshops sponsored and facilitated at the Austin AAPA meeting

COD-WIN sponsored two workshops at the 2018 annual meeting of the AAPA in Austin. One workshop was an open forum organized and facilitated by R. Bernstein and A. Taylor to discuss the development of a formal association-wide mentoring program. COD-WIN also sponsored a workshop entitled "Balanced: A panel on family life and careers in academia," organized by Kathryn Grow Allen.

### Formation of a formal COD-WIN Steering Committee

A. Taylor and R. Bernstein, COD-WIN Co-Chairs, have initiated the development of a formal Steering Committee. We are seeking to develop a diverse committee of 5–7 members to help support and promote the mission of the committee. Current members: Kersten Bergstrom (PhD student, Anthropology Department, Texas A&M University), Lauren N. Butaric (Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy, Des Moines University), and Kristi Lewton (Assistant Professor, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California).

Submitted by,

Robin Bernstein and Andrea Taylor, Co-Chairs, AAPA COD-Women's Initiative

### AAPA COD—Undergraduate Research Symposium 2017–2018

In 2017, we held our seventh Annual Committee on Diversity Undergraduate Research Symposium (COD URS). We had 63 posters from 49 universities and colleges. Twenty-one of the students who presented were first-generation college students. We had 29 graduate mentors who worked closely (via email) with the students on their posters, their "elevator" talk, and what it is like in graduate school; eight of these mentors were past participants in the COD URS. The abstracts from last year are found on the website under Meeting Archives: <http://physanth.org/annualmeetings/meeting-supplement-archive/>

In 2018, we will be having our eighth Annual COD URS on Wednesday, April 11. We have accepted 59 posters representing 36 programs. At least, 17 of the students presenting are first-

generation college students. Fourteen of these programs do not have graduate options in anthropology (one does not have a BA or BS either!); therefore, this symposium offers a crucial opportunity for these students to meet and talk with graduate students and potential graduate advisors. We have 39 graduate mentors this year, 10 of whom are past participants.

Dr. Cara Wall-Scheffler, Symposium Chair

### **AAPA COD—LGBTQQIAA interest group 2017 activities**

At the 2017 New Orleans meetings, we had 50 in attendance at our business meeting.

We took in a total of \$1,463 in donations: \$243 from GAYAPA t-shirts; \$893 from buttons; \$300 from our Big Gay Night out. Expenditures have been website domain names and stickers for fundraising that were lost in the mail.

We donated \$300 of our fundraising revenue to BreakOUT in New Orleans <http://www.youthbreakout.org/> an organization working to end “criminalization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth.”

We held a sign-making fest in preparation for the March for Science and participated in the March for Science in New Orleans.

We have decided to reserve sufficient funds to cover the costs of printing fund-raising materials for each meeting and to donate the rest of our fund-raising intake to LGBTQIA outreach groups in the location of each local meeting.

We are developing a resource for best practices in sensitivity to LGBTQIA students to be hosted on our website.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Stephanie Meredith

### **Activities of the AAPA COD AACT Task Force 2017–2018**

The Anthropologists Outside of Anthropology Departments, Contingent, and Teaching Focused Faculty (AACT) Task Force has the following events planned for the 2018 AAPA meetings in Austin:

Thursday lunch (Big Thicket): COD AACT committee planning meeting

Friday 8–10 (Big Bend): COD AACT Teaching in 21st Century workshop

Friday 2:30–4:30 p.m.: COD AACT Panel (Foothills 1): “The Anthropologist's ACademic Taboo II: Discussing alternative opportunities to ‘traditional’ R1 anthropology faculty positions”

In this interactive panel, five panelists will talk about their experiences working in positions outside the “traditional” R1 anthropology faculty career path, including at medical universities, in teaching-focused positions, in non-teaching positions, and at museums. A special emphasis will be on how to market yourself for such positions to widen your search and potential job placement. Great for recent or soon-to-be anthropology graduates!

In addition, we will work on planning an interactive workshop for the 2019 conference to help job seekers customize application materials for teaching-focused, nonacademic, and/or non-anthropology jobs.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Jessica L. Westin

### **International Scholars Subcommittee (COD-I)**

COD-International Subcommittee represents the interests and concerns surrounding international scholars.

Annual (2017) report:

1. The Subcommittee name was changed. The new name is COD-I: Committee on Diversity-International (or COD-I);
2. We have designed a Facebook account for COD-I (which at the time of writing is still private within the subcommittee). Once approved by AAPA officials, our plan is to present the new FB COD-I (hopefully) during the Austin meeting. We will use the FB page to inform our members on: (a) COD-I future goals; (b) how COD-I could help international scholars/students (including potential financial support for attending coming meetings). Tina Lasisi did a great job on the FB design.
3. Our final approved goals are:
  - a. To facilitate communication about issues of concern to International Scholars/Students/Members, particularly those from developing countries (*this goal will also have question on the FB survey to collect main concerns/questions*)
  - b. To facilitate/share information on application processes and length of VISAs /work permits in the United States for international students and scholars (*this goal will also have question on the FB survey*)
  - c. Advocate and/or fundraise for student travel award(s) to attend AAPA meetings; specifically, for international students in the United States and for international students or scholars outside of the United States (particularly in countries with financial need, perhaps those that qualify for reduced registration fee).
  - d. Provide optional, volunteer-based English language editing service (i.e., abstracts for AAPA meetings; funding request opportunities, etc.).
  - e. To continue advocating for universal STEM status for the biological anthropology degrees and/or provide information to programs how to request STEM status from the Department of Homeland Security for their specific programs.

Members and Participants (alphabetically) present at the committee meeting in New Orleans:

- Rebecca ACKERMANN (University of Cape Town, South Africa)
- Leslie AIELLO (AAPA President; Wenner-Gren Foundation)
- Graciela CABANA (University of Tennessee)
- Fabian CRESPO (University of Louisville)
- Tina LASISI (Penn State University)
- Christine LEE (California State University, Los Angeles)
- Lauren SCHROEDER (SUNY at Buffalo)
- Maja ŠEŠELJ (Bryn Mawr College)

- Riashna SITHALDEEN (University of Cape Town, South Africa)
- Claudia VALEGGIA (Yale University)
- Other COD-I members:
- Alejandra NUÑEZ-DE LA MORA (Universidad Veracruzana)
- Chalachew SEYOUN (Arizona State University)
- Submitted by,
- Dr. Fabian Crespo (COD-I Chair)

## History and Awards Committee

The following report was submitted by Anne Stone.

### Darwin and Lasker Awards

Nomination packets were solicited for two awards:

1. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award
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 October 16, 2017. Four nominees for the Lasker Award and five for the Darwin Award were considered, only one of which was not a new nomination. All of the nomination letters were submitted electronically. Nomination packets for the Lasker Award were submitted via email to the Executive Committee for discussion and voting on November 21, 2017, which concluded December 4, 2017. Nomination packets for the Darwin Award were submitted via email to the full Executive Committee on December 4, 2017, and voting concluded on December 7, 2017. As per our previous practice, submissions of new and/or updated nominations made in 2017 but not awarded in 2018 are to be retained for future consideration. Members are encouraged to submit new nominations to Robin Nelson by October 15, 2018.

The 2017 winners are:

1. Dr. Kenneth Weiss (Pennsylvania State University), Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award
2. Dr. Anne Grauer (Loyola University Chicago), Lasker Award for Outstanding Service

## History

To increase the visibility of biological anthropology and record our history, we are beginning a new initiative to update and write entries about biological anthropologists and the AAPA on Wikipedia. At the AAPA meetings in Austin, I will host a Wikipedia editing workshop. The goal is to establish an annual Wikipedia edit-a-thon at the AAPA meetings to add and edit entries about biological anthropologists and biological anthropology.

I thank all those who considered the many outstanding AAPA members for each of these awards and who are getting involved in recording the history of biological anthropologists.

## Student Programs Committee

Leslea J. Hlusko submitted the following report.

The Student Programs Committee primarily implements two student competitions. The first occurs at the annual meeting, when students who are presenting research in either a poster or podium format compete for seven named prizes. The second competition is for travel funds to attend the annual meeting, for which they write an essay on a topic chosen by the Executive Committee. Both competitions rely on a committee of judges that varies slightly in composition based on the judges' availability. In this report, I first summarize the 2017 Student Presentation Prize competition that occurred during the AAPA New Orleans meeting and then report on the 2018 Pollitzer Essay competition that was run in anticipation of the AAPA Austin meeting. Finally, I present preliminary information on the 2018 Student Presentation Prize Competition.

