2013 Annual Meeting: Welcome To St. Louis

Central States held its Annual Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, MO on April 4-6, 2013. We had a busy and successful meeting filled with engaging sessions, exciting events, and an excellent keynote lecture. Dr. Pascal Boyer (Henry Luce Professor of Individual and Collective Memory, Washington University, St. Louis) delivered the keynote address “The Naturalness of Social Institutions: How Human Evolution and Cognition Explain Patterns of Human Sociality”. During the annual business meeting, Bill Guinee became President of CSAS, and members thanked P. Nick Kardulias for work during his term as President. Attendees also had a diverse selection of papers, panels, workshops and discussion to choose from, thanks to the hard work of CSAS members in developing the conference program. Many thanks to the University of Missouri St. Louis, Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Languages (ASL) for hosting the CSAS Annual Meeting in 2013.

Join Us In Normal, IL for CSAS 2014

The 91st Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society will be held at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, adjacent to Illinois State University, from Thursday, April 10 through Saturday, April 12, 2014. Illinois State University will be the host institution and local contact persons are Jim Stanlaw and Nobuko Adachi. Jim Stanlaw is also the program chair for the meetings. Michael Silverstein will give the distinguished lecture.

CSAS is a student-friendly conference where both undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to present their work.

Paper, poster, and organized session submissions are due December 10, 2013. See page 9 for details.
The recipient of the Leslie A. White Award for 2013 is Britteny M. Howell, a Ph.D. student at the University of Kentucky. Ms. Howell will use the funds to support her dissertation research in Anchorage, Alaska over a period of nine months starting in September of this year. As she states in her proposal, Ms. Howell will investigate the following question in her research: What is the relationship between the sociocultural factors that shape diet and physical activity patterns among Alaska Native elders in Anchorage and their nutritional status outcomes? Through interviews, participant observation, and measurement of physical attributes to determine body-mass index figures of 75 individuals, she hopes to determine the range of factors that affect the aging population of Native Americans in Alaska, and compare those data to people at a similar life stage elsewhere in the world. Such gerontological assessments are important, as Ms. Howell notes, because “aging is a biological process rooted in sociocultural context,” yet it has received relatively little attention from cultural and biological anthropologists. Ms. Howell’s research has the potential to provide important insights into the process of healthy aging.

Britteny M. Howell recipient of the 2013 Leslie A. White Award

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2013 White Award Recipient
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CSAS at AAA

Join Us in Chicago for CSAS Events and Sponsored Sessions

First session:
Thursday, November 21, 2013, 4:00 PM-5:45 PM
LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX: DISCOURSES AND NARRATIVES of SEX AND SEXUALITIES
Organizer: William Joseph Silcott
Chair: Angela R Demovic

Second session:
Saturday, November 23, 2013, 1:45 PM-3:30 PM
CONFRONTING THE PAST, ENGAGING CURRENT PUBLICS, AND TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECT AT THE MOUNT PLEASANT INDIAN INDUSTRIAL BOARDING SCHOOL
Organizer: Sarah L Surface-Evans (Central Michigan University)
Chair: Shannon Martin (Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways)

Third session:
Saturday, November 23, 2013, 4:00 PM-5:45 PM
EXPERTS, EXPERTISE, AND THE PUBLIC
Organizers: Michele M Hanks (Case Western Reserve University) and Virginia R Dominguez (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
Chair: Michele M Hanks (Case Western Reserve University)
Discussants: Timothy Robert Landry (North Dakota State University) and Jenna M Grant (University of Iowa)

2013 CSAS Student Paper Competition

Two students were awarded $300 for their winning papers in 2013 CSAS Student Paper Competition. Mary Schletzbaum's (Rockhurst University) paper entitled Reducing HIV stigma: Lessons from learning about traditional medicine in Tanzania won in the undergraduate division, and Oguz Alyanak's (Washington University in St. Louis) paper entitled Emergent Actors, Emerging Narratives: Competing Representations in North America won in the graduate division of the competition. Congratulations to these students for outstanding anthropological research and writing.
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Amber Johnson (Truman State University) had an article on "Exploring Adaptive Variation among Hunter-Gatherers with Binford's Frames of Reference" published in the Journal of Archaeological Research. It will be published in a forthcoming issue of the journal and is currently available online at: http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10814-013-9068-y

Peter T. Suzuki (The University of Nebraska Omaha) has an article "Margaret Mead's Wartime Research on Japanese National Character" accepted for publication in Asian Profile, research based on Library of Congress documents.


