

Fall 2002 Newsletter

Economic Anthropology at the 2002 AAA Meetings

The 2001 annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association will take place November 20-24 in New Orleans. There are a number of events of interest to members of the SEA.

AAA Presidential Session, Society for Economic Anthropology: Valuables, Money, and Exchange, Wednesday, November 20, 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Business Meeting - Friday, November 22, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

The following sessions have titles that seem directly related to the interests of SEA members. There are many other sessions that include some economic anthropology papers.

Wednesday, November 20

African Encounters with the Other: Traders, Tourists, and Art Dealers, and Students on the Kenya Coast, 2:00-3:45

Sustainability and Conservation of Common Resources. 2:00-3:45

Anthropology of Corporations, 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Thursday, November 21

Competing Currencies: Contested Communities, 10:15-12:00

Friday, November 22

Property, Transactions, and Creations 8:00-11:45

African Pastoralism: Culture, Economy, and the Individual in Rapidly Changing Societies, 10:15-12:00

Anthropological Perspectives on Globalization in Latin America: Examining the Role of Entrepreneurs and Brokers in the Fruit, Vegetable, and Flower Industries, 4:00-5:45

Saturday, November 23

Rethinking Production in Archaeology, 8:00-11:45

Power, Economy and Alliance in the Classic Maya World: New Evidence and Interpretations from the Western River Kingdom, 10:15-12:00

The Boundaries of Neoliberalism: Envisioning National Economies in the Global Economic Order, 10:15-12:00

Recuperating the Material: Papers in Honor of Sidney W. Mintz, 1:45-5:30

Money Power: Cultural Dimensions of Capitalism, 4:00-5:45

State Institutions, Economics, and Public Participation, 4:00-5:45

Sunday, November 24

Anthropology and Innovation in the High-Tech Sector, 8:00-9:45

Cultural and Economic Change in the Rural United States, 8:00-9:45

Laboring in the New Economy, 8:00-11:45

Property Relations in an Era of Global Change, 8:00-11:45

National Science Foundation Funding for Economic Anthropology

Stuart Plattner, the program director for cultural anthropology at the National Science Foundation (NSF) has written a report about NSF funding in fiscal year 2002. He notes that the program received 78 “senior” proposals (from principal investigators with Ph.D.s) and made 21 awards. The largest single award was in economic anthropology. Jean Ensminger (California Institute of Technology) and colleagues were awarded \$463,425 to study experimental economics and social norms in sixteen small-scale societies. This award was co-funded with Economics and the Decision, Risk, and Management Science Program. Only two other awards were given to projects that from their titles seem directly related to economic anthropology — (1) Suriname and French Guiana: Social Welfare and Gold Mining (Ricardo Godoy and Marieke Heemskerck, Brandeis University); and (2) Trade Routes of Hkakabor Razi, N. Myanmar (Christiaan Klieger, California Academy of Sciences). Several other awards, including two given to active members of the SEA (Cynthia Werner -- Texas A&M, Paul Durrenberger – Pennsylvania State), were given for proposals that appear to have some economic anthropology content.

The program received 139 dissertation research proposal and made 29 awards. Economic anthropology fared well in this competition. Eight awards were given to proposals that seem from their titles to be directly related to economic anthropology and many others seem to have economic anthropology content.

New Book Series - Globalization and the Environment

Altamira Press announces a new book series, *Globalization and the Environment*, edited by Richard Wilk and Josiah Heyman. The series emphasizes the global spread of environmental problems, the effects of cultural and economic globalization on the environment, and the global institutions and movements that regulate and change human relations with the environment. The series will include detailed case studies, innovative multi-sited research, and theoretical questioning of the concepts of globalization and the environment. At the center of the series is an exploration of the multiple linkages that connect people, problems, and solutions at scales beyond the local and regional. Topical monographs are preferred, but well-focussed and comprehensive edited collections will be considered. The editors welcome works that cross boundaries of disciplines, methods, and locales, and which span scholarly and practical approaches. The series editors welcome book proposals and manuscripts, which should be submitted to Rosalie Robertson at Altamira Press, 1630 North Main St #367, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (rrobertson@altamirapress.com). Initial inquiries should be directed to Richard Wilk (Anthropology, 130 Student Building, Indiana University, Bloomington IN 47405, or wilkr@indiana.edu).