



Benedict Prize Committee Chair Rudolph Guadio (left) presents Martin Manalansan with the 2003 Ruth Benedict Prize.

Manalansan concludes *Global Divas* on a historical—and historicizing—note, looking back on Filipino gay men's late-20th-century struggles with AIDS and ahead towards the potential trajectories of academic and political work. It is not simply the case that AIDS has transformed Filipino gay men's lives (though it has); using the familiar moniker *Tita Aida*, Filipino gay men have also confronted and transformed the inescapable role of AIDS in their lives. With neither undue optimism nor maudlin pathos, Manalansan anticipates more courageous and outrageous engagements on the part of diasporic Filipino gay men with the persistent forces of displacement, exclusion, drama and *biyuti*.

From now on, please contact David Houston with column ideas, criticisms, praise, and whatever else you want. He is available via email at dlrh@uvm.edu.

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Prize to Park

Joseph Sung-Yul Park was the recipient of the 2002-2003 SLA Student Essay Prize. Park, a graduate student in the Department of Linguistics at UC Santa Barbara, beat 6 other graduate student entries to win the \$100 prize. His essay "Ideological Aspects of Korean English *yumeo*," examined manifestations of jokes that South Koreans make about their difficulties with English or problems and double-entendres that arise in contexts of bilingual interaction.

JLA Seeks New Editors

The SLA is seeking new leadership for the *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* when the terms of the current co-editors, Elizabeth Keating and Mary Bucholtz, expire in August. Keating and Bucholtz will be a hard act to follow. Under their tenure, submissions have risen, the journal has implemented annual "special issues" geared around particular topics, and book reviews have begun to appear online as well as in the journal.

The new editors will face several challenges. In spite of the rise in the quality of submissions, subscriptions to the journal have declined 3% since last year, reflecting the 4% decline in SLA membership. The journal is scheduled to have its production services transferred to the University of California Press. In addition, an online digital version is planned as part of the AAA's new portal.

Fees Rise

Faced with modest declines in membership and subscriptions to its journal, and rising production costs, the SLA Executive Committee voted at its business meeting last November to raise membership fees from \$30 to \$40. The fees hike should cover a projected shortfall of \$4,000. The shortfall was based on estimated expenses for transferring the journal's production to University of California Press and the cost of creating the new digital edition.

Building Bridges

Although the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas chose to stop meeting with the SLA every other year, the two organizations nonetheless held a successful double invited session on endangered languages. Leanne Hinton, SLA president, said she hoped the event would serve as a prototype for future scholarly collaborations between the two groups.

Although there is considerable overlap in the membership of the two organizations, the SSILA decided last year to discontinue its practice of alternatively meeting with the SLA and the Linguistic Society of America, and to only meet with the LSA. The rising cost of AAA meetings and fees, and the increasing number of student members who are not anthropologists were cited as reasons.

Hinton, a former president of SSILA, is also looking into getting the SSILA declared a Special Interest Committee of SLA, which would allow them space at the AAA meetings without requiring membership in AAA.

AAVE Resource

The American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress has made available nearly seven hours of audio interviews with 23 former slaves. *Voices from the Days of Slavery: Former Slaves Tell Their Stories* provides the opportunity to listen to former slaves born between 1823 and the early 1860s describe their lives. The interviews, conducted between 1932 and 1975 in nine Southern states, offer the opportunity to hear the ex-slaves' voices with their own inflections and regional dialects. Unfortunately, not all the recordings are clearly audible. Background noise and poorly positioned microphones make it extremely difficult to follow many of the interviews. The interviews are accompanied by transcriptions, but while this helps, in some cases the transcriptions themselves have gaps where the transcriber could not follow the interview. The website's url is <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vfshtml/vfshome.html>.

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Record Number of SMA Sessions at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting

By Mimi Nichter (U Arizona) and Kathy Oths (U Alabama), Program Co-chairs

The Society for Medical Anthropology meeting at the SFAA is taking place from March 31-April 4, 2004 in Dallas. We hope you are planning to attend. The response to our call for papers has been outstanding! There will be 50 sessions sponsored by the SMA—34 of which were submitted as organized sessions and 16 of which are volunteered sessions. The range of topics is broad and should make for an exciting interchange of ideas. Please join us for the SMA Plenary Session entitled "Global Health Advocacy," which will be on Wednesday, March 31, from 3:30 to 5:15, followed by a reception. See you there!

Bars and Health-Related Behavior

By Gilbert Quintero (U New Mexico)

We would like to assemble a panel for the AAA Annual Meeting in San Francisco (Nov 17-21, 2004) on the anthropology of health-related behavior in bars within different cultures, either inside or outside the US. Topics of interest include bars and risky sex; taverns and drinking patterns; bars and smoking; drug use in and around bars; gambling in bars; bar-related violence; and how bars may serve as venues for the transmission of health-related information or misinformation. We lean towards the public health/Society for Medical Anthropology domain rather than cultural studies for this panel, but have open minds. For further information or to express interest in participation, please contact either: Roland Moore (roland@prev.org) or Juliet Lee (jlee@prev.org).