## 2017 Student Presentation Prizes

The deadline for entry to the 2017 AAPA Student Presentation was on March 1, 2017, following the protocol used in 2016. This was the second year that we relied on an online submission form, with some minor adjustments that improved the process. We received 69 entries (which included a 1,000 word essay) to be judged for presentations at the 2017 annual AAPA meeting in New Orleans (see Table 4).

Thirty-four judges were convened to evaluate these presentations.

### Committee of Judges for the 2017 Student Presentation Prizes

Aaron Blackwell	Tim Weaver	Lee Gettler
Anna Waterman	Zaneta Thayer	Leslea Hlusko
Biren Patel	James Higham	Lucas Delezene
Bob Anemone	Jeremy M. DeSilva	Maja Seselj
Chris Robinson	Jessica Dimka	Maureen Devlin
Chris Schmitt	John Lindo	Michael Wasserman
Christine Lee	Julie Lesnik	Michelle Bezanson
Daniel Temple	Larissa Swedell	Michelle Singleton
Daniel Wescott	Ripan Malhi	Noreen von Cramon-Taubadel
Drew Halley	Terrence Ritzman	Becky Ackermann
Erin Vogel	Graciela Cabana	Rebecca Jabbour
Felicia Madimenos		

Each of the 69 entries was evaluated by three judges. For the first time, an online judging form was used with a simple scoring system between 1 and 5. The implementation went smoothly and greatly facilitated the compilation of scores during the judges meeting when winners were determined.

There are eight named prizes awarded in 2017, with six honorable mentions. Six of the prizes came with a \$500 monetary award that

**TABLE 4** History of the number of entries and judges for the Student Presentation Prizes

Year	Number of entries	Number of judges
2014	39	-
2015	31	-
2016	45	21
2017	69	34

was dispersed after the meeting. The two joint American Association of Anatomists/American Association of Physical Anthropologists prizes are awarded \$250 each.

In addition to the monetary award, recipients were given books that, in 2017, were generously donated by Springer (graciously facilitated by Eric Delson, as in years past) and also a forensics text book and laboratory manual donated by the author S. N. Byers. Members of the judging committee helped to fill out the award certificates and also decide which winner would receive which donated book(s).

This was the first year that the Patricia Whitten Prize was implemented to recognize an excellent podium or poster presentation on research in primatology, an award generously created by the estate of Patricia Whitten. Professor Whitten was a long-serving faculty member at Emory University renowned for her research exploring the relationships among behavior, biology, and reproduction in wild primates.

The winners were as follows:

#### Juan Comas Prize

Amy Scott, Boston University

"Are male orangutans a threat to infants? Mother-offspring interactions with males in wild *Pongo pygmaeus wurmbii*" Book received:

Diogo R. 2017. Evolution Driven by Organismal Behavior. Springer.

(<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319475806>)

#### Ernst Hooton Prize for best poster

Kate McGrath, George Washington University

"Quantifying linear enamel hypoplasia in Virunga mountain gorillas and other great apes" Books received:

Byers SN. Introduction to Forensic Anthropology, 5<sup>th</sup> edition (<http://www.routledge-textbooks.com/textbooks/9781138188846/>)

Byers SN. Forensic Anthropology Laboratory Manual, 4<sup>th</sup> edition (<http://www.routledge-textbooks.com/textbooks/9781138188846/>)

#### Ales Hrdlicka Prize

Kristin Sabbi, University of New Mexico

"Attention to social grooming among immature East African chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) of the Kanyawara community at Kibale National Park" Book received:

Reichard UH, Hirai H, Barlli C, editors. 2016. Evolution of Gibbons and Siamang. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9781493956128>)

#### Mildred Trotter Prize for superior presentation on teeth or bones

Kathleen Paul, Arizona State University

"Comparative performance of deciduous and permanent dental morphology in reconstructing biological kinship" Books received:

Cucina A, editor. Archaeology and Bioarchaeology of Population Movement among the Prehispanic Maya. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319108575>)

Marom A, Hovers E, editors. 2017. Human Paleontology and Prehistory. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/978331946446>)

#### Sherwood Washburn Prize

Amy Goldberg, Stanford University

"Neolithic familial migration contrasts Bronze Age male migration inferred from ancient X chromosomes" Books received:

Iovita R, Katsuhiro S, editors. 2016. Multidisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Stone Age Weaponry. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789401776011>)

Harvati K, Roksandic M, editors. 2016. Paleoanthropology of the Balkans and Anatolia. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789402408737>)

Langley MC, editor. 2016. Osseous Projectile Weaponry. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789402408973>)

Maier A. 2015. The Central European Magdalenian. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789401772051>)

#### Patricia Whitten Prize for excellence in primatology

Caitlin O'Connell, Boston University

"Examining social stress through self-directed behavior in wild orangutans" Books received:

Sievert LL, Brown DE, editors. 2016. Biological Measures of Human Experience across the Lifespan. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319441016>)

Henke W, Tattersall I, editors. 2015. Handbook of Paleoanthropology Volume 2. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783642399787>)

#### American Association of Anatomists—American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Anatomy in Anthropology Prize

Carrie Mongle, SUNY Stony Brook

"The developmental cascade biases rates of evolutionary change in the dentition" (poster) Books received:

Jones SC, Stewart BA. 2016. Africa from MIS 6-2. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789401775199>)

Jagers op Akkerhuis, GAJM, editor. 2016. Evolution and Transitions in Complexity. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319438016>)

Jaap Saers, University of Cambridge

"Mobility and trabecular bone variation in the human foot" (podium) Books received:

Kivell TL, Lemelin P, Richmond BG, Schmitt D, editors. 2016. The Evolution of the Primate Hand. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9781493936441>)

Haile-Selassie Y, Su D, editors. 2016. The Postcranial Anatomy of *Australopithecus afarensis*. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789401774277>)

#### 6 Honorable Mentions

Erin Kane, The Ohio State University Books received:

Henke W, Tattersall I, editors. 2015. Handbook of Paleoanthropology Volume 3. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783642399787>)

Jasienska G, Sherry DS, Holmes DJ, editors. 2017. The Arc of Life. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9781493940363>)

Elizabeth Tinsley-Johnson, University of Michigan, Books received:

Fernandez Jalvo Y, King T, Yepiskoposyan L, Andrews P. 2016. Azokh Cave and the Transcaucasian Corridor. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319249223>)

Haidle MN, Conard NJ, Bolus M, editors. 2016. The Nature of Culture. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789401774246>)

Dominique Bertrand, The University at Buffalo, SUNY Book received:

Shively CA, Wilson ME, editors. 2016. Social Inequalities in Health in Nonhuman Primates. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319308708>).

Elizabeth Sawchuk, University of Tortonto Books received:

Fernandez Jalvo Y, Andrews P. 2016. Atlas of Taphonomic Identifications. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789401774307>)

Odonnabhain B, Lozada Cerna MC, editors. 2014. Archaeological Human Remains, Global Perspectives. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319063690>)

Tesla Monson, University of California Berkeley Books received:

Henke W, Tattersall I, editors. 2015. Handbook of Paleoanthropology Volume 1. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783642399787>)

Brinkman DB, Holroyd PA, Gardner JD, editors. 2013. Morphology and Evolution of Turtles. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789400743083>)

Sam Larson, University of Pennsylvania Books received:

Surviving the 21st Century. Springer.

Fernandez Jalvo Y, King T, Yepiskoposyan L, Andrews P. 2016. Azokh Cave and the Transcaucasian Corridor. Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319249223>)

## 2018 Pollitzer Travel Awards

The Pollitzer Student Travel Awards are designed to help students defray the costs of attending the AAPA meetings. They are named in honor of William S. Pollitzer, a Human Biologist who taught at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, a Darwin Lifetime Achievement Awardee, and past president of the AAPA. The number of awards is also tied to proceeds from the auction that is held at the annual meeting of the AAPA in the year prior. The award provides \$500 to each recipient to defray travel costs to attend AAPA's annual meeting.

This award is open to all AAPA student members (undergraduate and graduate) who are attending the annual meeting. Students do not need to be giving a presentation at the meeting to qualify, but they do need to be a member of the AAPA at the time of the meeting and should not have been granted their PhD prior to the submission deadline (January 1, 2018).