D. Douglas Caulkins (Grinnell College) and Ann T. Jordan published an edited volume Companion to Organizational Anthropology. Wiley/Blackwell. 2013, with 26 chapters by 38 international scholars

D. Douglas Caulkins (Grinnell College) carried out summer fieldwork in Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland, where he along with two research students studied the delivery of the U.K. City of Culture 2013 program which aims to regenerate this post-conflict city.

Rick Feinberg (Kent State University) and Cathy Pyrek were mentioned in a July 20th opinion piece in the New York Times on navigation by Harvard physicist John Huth: “In this framework, no one sign is infallible, but multiple signs create a navigational tool kit with redundancies built in. The anthropologists Richard Feinberg and Cathy Pyrek, who studied such a tool kit in the southeastern Solomon Islands, found that indigenous navigators combined information hidden in winds, waves, stars and even birds to find their way”. Go to the following link for details: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/21/opinion/sunday/losing-our-way-in-the-world.html?pagewanted=all & r=0

Rick Feinberg (Kent State University) spent three weeks in the Solomon Islands in June-July 2013, serving as a consultant to the Sedna Foundation, a Canadian NGO working in collaboration with the UN Secretariat for the Convention in Biodiversity and the government of Quebec to make a documentary film on sustainability and biodiversity on Anuta, a Polynesian island in the Solomons’ Temotu Province.

P. Nick Kardulias (College of Wooster), CSAS Immediate Past President has been appointed to the editorial board of the American Journal of Archaeology, one of the premier periodicals in classical archaeology. In addition, he continues to serve on the editorial board of Ethnoarchaeology.

CSAS 2014 Awards Competition

CSAS confers two scholarships and two research awards to graduate and under graduate students in Anthropology.

The Leslie White and Beth Dillingham Awards are conferred for research. The Leslie A. White Award was established in 1983 by the estate of Raymond L. Wilder, a doctoral student of White. It is awarded to students who seek assistance with research expenses. The Beth Dillingham Award was established in 1989 by Mrs. Una G. Wilder and Clay Dillingham. It is awarded to Anthropology students responsible for raising children. Applications for these awards are due April 25, 2014.

The Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) awards prizes each year for best undergraduate and best graduate student papers given at its annual meeting. Prize submissions must be research papers based on presentations given at the 2014 Annual Meeting held in Bloomington/Normal, Illinois. The prize in each category is $300, and papers in any area of anthropology are eligible and entries are due May 2, 2014.

See below for application instructions, or go to the CSAS website.
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CSAS needs your nominations for officers for the summer 2014 ballot, to initiate office at the spring 2015 CSAS Annual Meeting.

Please email your nominations to the Nominations Committee as soon as possible, if possible before the CSAS board meeting during the AAA Chicago conference in November. You are welcome to nominate yourself. If you nominate someone else, please check with them to be sure they are members of CSAS (sometimes people think they are up-to-date, but their membership has lapsed), and BE SURE you have their agreement to run and to serve if elected. These elections aren’t until summer 2014, with those elected taking office the following spring of 2015.

We seek nominations for 2nd Vice President (becoming 1st Vice-President and Program Chair in 2016, and President in 2017), two Board Members serving 3 years, one Nominations Committee member serving 2 years, and one Secretary-Treasurer serving 3 years. Please e-mail your nominations to:

Myrdene Anderson, <myanders@purdue.edu>, or

Margie Buckner, <mbuckner@missouristate.edu>.
Central States Anthropological Society
Beth Wilder Dillingham Award

Application Deadline
April 25, 2014

The Beth Wilder Dillingham Award was established in 1989 to honor Beth Wilder Dillingham’s contributions to the CSAS and to assist undergraduate or graduate students in any subfield of anthropology who are responsible for the care of one or more children. An applicant for the Dillingham Award may be male or female, need not be married, and need not be the legal guardian.

