

moves forward with several new initiatives. We officially initiated the search for a new editor of the *JLAA* through the formation of a search committee headed by incoming President Bruce Mannheim. Nominations or self-nominations can be sent to him or to outgoing President Joanne Rappaport. The journal will also include an extra issue for at least the next two years. The Editor also announced a new program that enables members to purchase reduced-rate gift subscriptions to the *JLAA* for Latin American institutions. Finally, electronic communications through the webpage and the news lists have been expanded and enhanced. Look for new features on the former in the near future. The e-newsletter will now encompass a supplemental list for interested non-members, as well as a separate list for urgent human rights actions. Suggestions for non-members to be added to the supplemental list, or requests to subscribe or unsubscribe from the urgent action list should be sent to Mark Rogers, Secretary (mrgs@mail.rochester.edu).

The Executive Board and the members expressed our deepest appreciation to outgoing President Joanne Rappaport for her unflagging efforts and hard work on behalf of the Society. We also extended our thanks to the other exiting officers (Janet Chernela and Marta Zambrano) and welcomed the new leadership with a renewed sense of confidence and optimism about the future of the Society.

#### Call for Papers on Poverty

By Jane Henrici (henrici@utxvms.cc.utexas.edu)

All anthropologists concerned with issues relating to poverty in the US should consider proposing presentations at the 2001 AAA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The upcoming Congressional Review of Welfare Reform in 2002 makes this focus critical. Some of us who work in this subject area have met and agreed to publicize in advance all relevant presentations to AAA members, academic and general media, and Congressional fora. Please use the keyword "welfare" when submitting relevant papers/sessions. Please address questions to Jane Henrici.

Please send comments and brief contributions on topics of interest to us all to: Fernando Santos-Granero, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Unit 0948, APO AA 34002-0948, Miami FL; tel 507/212-8114, fax 507/212-8148, santosf@tivolli.si.edu.

### Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists

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I would like to welcome Barbara West to our SOLGA editing team. I also want to encourage our new and old Solgans to 1) Engage in our sectional naming debate and 2) Send article/column ideas to us!

I had originally conceived of the column as a way to highlight fieldwork and research, to show

how lgbtq anthropologists study issues both hoary and reinvented such as kinship, language, politics, religion, structure/limin and post/anti-structure, purity/danger, and as new and changing as queer health/HIV AIDS, politics/poetics, pop/paranoia, boundarylessness in disciplines, what anthropology's answer to cultural studies is, yadda yadda . . . within queer communities, both Other and Us. Please write us and tell me what you want to see here. We would especially like to hear from students, undergraduate and graduate. Thanks!

Send ideas to Stass at estassinos@annamaria.edu. Our co-chairs are Sandy Faiman-Silva sfaimansilva@bridgew.edu and Lawrence Cohen cohen@uclink.berkeley.edu. Our treasurer is Todd White ctw@usc.edu.

### Society for Linguistic Anthropology

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#### Looking Ahead to AAA2001

Now is the time to begin organizing sessions for AAA 2001 in Washington, DC. The Linganth list (contact owner-linganth@ats.rochester.edu for details; non-SLA members are welcome) has proven a useful resource for organizing such sessions. While Apr 1 is the deadline for regular submissions of papers and panel sessions, Mar 1 is the deadline for submissions of abstracts for proposed Invited Sessions to the SLA Program Chair, Laura Miller (lmille2@luc.edu). (Registration materials should NOT be sent to Laura Miller, only abstracts and session descriptions, including lists of participants.) Consider sending advance announcements of sessions for publication in this column.

#### Calls for Participants & Submissions

The Departments of Business Administration and Organizational Behavior, and Romance Languages-Linguistics announce the 1st International Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Communication in Organizations, to be held at the U of Mannheim, Germany, Mar 29-31, 2001. Details can be found in the Co-Opportunities & Meeting Calendar columns of this issue of AN.

#### Language Issues & Human Rights

Members of the AAA have historically been interested in issues of human rights. Frequently, the Association has produced informed statements that have contributed to the discussion and formation of public policy regarding human rights at both the national and international levels. At the San Francisco meeting, the recent public attention to human rights and ethics issues in the practice of anthropology seemed to spark related conversations among SLA members. Some of these discussions turned to issues of language rights as human rights and how linguistic anthropologists might engage themselves in these

concerns. Members interested in these issues may contact Richard J Senghas (e-mail address below).

#### Key Terms in Language & Culture

Advance copies of Alessandro Duranti's *Key Terms in Language & Culture* (2001, Blackwell Publishers) were available at the meeting in San Francisco and are expected to be generally available about the time this column should reach you. I [RJS] had been using the *JLA* special issue, *Language Matters in Anthropology: A Lexicon for the Millennium*, as a supporting resource in several of my undergraduate linguistic anthropology courses. *Key Terms* is based upon that issue, though it is noticeably expanded. In this new volume, a wide range of specialists have presented an unusually rich array of very short essays introducing key terms and concepts that have been central topics of interest for linguistic anthropologists. These essays introduce, in a manner clear and understandable to those outside our subdiscipline, these terms as we linguistically-trained anthropologists use them, thereby providing an unusual opportunity to increase the influence of our subdiscipline. I made my advance copy available to several of my anthropology and linguistics undergraduates as they worked on finishing up semester papers and preparing their final class presentations. These students indicated that the volume is very useful and accessible. I urge you to consider making this collection available to your own students. I recommend that it be included as a standard reference in college and university libraries.

#### Update on TalkBank Project

As described in the Apr 2000 column, the TalkBank and International Standard for Language Engineering projects have been working towards developing an open, web-based infrastructure for collecting, storing and disseminating the primary materials that document and describe human languages. A project workshop was held at the U of Pennsylvania on Dec 15, 2000. Proceedings of the workshop as well as more details on the project are available at ldc.upenn.edu/exploration/expl2000/.

Send comments and contributions to Richard J Senghas (richard.senghas@sonoma.edu) or James M Stanlaw (stanlaw@ilstu.edu).

### Society for Medical Anthropology

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#### SMA Invited Session Proposals

SMA members are encouraged to submit proposals for SMA Invited Sessions for the 2001 AAA Annual Meeting (Nov 28-Dec 2) in Washington, DC. Proposals must be received by March 19, 2001. For more information or to discuss your proposal ideas contact, Andrea Wiley (wileyas@jmu.edu; 540/434-5764) or see last month's column.