The essay question changes each year. Awards are made on the basis of an essay of no more than 750 words (excluding references). The specific prompt for this year was:

*Mosquitos have a deep evolutionary interconnectedness to all primates, including humans, and several genetic adaptations have come about through interactions between humans, pathogens, and the mosquitoes that carry those pathogens. Perhaps the most widely known example of a disease-related human adaptation is sickle cell, in which the heterozygote condition confers*

*resistance to malaria transmitted via the Anopheles mosquito. The New York Times (<https://nyti.ms/2xdFkOo>) recently reported that another mosquito species, Aedes aegypti, has been reported across a much wider geographic range compared to just a few years ago, including parts of California and Nevada where they were previously unknown. This mosquito genus and species is not a host for the malarial parasite, but it is known to spread yellow fever, Zika, dengue, and chikungunya.*

*As primates and other organisms face rapid and dramatic changes to our environments as a result of the fast pace of climate change today, mosquitos may prove to be a critical selective force operating through other mechanisms besides malarial infection. For this year's Travel Award essay topic, imagine that you have been asked to write a 700–750 word blog post for Scientific American. For this blog post, you are to rely on evolutionary biology and anthropology to imagine a scenario that may play out over the next century with the range expansion of Aedes aegypti. The biology needs to be based in reality, and as such, please use references.*

The deadline for entry was January 1, midnight UTC-11 hours. The submission website went live in early December, and we received entries starting on the December 4th through to the last few minutes before the deadline.

A committee of 18 judges was convened:

Anna Watermann	John Lindo	Mark Grabowski
Biren Patel	Julie Lesnik	Maureen Devlin
Christine Lee	Leslea Hlusko	Michelle Bezanson
Daniel Temple	Libby Cowgill	Mike Wassermann
Daniel Wescott	Lucas Delezene	Moses Schanfield
Jessica Dimka	Maja Sejej	Rachel Menegaz

Evaluation was done on a 100-point scale based on three criteria (30 points for originality and creativity of the position; 50 points for the soundness of the scenario and logical reasoning based on evolutionary biology and theory, including references as needed; and 20 points for grammar and spelling). In an effort to standardize the scoring system, a rubric was utilized.

Each entry was given a number, and essays were identified only by number during the evaluation process. Each essay was scored by three judges. Each judge was asked to score ~13 essays with the Committee Chair scoring the extra few. The final score for each essay was determined as the average of the three independent scores. Judges accessed the numbered essays, their scoring sheet/assignment, and rubric through a shared Google Drive folder. Neither the named essays nor the number/name key were accessible at any time to the judges.

No judge evaluated a proposal from a student at their same institution or who had another type of conflict of interest that the judge

**TABLE 5** History of the number of entries and winners for the Pollitzer Travel Essay Competition

Pollitzer Travel Essay Competition		
Year	Number of entries	Number of winners
2012	-	43
2013	-	43
2014	-	50
2015	40	24
2016	68	42
2017	118	50
2018	75	57

had notified the chair of. A graduate student of the chair's (Catherine Taylor) entered the competition this year. The chair was very careful to anonymize Taylor's essay quickly and not refer to the number/name key to avoid a conflict of interest. Hlusko did not evaluate Taylor's essay.

To implement the policy that priority would be given to novel entrants, students who had received a Pollitzer award previously had seven points deducted from their final score. There were 12 entries from previous winners. Eight of these ranked high enough to win a Pollitzer award again this year even with the seven-point penalty.

In coordination with the Committee on Diversity (Chaired by Susan Antón) and the Early Career Liaison to the Executive Committee Felicia Gomez, we developed and implemented a new policy for increasing the number of Pollitzer prizes awarded and for ranking essays to increase representation at the AAPA meeting by traditionally underrepresented groups.

AAPA had funds to award 57 \$500 awards (see Table 5). The winners are listed in Table 6. Fifty-eight names are listed as one (Antonia Carter) was declined as she is a recipient of an IDEAS program fellowship and all of the costs associated with attending the meeting are covered through those funds. She will be considered a first-time entrant in next year's competition, should she choose to participate again.

## 2018 Student Presentation Prizes

The deadline for entry to the 2018 AAPA Student Presentation was on March 1, 2018, following the protocol used in 2017 with minor modification for improvement. This was the third year that we relied on an online submission form.

We received 63 entries. In light of the number of entries, 38 judges have been organized to evaluate these presentations. We will be using an online judging system following on the protocol first developed last year.

## Ethics Committee

The following report was submitted by Graciela Cabana and Jen Wagner. The 2017–2018 Ethics Committee was cochaired by Jennifer Wagner and Graciela Cabana and consisted of the following additional members (in alphabetical order): Robert Anemone, Michele Goldsmith, Nina Jablonski, Ann M. Kakaliouras, Robin Nelson, Christina Torres-Rouff, and Trudy Turner. We also had three Ethics Fellows joining our

**TABLE 6** 2018 Pollitzer Travel Award Recipients

Alisha Anaya (The George Washington University)
Carly Batist (Central Washington University)
Rachel Bell (The University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
Amy Beresheim (University of Toronto)
Emma Berthiaume (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
Madison Bradley (University of Calgary)
Emma Brzezinski (Miami University)
Timothy Campbell (Texas A&M University)
Emma Cancelliere (The Graduate Center City University of New York)
Thuan Cao (University of Cambridge)
<sup>a</sup> Antonia Carter (University of South Alabama, award declined)
Morgan Chaney (Kent State University)
Carlye Chaney (Yale University)
Colleen Cheverko (The Ohio State University)
Mark Conaway (University at Buffalo)
Isabelle Coupal (University of Montreal)
Erika Danella (Quinnipiac University)
Sophia Dent (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Kaitlin East (McMaster University)
Zachary Enfinger (University of South Florida)
Ellen Fricano (Johns Hopkins University)
Elise Geissler (University of Florida)
Lauren Gilhooly (University of Western Ontario)
Matthew Go (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
Andrew Holmes (University of Toronto), Mareike Janiak (Rutgers University)
Kelsey Jorgensen (Wayne State University)
Hyunwoo Jung (University at Buffalo)
Brittany Kenyon (University at Buffalo - SUNY)
Katherine Kling (Stony Brook University)
Clara Komza (The University of Toronto)
Emma Lagan (The Ohio State University)
Natalie Laudicina (Boston University)
Brittany Matheny (University of South Florida)
Sara McGuire (The Ohio State University)
Fernando Mercado Malabet (University of Toronto)
Sarah Mincer (Stony Brook University)
Emily Nett (University of Notre Dame)
Brian Padgett (The Ohio State University)
Amber Pirson (University of South Florida)
Kelsey Pugh (The Graduate Center City University of New York)
Crystal Riley Koenig (Washington University in Saint Louis)
Danielle Rubinstein (New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine)
Sofiya Shreyer (Bridgewater State University)
Izzy Starr (The State University of New York, University at Buffalo)
Tessa Steiniche (Indiana University)
Zane Swanson (The Graduate Center City University of New York)
Catherine Taylor (University of California Berkeley)
Emma Thurau (Northern Illinois University)
Nicole Torosin (University of Utah)
Alexandra Tuggle (The Ohio State University)
Nicole Webb (The Graduate Center City University of New York)

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**TABLE 6** (Continued)

Nicole Weiss (The Ohio State University)
Samantha Yauss (University of South Carolina)
An-Di Yim (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
Alexandra Zachwieja (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
Kaya Zelazny (The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine)
Trisha Zintel (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

<sup>a</sup> Declined the award as she is a recipient of an IDEAS program participant and all of the costs associated with attending the meeting are covered through those funds.

committee for the past year: Jennifer Eyre (New York University), Tisa Loewen (New York University), and Kristina Zarenko, University of South Carolina.

Over the course of the 2017–2018 programmatic year, the Ethics Committee worked on various items, including:

1. Development of discipline-specific case studies of ethical issues. In Spring 2016, the committee placed a call to the AAPA membership for real cases of ethical issues. Two of our Ethics Fellows, Jenny Eyre and Kristina Zarenko, have been developing two of these case study suggestions into useful case studies as part of the Committee's ongoing effort to develop educational resources for Biological Anthropologists.
2. Development of an interview project with Ethics Fellow Tisa Loewen, with the purpose of gathering key information on ethical concerns within biological anthropology.
3. Organization of a workshop on Professional Ethics ("Professional ethics in biological anthropology: How to approach an ethical dilemma") at the 2018 AAPAs through a subcommittee, consisting of the following members: Eyre, Goldsmith, Loewen, and Zarenko. The subcommittee also includes former student member Angela Mallard, who was approved to sit on the subcommittee by ExComm.

In addition, the Ethics Committee is continuing its Ethics Fellow Program. The purposes of the program are (a) to provide interested members—particularly those early in their careers—an opportunity to engage actively with the Ethics Committee and gain experience with ethics educational and research projects and (b) to help raise ethics literacy across the association. For 2018–2019, we solicited applications and selected two Fellows: Cara Hirst, doctoral student at University College London (UCL), and Alyssa Bader, doctoral student at University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Inaugural Fellows Eyre and Zarenko will be ending their fellowship terms. Loewen will be continuing for a second fellowship year. The newly appointed Fellows will be working closely with mentors within the Ethics Committee on the development of case studies or checklists of ethical concerns.

