



# HPSfAA Newsletter

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### Call for Papers and Panels

#### “Development and Sustainability: Recognizing New Resources and Hearing New Voices”

Among the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is the need to identify methods for developing individuals, economies, and communities in a way that is sustainable financially, environmentally, and socially. Community development has been identified by President Elect Obama as the cornerstone for global peace. While the terms “development” and “sustainability” have been used extensively for decades, new content and concepts need to be infused into their definitions. Countries that have been accustomed to directing the world’s agenda are now struggling to overcome their own complacency with unsustainable practices and deteriorating economic development. The very institutions charged with the mission of global development are often the greatest culprits in imposing methods and structures that are unsustainable for communities in poverty, communities of color, and communities of cultural distinction. At the same time, those voices with the greatest understanding of sustainability from a cultural, historic, and experiential perspective are rarely heard. Applied anthropologists have a critical role to play in a new and richer understanding of the role and content of development and sustainability for communities around the globe.

The High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology is seeking proposals for papers and panels that address these issues. Among the many possible topics are:

- Rethinking Old Institutions
- Reaching/Empowering New Communities
- Recognizing and Utilizing Resources: Human, Natural, etc.
- Defining New Directions in the Applied Social Sciences
- Funding Community-Integrated Products
- Hearing New Voices
- Linking Academia and Community Work
- Writing for the Non-Academic Public
- Creating Sustainable Community Programs: Human and Economic Resources
- Developing Connections between Community and Academic Practitioners
- Finding Applied Uses for New Academic Subfields

Please complete the forms included in the Newsletter or on the HPSfAA website for a paper or a panel, including an abstract of no more than 250 words, and send them to Kathleen Pickering by mail (Department of Anthropology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1787) or email ([Kathleen.Pickering@colostate.edu](mailto:Kathleen.Pickering@colostate.edu)), no later than **Friday, February 27, 2009**.

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**Submission Form for Papers and Panels**  
**“Development and Sustainability: Recognizing New Resources and Hearing New Voices”**

Name/affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am submitting a (check appropriate blank): \_\_\_\_\_ PAPER \_\_\_\_\_ PANEL

If you are submitting a **PAPER**, what is its title? \_\_\_\_\_

*[PAPER presentations are limited to 15 minutes. In addition to this form, please provide a paper abstract of no more than 250 words.]*

If you are submitting a **PANEL**, what is its title? \_\_\_\_\_

*[PANEL presentations are limited to 1¼ hours, based on four participants speaking for 15 minutes each, plus a 15-minute slot for questions or a discussant (Note: more than four participants = less time per participant). In addition to this form, please provide a panel abstract of no more than 250 words.]*

List names and affiliations of panel participants (including yourself if you intend to present). We welcome panels that integrate faculty/professionals and students!

Participant #1 name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant #2 name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant #3 name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant #4 name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

I will need the following **audio/visual equipment** for my PAPER/PANEL that I cannot provide myself:

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## *Passing the Torch at the Ghost Ranch Retreat*

### **Jack Omstead**

*Jack is a student in the anthropology department at Metro State College of Denver.*

In September, five of us from Metro State traveled with our professor, Jack Schultz, to Ghost Ranch for HPSFAA's fall meeting. On the way, we enjoyed stories from Jack, off-color comments from Merun, and a five hour drive filled with intense GRE vocab study (legerdemain, anyone?). Ghost Ranch itself was beautiful, a secluded spot nestled in the heart of New Mexico. Between the open fields, strict meal times, and bunk-bed cabins it might have been summer camp- if not for the rather raucous social hour that followed the presentations. The weekend continued in much the same vein, with plenty of fun and games in between the more serious business of presentations. Even during papers there was an avid give-and-take as students and professors from University of Arizona, Mesa State, and MSCD attempted to better understand each other in terms of work, ethics, interests, and ideologies. The small, cozy atmosphere allowed all of us, especially students, to participate in ways that wouldn't have been possible at a larger, more formalized meeting. Questions flew as we discussed the future of applied anthropology- how to utilize the new sub-fields of academic anthropology and how best to incorporate the other social sciences into our frame of reference. I won't deny we had a great time, but this was something more than simple socializing- for students, we were meeting our professional cohort.

It's one thing to listen to Jack Schultz's keynote discussion of 'passing the torch' to the younger generation- quite another to take up that brand. When we do, it won't be just five from Metro or three from Mesa or even a dozen from U of A. The

*From l to r: Haley Jacqua, Jack Schultz, Michael Terlep, Nathan Alison, and Michael Kilman from MSCD.*

'new guard' of anthropologists must be comprised of all of us, across institutions and research fields.

As individuals, we can strive to teach new recruits, to learn from fresh voices and the latest discoveries, to heal the individual body and the body politic, and



to recognize new communities and partnerships. Together, we can do more than strive: we can accomplish. If we work as a team, perhaps we can do something to ameliorate the divide between the applied and the academic, allowing all anthropologists to benefit from both viewpoints. In doing so, we would be doing a service for both ourselves and our populations.

Of course, we need more than a weekend at Ghost Ranch, but we had a great start. If we continue to work together, acknowledging views from anthropology and beyond, today's students can take up the torch, and make the future brighter for anthropologists and the populations we pledge to serve.

**High Plains Society for  
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*Renew or rejoin today!*

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**Professional Interests**

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Please tick one of the following membership categories:

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(optional) In addition to my membership fee, I wish to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the High Plains Endowment.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ you do NOT want your information posted in our website membership directory.
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- \_\_\_\_\_ you do NOT want to receive announcements via our High Plains Hotline list (moderated).

Please send the completed form and a check, made out to HPSfAA, to: *Merun Nasser, 2636 Grapewood Lane, Boulder, CO 80304. THANK YOU!*

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