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Dear Members of AABA,

We look forward to seeing you at the AABA meetings in Colorado in March! Please see the information below about early registration deadlines, hotel room and more. Also, please donate to the silent auction (We already have some wonderful donations that I look forward to bidding on!). All proceeds benefit the Pulitzer student travel awards. Below you will also learn about our new AABA officers, early career liaison and student liaison.

95th Annual AABA Meetings in Denver, Colorado, March 18-21, 2026

It's time to get excited for the [95th Annual Meeting in Denver!](#) We have an amazing lineup of invited symposia, an exciting plenary speaker, and the most excellent swag!! Buy your t-shirt, hat, bag, or sweatshirt from [our store](#) today and look cool while helping us support student travel! You can also support students by donating to the [silent auction!](#) Once again, we are excited to be holding our 2026 graduation ceremony - please [sign up](#) to be recognized for your achievement (no matter when it occurred!) by walking during our AABA ceremony at the closing reception!

In anticipation of increased communications related to the meetings, please go to your [AABA member profile](#) and confirm that you are receiving emails via the XCD system. Click on "Manage My Account" and uncheck the box that says "Do Not Contact" under the Contact Info tab. Vice President and Program Chair Amy Rector will be sending updates and information emails exclusively through this platform. Please contact her with any questions at vicepresident@bioanth.org.

Register for meetings by the early bird deadline in February!

Use [this link](#) to enter your AABA profile and access the registration link! Registration rates go up on February 12!

Reserve your room today!

AABA's 95th annual meeting will be held at the **Sheraton Denver Downtown** located at 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado 80202.

AABA has secured discounted room rates for conference attendees. The only way to book a room at the hotel at the AABA rate is to use the links below. The rates listed below will expire on February 8, 2026, so book early!

- **REGULAR RATE** (\$259/night + taxes & fees). [Click here to book a room at the conference rate.](#)
- **STUDENT ROOM RATE - BLOCK IS SOLD OUT**

The room rates listed above are valid until the room block has sold out or until **February 8, 2026**, whichever comes first.

Professional Development Workshop on Science Communication

A reminder that on Thursday, March 19th, 12:00–1:30pm, the Professional Development and Science Advocacy Committees are co-hosting a timely workshop on ‘Effective Science Communication Strategies in an Age of Willful Disinformation’. You’ll hear from our very own AABA award-winning science communicators Agustin Fuentes, Sang-Hee Lee, and Cara Ocobock, along with Lisa Marshall, Associate Director of Science Storytelling at UC Boulder, as they discuss key tools and engaging techniques for communicating science to a variety of audiences. Please remember to [sign up!](#)

AABA Officer Election Results

The 2026 election closed on January 30th. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming our new officers and extending a huge thank-you to everyone who was willing to stand for election and those who nominated them. In-coming officers:

President Elect: Anthony DiFiore
Vice President: Michelle Singleton
Secretary: Christopher Schmitt

I also want to welcome **Jessica Rothwell** as the next Early Career Liaison and **Audrey Arner** as the next Student Liaison to AABA’s Executive Committee.

In Memoriam

On the Saturday afternoon of our annual meeting in Denver, we will hold a celebration of life for the members of the biological anthropology community who passed away over the last year. Please help us gather names of colleagues to honor by filling out [this form](#).

Please give to the AABA Community Fund and support IDEAS:

The [IDEAS \(Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences\) Program](#) was funded by an NSF grant that was among the grants terminated last year. The IDEAS Program is an initiative aimed at recruiting, retaining, and supporting scholars from systematically marginalized groups (SMGs) within biological anthropology. Central to its activities at the AABA annual meetings is the IDEAS Workshop, which allows undergraduate and graduate students from SMGs to connect with faculty and postdoctoral mentors to build community, receive career

guidance, and foster professional development. Evaluations consistently show that participants value the Program for enhancing their sense of belonging and reinforcing their interest in the discipline. Since 2016, the program has supported 114 undergraduate and graduate students.

The AABA executive committee feels strongly that continuing support of this program by AABA is important, and we will continue the IDEAS program at the AABA meetings in 2026 in Denver. We ask you to support this effort by giving to the **AABA community fund**. To do so, please go to <https://bioanth.org/donate/>. Even a small gift helps!!!

Sincerely,

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