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Unfortunately, COVID-19 had a strong impact on the AAPA Education Committee's activities in 2020. As the 2020 conference was scheduled to take place in Los Angeles, several members of the committee were collaborating with the LA NHM to plan outreach visits to local LA classrooms and to conduct a workshop for their educators (similar to the workshop delivered at CMNH in 2019), but these plans were canceled when the conference was canceled, as was a public outreach lecture at West LA College featuring Black AAPA member speakers and being organized in collaboration with Stephanie Meredith. The AAPA Education Committee did not hold a meeting in 2020.

Currently, Briana is representing the AAPA Education Committee in working with several other AAPA members (including Susan Anton, Agustin Fuentes, and Nina Jablonski) and the Leakey Foundation in an effort led by Denise Su to organize a series of outreach conversations focused on race and racism for a teen audience. Additionally, the AAPA Education Committee will hold an online workshop aimed at middle and high school teachers during the 2021 online AAPA conference entitled "Teaching Biological Anthropology in Inclusive and Culturally/Religiously Sensitive Ways".