Applications for the Dillingham Award should consist of the following:

A. Send to bill.guinee@westminster-mo.edu as email attachments in either Word or PDF format:
   (1) completed application form;
   (2) statement (no more than 1000 words) describing why the award is sought (e.g., to offset expenses for fieldwork, travel, equipment, supplies, or food and lodging);
   (3) statement (no more than 1000 words) indicating the importance of the applicant’s work to anthropology;
   (4) curriculum vitae (no more than 5 pages in length).
   (5) documentation indicating that the applicant is currently caring for a child (e.g., statement from pediatrician, child’s school, or teacher)

B. No more than three letters of recommendation from faculty members and others familiar with the applicant’s scholarly work, sent either in sealed envelopes with author’s signature across the flap, or directly by referee, to:
   Prof. Bill Guinee
   Chair, CSAS Dillingham Award Committee
   Department of Sociology and Anthropology
   Westminster College
   501 Westminster Ave.
   Fulton, MO 65251

   The 2014 award will be in the amount of $500.

All application materials—both electronic and mailed—must be received by April 25, 2014. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applications will be reviewed and a decision made no later than June 30, 2014. For more information, contact bill.guinee@westminster.edu; (573) 592-5326. Application forms can be found at the CSAS website, http://www.aaanet.org/sections/csas/.
The Leslie A. White Award was established in 1983 to honor Leslie A. White’s contribution to the CSAS and to anthropology. The award was established to encourage and enable undergraduate or graduate students to pursue research and publishing in any subfield of anthropology.

Applications for the White Award should consist of the following:

A. Send to bill.guinee@westminster-mo.edu as email attachments in either Word or PDF format:
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Papers should have anthropological substance and not be in some other field of social science or humanities. Research and conclusions should be framed by general anthropological issues. Goals, data, methodology, and conclusions should be presented clearly. Use of original literature is preferred rather than secondary sources. All references should be cited properly. Entries should aim for the style, format, and quality of anthropological journal articles. Papers should be potentially publishable but papers that require some editing or rewriting may still be chosen for the prize. This year’s deadline for submission is Friday, May 2, 2014 – three weeks after the meetings, giving entrants time to make revisions based on feedback received at their presentation. Reviewers’ comments are returned to entrants, providing each author with feedback on their work.

Application instructions: Papers should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word as .doc or docx files to gillogly@uwp.edu. Please include “CSAS student paper submission” in the subject line. Papers should be no longer than TWENTY-FIVE pages in length (double spaced, 12-point type, with standard one-inch margins), plus bibliography. A submission cover page should be attached to each copy, which will indicate the student status of the author (undergraduate or graduate) but not give any identifying information of the author. Within the paper, no headers or footers with author identification information should appear on pages. Include one copy of the applicant submission form. This form will include the author’s name, university, title of the paper, student status of graduate or undergraduate, mailing address, email and phone number where they can be reached through August 30, 2014. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Prizes will be announced during the summer.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MAY 2, 2014

Please send complete application packets to:
Kate Gillogly, Chair, CSAS Student Paper Competition Committee
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Please contact the Student Paper Competition Committee Applications chair by e-mail at gillogly@uwp.edu or by phone at 262-595-2147 if there are any questions. Further information can be found at http://www.aaanet.org/sections/csas/?page_id=24
2014 Annual CSAS Meeting
April 10-12, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

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The 2013 Distinguished Lecturer will be Michael Silverstein, of the University of Chicago.

The conference is supported by Illinois State University. Local contact persons are Jim Stanlaw (stanlaw@ilstu.edu; 309-438-7690) and Nobuko Adachi (nadachi@ilstu.edu; 309-438-8036). Jim Stanlaw is also the program chair for the meetings, and is available to discuss conference symposia and events.

Bloomington-Normal is centrally located, and is serviced by several major airlines, including American, Delta, Allegiant, and Frontier. The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center is three blocks away from the Amtrak station. The conference rate at the Marriott is $119/night, single or double; reservations can be made at 800-627-7468 or 309-862-9000.

The deadline for submitting abstracts (limited to 250 words) for individually volunteered presentations, organized sessions, and posters is December 10, 2013.

On-line meeting registration rates are: CSAS regular member: $70; CSAS student member: $30; non-member: $90; student non-member: $40. On-site registration rates are: CSAS regular member: $90; CSAS student member: $40; non-member: $110; student non-member: $50.

For instructions on registering and submitting abstracts, as well as other information about the conference, go to the CSAS Annual Meetings page: http://www.aaanet.org/sections/csas/?page_id=22

Looking forward to seeing you in Normal!
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