This was the second year that the Ethics committee was a standing committee. Four members' terms are ending: Graciela Cabana, Ann Kakaliouras, Robin Nelson, and Jennifer Wagner. The AAPA President established the composition and scope of the Ethics Committee for the 2018–2019 programmatic year: Robert Anemone (University of North Carolina, Greensboro) will chair the committee for a 3-year

term. Returning members and term years are as follows: Michele Goldsmith (2 years), Nina Jablonski (2 years), Christina Torres-Rouff (1 year), Trudy Turner (1 year), and Jennifer Wagner (3 years). Heather Norton (University of Cincinnati), Julianne Rutherford (University of Illinois), and David Strait (Washington University in St. Louis) will newly join the Committee, each for a 3-year term.

As part of its usual duties, the Committee will be available as a non-adjudicative body to promote ethics literacy among AAPA members and to serve as a resource for AAPA members to discuss ethical challenges. Information about ethics consultations for AAPA members is available on the AAPA website.

## Repatriation Committee

The following report was submitted by Benjamin Auerbach.

This is the annual report of the AAPA Repatriation Committee from April 2017 to March 2018. Members on the committee during this period were Steve Ousley, George Milner, and Benjamin Auerbach (chair).

In November 2017, the committee was alerted to a U.S. Senate bill proposed by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-New Mexico), S. 1400: Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017. It proposes voluntary return of "tangible cultural heritage," although this is defined to encompass almost anything of Native American manufacture. The bill is so broadly written that it could apply to private collectors equally with state museums and research institutions. It is unclear what problem the law is trying to remedy. If it is trying to get private collectors to return objects and to end the black-market trade in Native American materials, then it would be redundant with existing protections provided by NAGPRA, NMAI Act, and the Antiquities Act. Furthermore, the law, if passed, would at best reinforce the return of objects to indigenous groups but does not provide more than a mechanism for creating a panel to develop rules (like NAGPRA) that carry the weight of law without going through the legislative process. It is not productive toward reaching mutually amicable agreements between researchers and native groups, and if anything will increase divisiveness between the groups.

Currently, the bill appears to be moribund. It was presented to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on the November 8, 2017, and no further action has been taken. No companion bill in the U.S. House has been enacted, and according to the GovTrack website (<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/s1400>), it is unlikely that the Senate bill will be enacted.

Nevertheless, the AAPA should remain vigilant that this type of legislation is under consideration, and the leadership of the association may wish to take action in the form of a letter to the bill sponsor to provide the association's advocacy for the preservation of existing laws without the burdensome addition of this redundant act. The committee did not press for such communication in November, given the lack of action on this version of the proposed act.

Between April 1, 2017, and March 30, 2018, 110 notices of inventory completion were published in the Federal Register. Although these represent a range of institutions, including archaeological firms, universities, and museums, most represent the repatriation of small numbers of Native American individuals from each location.

One notable exception concerns the more than 6,000 archaeological Native American human remains held by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the University of Alabama, and by The University of Tennessee. Although notices of inventory completion have yet to be filed, numerous sites from the Tennessee River Valley, from South Dakota, and from Texarkana are in the process of being prepared for disposal to the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Muscogee Creek, Arikara (MHA), and Caddo Nations. All of the Arikara ancestral remains curated by The University of Tennessee are currently under a research moratorium and will likely be repatriated within the next 12–18 months. Among the other sites that are subject to disposal (under the rules of 43 CFR 10.11 of NAGPRA), the AAPA should be aware that many are large cemeteries or burial complexes that date to the Archaic period (most more than 4,000 years BP), including some individuals from the early Holocene. The timeline for the return of these sites is currently uncertain.

Looking ahead to the upcoming year, the committee has two action items for consideration with input from the Executive Committee:

1. The committee's efforts would greatly benefit with more members and more diverse representation of the society. We ask the Executive Committee to aid the committee by expanding and formalizing the size of its membership. Ben Auerbach as already spoken informally with some members of the AAPA about their interest in serving, were it possible, and those individuals have affirmed their desire to help the committee.
2. Throughout its existence in its current form, the committee has been reactionary in nature. In addition, the committee has been largely focused on repatriation laws and efforts in the United States, although repatriation is occurring worldwide (as evidenced by recent media reports about the Ainu and Kyoto University, for example). The committee serves as an important intermediary between the AAPA and sister societies (the American Association of Museums, the Society for American Archaeology, and other professional societies), as well as a participant in national NAGPRA calls and actions (when these have occurred). Although it serves an essential function by communicating with institutions and individuals about repatriation concerns, the committee has generally waited until information was brought to it from these sources, and the majority of responses have taken the form of legal briefs and letters.

We propose that the committee becomes more proactive, especially in light of increased activity in relation to 43 CFR 10.11 (disposal of culturally unaffiliated remains) in the United States and global repatriation efforts. A key element in the mission of the AAPA is outreach, and improved, centralized communication for members of the society with indigenous groups worldwide would be of great benefit to the society. With input from the Executive Committee, the mission of the Repatriation Committee could be expanded to serve as a central outreach committee between scientists and indigenous, often underrepresented groups, if only to simply coordinate the efforts already being made by individuals and groups within the AAPA.

## Education Committee

The following report was submitted by Brianna Pobiner.

### Educator Workshop:

The Education Committee's annual workshop for K-12 teachers and informal educators took place on Saturday morning, April 22, 2017, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The workshop drew five local educator attendees (in addition to AAPA member participants): two middle school science teachers, a high school AP biology teacher, an elementary and middle school gifted/enrichment program teacher, and an informal science educator. It again focused on what teachers have told us they are most interested in: classroom ready-resources. Connie Bertka, Amanda Glaze, Briana Pobiner, Kania Greer, and John Mead conducted a round table discussion regarding current practice, comfort level, and confidence in teaching evolution at the middle and high school level. This was followed by Connie Bertka presenting a resource to help encourage and equip teachers in promoting positive dialogue around the topic of evolution in their classrooms. Then, Caitlin Schrein and Kate McGrath provided overviews of three 30-minute activities that can be used in classrooms with the collection of early human and primate skull and limb bone replicas that belong to the AAPA (housed locally after the conference and available for check-out by teachers—the gifted/enrichment program teacher who attended the workshop borrowed them during the school year). After that, Karol Chandler-Ezell discussed how to deal with preconceptions about race through an anthropological approach to the biology, history, and culture with an activity called "Ethnicity vs. Race". Finally, Ben Freed introduced how and why anthropologists collect data on primate ecology and social organization (how primates use resources and interact with each other) with an activity called "Primate Behavior: The Popcorn Lab." The session ended with a Q&A and Kania Greer of the Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education at Georgia Southern University, who was able to again arrange for teachers to receive professional development credits for attending the workshop, secured some donations from vendors at the conference as giveaways for the teachers.

### School Outreach

Education Committee members participated in outreach in six local New Orleans classroom on the Thursday (April 20) and Friday (April 21) of the 2017 AAPA conference. On Thursday, the outreach sessions were at all girls Catholic school, Academy of the Sacred Heart. The morning Genetics class visited by Caitlin Schrein and Alex Prucha had four students, and the afternoon AP Biology class visited by Alex Prucha and Angie Pena had six students. On Friday, the outreach sessions were at a public high school, Ben Franklin High School. There were four AP Biology classes, each 1.5 hours long, with between 23 and 26 students in each class; the morning two classes were visited by Caitlin Schrein, Kate McGrath, John Mitani, and John Mead, and the two afternoon classes were visited by Caitlin Schrein, John Mead, Alex Prucha, and Angie Pena. The outreach sessions this year were more casual and informal and discussion-based, including what biological anthropology is, what going to graduate school and having a career in biological anthropology is like, how biological anthropologists

incorporate the scientific process into their research, and so on. The committee members told stories about how they came up with their research questions, how they collect their data, and their own surprising research findings. The students were very engaged with the excitement about the personal stories and videos about the research, and the outreach participants recommended this approach to school visits in the future rather than the prescribed object-based activities, or some balance of the two. School outreach participant Kate McGrath said "I credit the outreach for being able to explain my poster better"—and then went on to win the Ernest Albert Hooton prize for the best student poster at the 2017 AAPA conference!

## Auction Ad Hoc Committee

The following report was submitted by Myra Laird.

