

**AAPA Annual Meeting, 2021
Annual Report**

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Early Career Liaison program

We received two applications for the Early Career Liaison program. Jeanelle Uy (Assistant Professor, CalState University, Long Beach) was chosen as our new Early Career Liaison. In her application, Professor Uy focused on the struggle of adjunct and other contingent faculty positions in finding stable work, as well as their vulnerability during the current economic crisis. She proposed forming a panel or ad hoc committee of members at various career stages to discuss strategies, experiences and concerns about (1) getting into a tenure line position; and (2) navigating a non-academic job search. Ultimately she hopes to develop tangible resources she would make available to members in these unstable positions. Professor Uy will shadow the Chair of the Committee on Career Development, Shara Bailey, and work with the Student Programs committee to disseminate relevant information to graduate students. We wish her the best during her appointment as the AAPA Early Career Liaison, and we thank Michele Beasley for her service as outgoing Early Career Liaison.

Cobb Professional Development Grants (CPDG)

The AAPA CPDG committee reviewed 22 eligible applications in 2020-2021. As in the past, we received several applications from outside of the USA and many projects involved international work and collaborations. Overall, the pool of applications was strong, representing the scholarly breadth of AAPA. Each application was reviewed by three committee members and the 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 (including career stage and access to other funding sources) and the strength of the recommendation letter and CV. The committee recommended funding six proposals, up to \$7500 each. Award and declination letters were emailed to applicants on March 8, 2021. The award recipients are as follows:

Jennifer Lechliter

Post-doctoral Researcher, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

Nitrogen isotopes in tooth enamel as a novel proxy for diet reconstruction: a case study from Central America

Samantha Yaussy

Temporary Assistant Professor, Utah State University

Intersectionality and Empire: Exploring Patterns of Frailty and Mortality in 16th- and 17th-century Hungary

Nicole Barger

Assistant Research Professor, The George Washington University

How could exposure to language shape ape brains?

Beatriz Gamarra

Post-doctoral fellow, Catalan Institute of Human Paleoecology and Social Evolution (IPHES)
The study of the enamel dentine junction as a genetic proxy: A case study of Late Neolithic - Chalcolithic transition in Northeast of Iberian Peninsula.

Nicole Webb

Post-doctoral Researcher, University of Zurich
Taking a stance: navigating the obstetrical dilemma

Catalina Villamil

Assistant Professor of Anatomy, Universidad Central del Caribe
Assessment of soft and hard tissue covariation in the macaque pharynx and implications for adaptation of basicranial structures

A committee of 22 AAPA members reviewed of the pool of eligible proposals. I appreciate the feedback each reviewer provided for assessing the projects and the qualifications of the applicants. In addition to the Chair, the committee included:

Karen Baab
Michelle Bezanson
Abigail Bigham
Aaron Blackwell
Jerry DeSilva
Celeste Gagnon
Christopher Gilbert
Adam Gordon

Lesley Gregoricka
Kara Hoover
John Krigbaum
Rich Lawler
Elizabeth Miller
Magda Muchlinski
Connie Mulligan
Biren Patel

Marin Pilloud
Herman Pontzer
Gary Schwartz
Denise Su
Stacey Tecot
Jaime Ullinger

Career Development Panel

The Career Development Panel for the 2021 AAPA annual meeting will take place Wednesday, April 14, 1:30-3:00 pm. The title of the panel is Grant writing for impact: strategies for writing successful grant proposals. The panel includes Rebecca Ferrell from The National Science Foundation, H. Gregory from The Leakey Foundation, Daniyln Rutherford from the Wenner Grenn Foundation for Anthropological Research and Miguel Vilar from National Geographic. Panelists will provide guidance and tips for writing successful grant proposals.