### Auction 2017 and Preliminary 2018

#### Committee

New Orleans: six-member steering committee: Jon Bethard (Co-Chair), Valerie DeLeon (Co-Chair), Myra Laird, Chelsey Juarez, Susan Antón, and Josh Snodgrass; approximately 25 student volunteers.

Austin: six-member steering committee: Jon Bethard (Co-Chair), Valerie DeLeon (Co-Chair), Myra Laird (Co-Chair), Susan Antón, and Josh Snodgrass; approximately 25 student volunteers.

#### Emcees

New Orleans: Jon Bethard and Shara Bailey; 50/50 Melanie Beasley

Austin: Jon Bethard and Shara Bailey; 50/50 Melanie Beasley.

#### Lunches with Luminaries

In New Orleans, the Lunches with Luminaries featured: Connie Mulligan/Anne Stone; Karen Rosenberg/Lorena Madrigal; Anne Pusey/Chris Kuzawa.

#### Amazing Advisors

In 2017, we continued the program Amazing Advisors, which recognized three mentors. Last year, we received a record number of nominations. This year we are expanding the opportunities and time period for students to nominate their advisors.

#### Costs (total including lunches, shipping, printing)

The 2017 costs: 468.82

In 2018, we are setting up a book booth in the exhibitor's hall to reduce stockpiled inventory. Reducing the number of books needing to be shipped to Cleveland will decrease shipping costs and increase earnings.

#### Items

In 2017: 280 silent, 16 live

In 2018: >341 silent, >5 live

#### Earnings (silent + live + 50/50)

In 2017: \$8,425, which helped support Student Travel Awards.

## Student Ad Hoc Committee

The following report was submitted by Ellen Fricano.

#### Committee Structure

As per the structure created by the Executive Committee of the AAPA, the Ad hoc Student Committee co-chairs are the current and incoming Student Liaisons for the AAPA ExComm. The current (and outgoing) liaison is Ellen Fricano, and the incoming liaison is Natalie Laudicina.

#### 2017 AAPA Meeting (New Orleans) Summary

The 2016–2017 Student Liaison (Katie Grow Allen) and the 2017–2018 Student Liaison (Ellen Fricano) represented the Student Committee and student issues during the proceedings of the 2017 AAPA Executive Committee meeting. The Student Committee meeting was held Wednesday evening. Twenty-five students attended the meeting. The Co-chairs introduced themselves and asked for student feedback. A main concern raised was reducing costs of the meeting for students, and that they would like more feedback after applying for student awards. The Student Committee and the Early Career Excomm Liaison planned and executed a meet-and-greet for students directly following the Student Committee meeting. Ten early career professionals from a variety of fields and job types discussed their experiences and positions and were available for informal networking and socializing for the more than 65 students that attended the event.

#### 2017–2018 Student Liaison Summary

Due to the success of the meet-and-greet in New Orleans, the current Student Liaison (Ellen Fricano) and the 2017–2018 Early Career Excomm Liaison (Felicia Gomez) planned a similar event for the 2018 meeting. The meet-and-greet took place Wednesday, April 11.

The AAPA American Association of Physical Anthropologists Student Members Facebook group continues to be an active place for student interactions and advertising for student-relevant news and events. The group currently has over 2,400 members including both students and senior AAPA members who frequently post opportunities and information for students.

Continuing the tradition of a student newsletter, the current Student Liaison and the current and incoming AAPA Presidents composed an email bulletin that was sent to all registered student members of the AAPA on October 10, 2017. The bulletin highlighted student-relevant opportunities and deadlines (abstract submission, funding opportunities, student presentation awards, etc.), with links to the Association's website for more detailed information. In addition, the bulletin highlighted ways for students to become more involved in the AAPA. A second student email bulletin, planned for distribution before the annual meeting, will highlight meeting activities that will be of particular interest to student members and a student guide to the meetings will be posted on the AAPA website.

In response to the students' request for cost-cutting options, the Student Liaison and incoming Student Liaison worked together to create a new forum to post requests for roommates for the AAPA meetings and beyond. The group has grown quickly; it now has over 80 members. We expect the group to continue to grow, and the

Student Liaison will ask the Ad hoc Student Committee for feedback on the effectiveness of this format.

Also, in response to student requests, the Student Liaison and Student Affairs Committee Chair worked together to provide an avenue for student presentation award applicants with brief feedback from judges. We hope that this will acknowledge the great work of all the applicants and prove for even better presentations in the future.

#### 2018 AAPA Meeting (Austin) Student Committee Events

- AAPA Student Committee Meeting: Wednesday 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- AAPA Student & Early Career Meet-and-Greet: Wednesday 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Ellen Fricano, Student Liaison 2017–2018.

#### AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The AAPA confers a substantial number of meeting travel awards, as well as professional development grants and workshop awards, throughout the year. Recipients of these awards were recognized during the business meeting. The awardees of the AAPA Committee on Diversity: NSF Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences (IDEAS) can be found in Table 7, and the Undergraduate Research Symposium Travel Awardees appear in Table 8.

#### GABRIEL LASKER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The AAPA Gabriel Lasker Award for Outstanding Service was presented to Anne L. Grauer by Susan Antón and Leslie Aiello, who jointly nominated her for the award (Figure 2). The following remarks were offered by Susan Antón.

**TABLE 7** 2018 AAPA Committee on Diversity: NSF Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences (IDEAS) Scholars

Cesar	Arcasi Matta
Antonia	Carter
Jennifer	Corona
Isis	Dwyer
Sydney	Gonzalez
Natalia	Grube
Kristen	Herlosky
Emily	Lau
Marcela	Lopez
Shay-Akil	McLean
Thomas	Oshane Odane
Tiffany	Pan
Amanda	Rossillo
Katharine	Ryan
Sana	Saboovala
Chelsea	Wanstead
Aaron	Young

**TABLE 8** AAPA Committee on Diversity Undergraduate Research Symposium Travel Awards

Azariea Bonner-Harris
Oluwadamilola Sosanya
Hayley Cheyney Kane
Miguel Ochoa
Kit Mitchell
Toddossa Coleman
Alisha Anaya
Audrey Arner
Kayla Dominguez
Elle R. Ford
Bronte Cunningham
Kara Murphy
Joseph H. Reynolds
Kathleen Rice
Naseer Naseem
Joseph Edward Castillo
Abigail Riggle
Dylan Roberts
India J. Brock
Jennah Thompson-Vasquez
Jessica Johnson
Lauren Hammond

I am particularly honored to introduce the superwoman we know as Anne L. Grauer as the 2018 AAPA Gabriel Lasker Distinguished Service Awardee. Anne's service to our discipline, and particularly to



**FIGURE 2** Anne L. Grauer, winner of the 2018 Gabriel W. Lasker Distinguished Service Award

AAPA, is extensive, important, and of long-standing. What is more, Anne always manages to do the work with graciousness and good humor. I am not sure how she does it—but I believe her middle initial stands for “Likes Gin.”

Anne's colleague of 30 years at Loyola, Jim Calcagno, could not be with us tonight but sent a few slides and words to start us off ..., and I quote.

“I deeply regret being unable to celebrate two outstanding achievements of my colleague Anne Grauer: Being honored with this year's Lasker Award, and her recent election as our next AAPA President. I hired Anne into a 3 year position at Loyola – but It wasn't until the following year, when it became clear that Anne was not only a promising scholar, but possessed tremendous grace [insert ungraceful slide here]. Anne's 3-yr position led to her being hired on a tenure-track line, and as an Assistant Professor she secured the highly prestigious NSF Presidential Faculty Fellows Award. As a result, she quickly established a permanent biological anthropology laboratory at Loyola, and equipped it with the latest work space and technology [insert Marx brother's slide here].

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of Anne receiving the Lasker Award is that despite all the work she has done for the AAPA, she somehow does far more service for our Department of Anthropology and for the University. We don't know how she does it, but we're glad she does, because our Department and the AAPA benefit in countless ways, on a daily basis. Thank you Anne, and Congratulations... much deserved! Sincerely ... Jim Calcagno [insert Brad Pitt slide here].”

As Jim alludes in his remarks, even at a young age, Anne was a serious force to be reckoned with. Having trained with George Armelagos at U Mass Amherst—where she received her PhD in 1989—Anne soon made her mark on paleopathology. She became a specialist in human osteology, paleopathology, and bioarchaeology.

Anne uses the study of disease to interrogate questions of social hierarchies involving status, sex and gender. And she has published a coterie of papers and three edited volumes (so far...). Her edited volumes include *A Companion to Paleopathology* (Wiley/Blackwell); *Bodies of Evidence: Reconstructing history through skeletal analysis* (Wiley-Liss); and *Sex and Gender in Paleopathological Perspective* (with Patricia Stuart-MacAdam; Cambridge University Press); as well as a volume in progress with Annie Katzenberg. Indeed she is the paleopathologist's paleopathologist, authoring the perspective on paleopathology in this year's centennial issue of the AJPA.

Beyond her prodigious research, Anne conducts forensic recovery and analysis for the FBI and the State of Illinois, is Chair of her department at Loyola University in Chicago (a post she has held for over a decade), and a celebrated teacher and mentor.

Service is pretty much in Anne's DNA. Early on, Anne served as the rapporteur of Wenner Gren Symposium #98 *Health and Disease of Populations in Transition*. And several of her graduate cohort recall Anne's first service to the AAPA when George was Vice President and program chair, in 1983 and 1984. In an evocative image, they describe Anne sprawled on the floor surrounded by an abundance of blue-box abstract forms—alphabetizing authors and sessions ... I only wish we had an actual photograph.

From so humble a beginning, Anne Grauer has served the AAPA in some of the most onerous, but important positions of the association.

- President-Elect starting at this meeting, 2018
- AAPA Secretary-Treasurer, 2014–2017
- Executive Committee Member, 2004–2006
- Local Arrangements Committee Chair, Chicago 2009 and several years preceding
- AJPA Associate Editor, 2001–2005
- Scientific Program Committee, 2000–2002
- AJPA Editorial Assistant, 1983–1984

And, she has served the Paleopathology Association (PPA) prodigiously as well including:

- President, 2009–2011
- Board Member, 2002–2006
- In her post-presidential years as PPA website developer and web master
- And as incoming Editor and Chief of International J. Paleopathology

And, I mention only the highest visibility positions and organizations which Anne has served. There are many, many more.

But, beyond just the names of these posts, an important distinction should be made between folks who have held many positions ceremonially, maintaining the status quo and those who have substantially moved an agenda forward. Anne is in the latter camp. She is a no-nonsense, detail-oriented person who has done the latter in many venues, but in such a quiet and unassuming way that she does not get half the credit that she deserves. Anne just rolls up her sleeves and dives in full bore.

For example, as AAPA Local Arrangements Chair (and dare I say the entire committee) in Chicago, Anne organized an impressive meeting and is the only known LAC chair in historic memory to balance her account to the penny (or at least the only one to that time—I believe Annie Katzenberg did the same in Calgary). Anne literally wrote the manual for future local arrangements chairs—because that's how she works, paving the way for others going forward, making the process more sensible and more humane, rarely taking credit and eschewing the soapbox. And her manual was funny!

I only knew Anne by reputation before she was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and I admit the story about the accounting to the penny worried me a bit. As VP at the time who depends heavily on the Treasurer to be sensible but flexible regarding the meetings, and who spends long hours in communication with that person—I worried that she might be a teensy bit rigid. Could she be any fun? I have never been so happy to be so wrong in my life. Anne is an amazing team player—supremely detail-oriented and conscientious—and collaborative in all the best ways. And she is righteously silly in the process.

In her first of four years as Treasurer, Anne (working with our membership chair, Josh Snodgrass) identified an enormous revenue loss for the association in the form of lapsed members who attended

meetings at member rates. The loss was on the order of \$50K to \$60K a year and was in large part due to the lack of oversight from our management company of our membership rolls and the lack of integration of our membership and registration systems. The loss was identifiable (and reversible) only through the excruciating attention to detailed records that Anne undertook as part of a systematic review. Her work identified and quantified the root causes of the issue.

In her second and third years, the reasons behind the loss were addressed and our membership has grown from about 1,400 to over 2,200 today—in large part by eliminating the melt that Anne identified.

Like many volunteer organizations, our systems have been cobbled together with time and have at certain points been outgrown (but not changed). Anne made it her mission to systematically review our phylogenetic baggage including every aspect of the organization in her purview as Treasurer. She reviewed our accounting firm, practices, and software and upgraded us to a professional package. She reviewed our insurance coverage and discovered we had vanishingly little protection for either the association or its officers. She undertook the onerous process of bringing our accounting into compliance with NSF standards and earning us NSF awardee status—which allows us now to bring in NSF and other external funding.

She also played a key role among the officers in promoting and realizing decisions that influence the entire association. She was a key member of the team that wrote the call for proposals that yielded our new management company, BAI. And, we all took a deep breath as we jumped into the unknown—a jump that as you know has served the association incredibly well. She worked collectively to improve interassociation relationships with our sister groups PPA and HBA. She took much personal time to make site visits to vet meeting venues—a skill she had from having been a highly effective local arrangements chair. And, based on detailed knowledge of our financial standing, she made explicit suggestions about funding new programs (including the workshops that have been rolled out for the first time this year). In addition, she led us in defining our new financial oversight relationship with BAI—easing the day to day burden of future Treasurers, placing them instead in a supervisory capacity (rather than being the one that writes each and every check, and so on). Anne's reach is simply exhausting.

And of course—she has recently become our President Elect—sadly, Anne, you can only earn the Lasker Award once!

Anne Grauer is a consummate professional—generous of time and insight, hardworking, and energetic, gracious, and fun. Without her work, the AAPA would not be the professional organization we now are. Through our history, we have had the great good fortune to have many dedicated officers—but I cannot imagine the AAPA without Anne's efforts. And, I cannot begin to imagine my life without this amazing, detail-oriented, silly, nowhere-near-rigid woman who I am honored to call friend.

I present to you, Dr. Anne L. Grauer the 2018 Lasker Distinguished Service Awardee.

Anne Grauer offered the following remarks upon receiving the award:

I am truly honored to receive this award and thank the nominations committee, the executive board of the AAPA, and AAPA

members. I'll make this brief, really brief, as there has never been a year since 1982, when I haven't listened intently at the business meeting while secretly wishing that the darn thing would end so I could get to the bar.

To be honest, I'm surprised to receive this award. If I'm not mistaken, I'm the one who owes the AAPA and its members the debt of gratitude. It is the AAPA and its members who have encouraged me to do my best work, and then challenged me when I did not. When I attended our annual meetings close to 9 months pregnant, or with a newborn in tow and lactating (profusely), or with a toddler clinging to my femur, it was the AAPA and its members who warmly welcomed me—as a scholar. It is the AAPA and its members who generously shared new ideas, amazing datasets, and extraordinary opportunities. It's the AAPA and its members who demonstrated that intellectual collaboration and inclusiveness produces exceptional results. Therefore, by my calculations, I owe the AAPA and its members. The least I could do over these past 35 years is pay it forward. Thank you.

## CHARLES R. DARWIN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The AAPA Charles R. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Kenneth M. Weiss by Joan Richtsmeier who, with George Milner, nominated him for the award (Figure 3). The following introduction was presented to the AAPA by Joan Richtsmeier.

George Milner and I are ecstatic that our nomination of Ken Weiss, Emeritus Evan Pugh Professor of Anthropology at the Pennsylvania State University, was chosen as this year's recipient of the Charles Darwin lifetime achievement award. Ken's early work in anthropological demography, still cited today, propelled him to prominence early in his career, and he continues to have a major influence on the direction of our field today.

Ken graduated from Oberlin College (1963), received a graduate certificate in Meteorology from St. Louis University (1965), and served as a Meteorologist for the US Air Force. Later, he received a Master's degree (1969) and PhD (1972) in Anthropology from the University of Michigan (1969). Ken's training in the four-field approach with several



**FIGURE 3** Kenneth M. Weiss, winner of the 2018 Charles R. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award

legends of Anthropology (e.g., Leslie White, Loring Brace, Frank Livingstone, James Neel) forms the basis of his broad vision of what it is to be an anthropologist.

In 1985, Ken was hired as Head of the Department of Anthropology at Penn State. At a time, when many Anthropology departments were losing their way in the intellectual faddism of postmodernism, Ken assembled a group of young, leading biological anthropologists and archeologists, raising the productivity, visibility, and quality of scholarship in the department and the discipline. Ken led the disciplinary wings of Penn State's Department of Anthropology to deliver a curriculum founded on the principle that there is no substitute for the scientific method, solid data, innovative analytical techniques, and clearly articulated research questions. His department was the first in Anthropology to formally incorporate Genetics into a coherent research program examining questions of long-standing interest to the discipline, a specialization now common elsewhere.

Ken had been publishing for decades and rose to prominence long before he and coauthors changed the collective thinking of our discipline in fundamental ways with the publication of "The osteological paradox" (*Curr Anthropol*, 1992). His published work repeatedly turns research questions on their head in works like "How many diseases do you have to study to map one gene with SNPs?" (*Nature Genet*, 2000). Ken's routinely probes the genotype-phenotype relationship in ways rarely considered by those who study either ends of that continuum, and continually reminds us that current methods, holdovers from the twentieth century, make us poorly equipped to tackle complexity.

I personally became familiar with Ken's work through an article published in *Evolutionary Anthropology* in 1993 entitled, "A tooth, a toe, and a vertebra: the genetic dimensions of complex morphological traits." Before reading this article, I had not seriously thought of DNA as evolving, I had not seriously thought of developmental programs as evolving. I was in a medical school where we were deeply seeped in "genes for" thinking and in costly, competitive races with other laboratories to find the mutation for very real human diseases. I hadn't considered how a whole genome duplication that occurred millions and millions of years ago provided a context within which one might study modern disease. The medical school philosophy at that time was simple: find the mutation – cure the disease. Thirty years later most of us are just realizing the folly of this type of deterministic thinking. Ken knew it then and has been writing about it for 30 years—forcing readers to contemplate the origin, evolution, and determination of diseases as just one example of evolving, complex phenotypes.

For those of you who were not fortunate enough to experience Ken in person in the halls, laboratories, offices, or classrooms of Penn State's Anthropology Department, you certainly could get to know him through his "Crotchet and Quiddities" columns in *Evolutionary Anthropology*. Ken used this column to examine and stimulate thought about some of the idiosyncratic opinions and assumptions of our discipline. The column communicated his intellect, curiosity, and spirit into the broader anthropological community. Sadly, Ken wrote his last "Crotchets and Quiddities" at the end of last year. But, if you somehow missed out, all his columns are archived in one spot at the end of Ken's last column last (*Evolutionary Anthropology*, 2017). But fans of this column should not despair, as Ken has found another way to communicate with the masses. Ken's current blog "The Mermaid's Tale"

(<http://ecodevoevo.blogspot.com/>) with Anne Buchanan and other guest bloggers is an informative, thoughtful conversation about biological complexity, evolution, and the societal aspects of science. This blog continues Ken's concern for educating the public about evolution and the scientific process.

Ken lives his belief that we can have more societal impact by standing in front of a classroom of undergraduates or writing a blog than by emphasizing publication tallies, impact factors, and publicity. His undergraduate teaching resulted in training hundreds of young aspiring anthropologists and thousands of non-Anthropology majors whose university experience was enriched by Ken's engaging coverage of the relevance of Anthropology to furthering the understanding of our place in nature. For those of us, lucky enough to find a mentor late in their career, I am honored and lucky to have had the chance to learn from Ken.

Ken Weiss offered the following remarks upon receiving the Darwin Award:

### Why I'm up here, and you're not

It is a great honor to receive the Darwin Award. But it is also humbling. I looked out at you, equally dedicated to our profession, and asked "Why me? Why not you?"

Well, I can identify my life's chain of events, lucky, and planned, that led from a Cleveland maternity ward long ago, to this podium. My path would seem a logical, systematic justification of the award. From one of the best school districts in the nation, to a top-rated college, a math major and experience in the new science of computer programming, honed to think about causal complexity as an Air Force meteorologist, I was admitted to a top graduate school. Helped by an excellent doctoral committee, one of whom then offered me a premier job in Texas, with such awesome colleagues that my own grants and papers were credible enough to qualify me for an offer to be Department Head at Penn State, where we could hire outstanding colleagues to work with. Penn State enabled me to take sabbaticals at leading universities, to gain new ideas and techniques (and find new collaborators). This naturally led to more grants and publications.

From this chain of events, one might say in a Darwinian sense that I was *adapted* for this award. But if, by the luck of the draw you were the recipient instead of me, you could present your similarly adaptive path, but it would little resemble what was just as obviously determinative for me or other awardees. Would one be more deserving—more adaptive—than another? I think not.

Instead, I think the Darwinian analogy (this is a Darwin award, after all!) is deeply relevant to anthropology. If anything made evolution different from other natural processes in Darwin's eyes, it would be that it is not based on chance. He stressed that adaptive selection was a Newtonian-like force, that precisely detected "the smallest grain in the balance" of individual differences. We have used that kind of Darwinian argument to infer how selection drove us humans here from whence we came. But have we ourselves over-used that argument, having been inculcated with a tendency to take Darwinian determinism too far, treating non-specificity too dismissively?

As with paths to a Darwin award, it is all too easy to find a retrospective illusion—or delusion?—of directed specificity to the traits of

life. Just as our meandering lifelines can, retrospectively, seem strongly "determined", so too when we look at the traits of organisms. What appeared to Darwin, and still often seems assumed today, as deterministically precise adaptive evolution, may instead be the meandering path taken, out of many possible equivalent paths. Indeed, adaptations are typically genetically complex: as genome-wide mapping shows, no two individuals with the same trait, even clearly adaptive traits like intelligence, blood pressure, or stature, have that trait value for the same genetic reason. Within each individual, the path has been different.

This doesn't make selection "random" but it's more probabilistic among alternative versions than common invocation of Darwin holds, especially regarding genetic causation or determinism. This is partly because *all* our traits are always being screened simultaneously. This in turn makes chance an aspect of causation that should nuance our explanations, especially for humans, given the role culture has played in our evolution. This is a serious challenge, and while we are gratefully Darwin's intellectual progeny, perhaps, we haven't sufficiently let go of his 19th-century Newtonian apron strings. In many ways, I'm the recipient just by chance among the many with equally good credentials.

I don't want to sound anti-Darwinian in receiving a Darwin award! But the job of science is to advance knowledge. Nobody has provided a more profound platform on which to build than he. But a fundamental role of insight, like Darwin's, is to trigger even deeper thought. When what we say can have profound societal impact, it's a special obligation of anthropology to take that to heart.

Why I am up here, and you're not, illustrates the shadowy chiaroscuro of multiple, complex, interwoven, and even competing causation that is evolution. Understanding that shadow is the challenging central subject of our profession. I am inexpressibly grateful for the pleasure of having spent a half-century in the company of AAPA members on the same quest.

## OTHER REPORTS

Brief reports were made by Rebecca Farrell, Program Director for Biological Anthropology at the National Science Foundation; by Leslie Aiello, President of the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; by Paddy Moore for the Leakey Foundation; by Melanie Beasley for the BAS-AAA; and Karen Strier, AAAS liaison.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Name Change Update

Leslie Aiello led a brief discussion of whether the AAPA should change its name, highlighting some of the issues raised by the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Implications/Ramifications of an Association Name Change. (The committee reported its results at the 2017 business meeting in New Orleans AJPA, 2018, 164(1), 378–408.) Members were encouraged to attend and participate in the Presidential Panel on name change Saturday, April 14, 12:30–2:15 p.m.

### By-Laws Change

At the 2017 New Orleans Business Meeting, Susan Antón reported the Executive Committee's proposal to change the AAPA bylaws to extend the duration of Student Membership from 6 to 10 years. This was deemed warranted due to the increasing number of undergraduate students seeking student member status, who later seek to remain as student members during their graduate education. The proposed change appears below.

## ARTICLE V

### Membership

**Section 1b.** Student membership normally shall be open to bona fide students for a maximum of **ten** years. Extensions for additional years are subject to annual reapplication.

The proposal was unanimously approved at the 2017 meeting. As a result, the changes were printed with the minutes of the 2017 business meeting (as modified in the approval of the minutes, p. 1 of this document) and therefore are considered here for final adoption.

Agustín Fuentes made the following motion:

**I move that the Bylaw change, as written and disseminated in this meeting be voted upon for final approval.**

The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by a show of hands of the regular voting members in attendance. Hence, the change in student membership duration will become a permanent change to the AAPA By-Laws, effective following the 2018 business meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### AJPA Editor-in-Chief Search

Leslie Aiello reported that Peter Ellison's contract as editor of the AJPA concludes in June 2019. The search for a new editor will take place at the end of the year. Leslie Aiello encouraged nominations from the membership.

### Harassment Policy

Leslie Aiello led a brief discussion of the formation of a more formal harassment policy for the association. One problem with enforcing policies is our lack of definition of a "member in good standing." Currently, the only qualification is payment of dues. Leslie Aiello announced the formation of an ad hoc committee (a subcommittee of the executive committee) to examine this issue. At the next business meeting (2019), proposed language for a bylaws change will be introduced.

### Cleveland 2019

A brief, but exciting presentation of what awaits us in Cleveland in 2019 was given by the Local Arrangements hosts, Denise Su and Yohannes Haile-Selassie.

## RESOLUTIONS

Susan Antón offered the following resolutions.

As is our practice, the Past-President (or President-Elect) offers resolutions—to honor members who has passed away since our last meeting. Therefore, be it resolved that we honor the memories of the following nine individuals and their influence on us.

### **Gregg Gunnell, 63, Duke University**

Last year at this time, we were welcoming Gregg Gunnell as our newest AAPA Executive Committee member. In the Fall, we lost him suddenly to lymphoma. Gregg was a paleontologist who studied early primates and more recently bats. He edited three books and wrote more than 120 papers from geology to fish to ungulates, and more. He earned his degrees from University of Michigan, a BA and MA in Anthropology and a PhD in Anthropology and Geology. He went on to coordinate the vertebrate fossils at the Michigan Museum of Paleontology until 2011. At the time of his death, he was Curator of the Duke Lemur Center's Division of Fossil Primates. Gregg was known for his goodwill, support of students and international colleagues, and expansion of access, both virtual and actual, to the Duke primate collections. Gregg was also known for his warmth and dry sense of humor, and for having, apparently, worked in every state but Rhode Island. His generosity of spirit will be sorely missed.

### **Alan Cyril Walker, 79, Emeritus Penn State University**

Last year, Alan Walker received AAPA's highest honor, the Charles R. Darwin Lifetime achievement award for his prodigious contributions to our understanding of human evolution. Alan envisioned and addressed the big picture questions of human paleontology bringing new technologies and new perspectives to the study. Alan's PhD considered the functional anatomy of living and fossil Lemurs of Madagascar. But, he is perhaps best known for his 40+ year collaboration with his wife, Pat Shipman, and their work with the Leakey's in the Turkana Basin of East Africa. ... most famously the Nariokotome fossil skeleton. Alan was an elected to the U.K. Royal Academy, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and the recipient of a MacArthur "genius" award, to name just a few. Despite his stature, I can say on a personal note he was especially tolerant of those with parallel interests—treating them always as complementary rather than competitive. Perhaps less well known, Alan was an accomplished artist and jeweler, with great appreciation for beauty and function.

### **Francis (Frank) Brown, 73, University of Utah**

Francis "Frank" Brown, a geologist to whom we owe much of what we know about the stratigraphy of the Turkana Basin of East Africa, died suddenly this Fall. He was a professor of geology and geophysics at University of Utah, where he previously served as long-time dean. Frank was a natural born teacher and won prizes for that work. Collectively, he spent many years of his life in the field, training students, and sorting out stratigraphy. His work was particularly important to the stratigraphy and age control of the fossil hominins from Koobi

Fora where he worked collaboratively for decades with the Leakey's. Frank was a long-time member of the scientific board of the L.S.B. Leakey Foundation. Through the foundation and elsewhere, he was dedicated to supporting young African Scholars. Frank always had a ready smile and self-effacing personality. Perhaps less well known, Frank was a mean needle-pointer and made fine quince jam from fruit in his back yard. Frank worked in the field in Kenya through the Summer of 2017.

### **Geoffrey Ainsworth Harrison, 90, Emeritus Oxford University**

Geoff Harrison was a Human Biologist who helped develop a new scientific approach to the study of human variation following World War II. In his autobiographical article from "Bones to Hormones," he explains how he probed the genetics and adaptation of mice and men. He was influenced by Robert Broom and as a young lecturer he helped Joe Weiner debunk Piltdown. He worked experimentally (on mice) considering Bergman's and Allen's rules. And, he explored human adaptation to altitude in Ethiopia. A key insight of Geoff's was the recognition that sociocultural processes play an important role in human biological variation, especially how (at a population level) daily life influences stress hormones. Geoff received many awards, including the Huxley Memorial Medal and Lecture from the Royal Anthropological Institute; the Franz Boas Distinguished Achievement Award from the Human Biology Association; among others. He is well known to have loved fast motorbikes and his family—reporting to one colleague in the middle of a grunt and grumble session that 'we must remember that family comes first'.

### **Joan Stevenson, 66, Western Washington University**

Joan Stevenson was a human biologist and medical anthropologist with deep concerns for human health and well-being. She spent 38 years on faculty at Western Washington University where she conducted collaborative research that ranged from Mennonite demography to statistical methods for sexing skulls to the evolutionary biology of ADHD. Joan earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from University of Washington, Seattle, and MA and PhD degrees in Anthropological Genetics at University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She was a deeply committed member of the Western faculty and a highly valued teacher and mentor. She worked closely with her students and junior faculty to develop their professional skills and to encourage them in the face of their academic uncertainties. She was also a talented musician who played violin, piano, saxophone, and ukulele—and who often made collaborative music at the Green Frog Café in Bellingham. Joan's age was 66.

### **Brian Suarez, 72, Washington University St. Louis**

Brian Suarez spent much of his career in genetic epidemiology, studying families to determine how genes contributed to human disorders, including juvenile diabetes, cancer, and childhood cardiac disease. In this endeavor, he worked closely with Midwestern Amish-Mennonite communities. But, he began his career at Wash U in 1974 as an

instructor in the Anthropology Department. At the time of his death, he was emeritus professor at the School of Medicine in Genetics and Psychiatry—a department he joined in 1977. Brian earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from San Fernando Valley State College and an MA and PhD in anthropology at UCLA. As a long-time member of the AAPA, Brian made significant contributions to dental anthropology early in his career (including published papers on the genetics of hypodontia) and to anthropological genetics in later years. He was a postdoctoral mentor to many in the field and an invaluable research collaborator to those in anthropological genetics. Brian's age was 72.

### **Tony Whitten, 64, Flora and Fauna International**

Tony Whitten, a primatologist-turned-conservationist and senior adviser at Flora and Fauna International, died in a bicycle accident last Fall. As a young man, he was particularly influenced by visits to the London Zoo. In his teens, he began studying duck olfaction and went on to study at Southampton University and Cambridge, where he wrote his dissertation on Kloss gibbons. His book and papers on Kloss gibbons in the late 1970s and early 1980s would influence many young Biological Anthropologists. His fieldwork on the Mentawai Islands led him to a career in conservation, particularly in Asia. Tony was said to be particularly successful in this work because of his passionate advocacy for creatures and his strong collaboration, often with religious groups, on conservation matters. Tony was 64 years old.

### **Colin Groves, 75, Australian National University**

Colin was the Vale emeritus professor at ANU, School of Archaeology and Anthropology at the time of his death—an institution to which he decamped to build the wide ranging career he desired. Colin influenced many fields including Biological Anthropology, Primatology, Taxonomy, Mammalogy, and Primate Conservation. He began working on Gorilla taxonomy, a passion he never lost. But, he is perhaps best known for his work in broader mammalian taxonomy. With Peter Grubb, Colin published revisions of all manner of mammalian systematics, often for the international union for the conservation of nature (IUCN). Feeling that the Biological Species concept masked important variation and species differences, during his career Colin identified more than 50 species of both living and fossil taxa. He is perhaps best known in paleoanthropological circles for naming *Homo ergaster* in 1975. In late 2017, he was coauthor in naming a new species of living orangutan, *Pongo tapanuliensis*. Kind and soft-spoken, deeply principled in his work, and with a strong collaborative bent, Colin Groves created a prodigious substrate for future work.

### **Draylen Mason, 17, Austin Texas**

Draylen Mason was an accomplished musician whose life was cut short by the Austin bomber. Draylen played Bass—he was the Principal Double Bass at Austin Youth Orchestra and Principal Bassist at Austin Soundwaves among others. He had college offers pending. Although Draylen may never have come to be a Biological Anthropologist, at just 17, he had a world of career changes ahead of him. Sadly, we will never know what might have been. May his unnecessary death—like those of the students from Parkland, Florida, and so many other youth around our world this year from war and other human inflicted causes—instigate us to recommit ourselves as educators to bringing the science of biological anthropology to help improve the world and the possibilities of all our youth.

### **RESOLUTION of THANKS and COMMUNITY**

My final role is to offer a resolution of thanks and community.

So be it resolved that the American Association of Physical Anthropologists applauds:

THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN for their hospitality, warmth, and weirdness.

THE BATS OF AUSTIN for their wild abandon.

THE LAC, especially Liza Shapiro and Tony Di Fiore, for their irrational choice in taking on the role and their effective insights and execution.

BAI, and especially the three sisters—Lori, Heide, and MaryLou—who amiably make the trains run on time.

AND THE DIVERSE VOICES of our vibrant members, especially our students. We collectively are AAPA. Let us resolve to continue to collaborate with and challenge one another to bring out the best aspects of our science and our humanity.

Long may we continue to evolve together.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve.

Susan Antón

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Leslie Aiello thanked outgoing members of the Executive Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was moved to adjournment and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Caspari

Secretary-Treasurer