

**Ethics Committee, Report to the 2017 AAPA membership**  
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The 2016-17 Ethics Committee was co-chaired by Jennifer Wagner and Graciela Cabana and consisted of the following additional members (in alphabetical order): Herbert Covert, Eric Delson, Ann M. Kakaliouras, Robin Nelson, Karen Rosenberg, Christina Torres-Rouff, and Trudy Turner. We also had two Ethics Fellows joining our committee for the past year: Jennifer Eyre and Kristina Zarenko, doctoral students at New York University and University of South Carolina, respectively.

Over the course of the 2016-17 programmatic year, the Ethics Committee continued work on various items, including:

1. The development of discipline-specific case studies of ethical issues. In Spring 2016, the committee placed a call to the AAPA membership for real cases of ethical issues. The two Ethics Fellows have been paired with Ethics Committee mentors to develop these case study suggestions into useful case studies as part of the Committee's ongoing effort to develop educational resources for Biological Anthropologists.
2. The organizing of a mental health forum ("Ending the Silence on Mental Health in Biological Anthropology) at the 2017 AAPAs through a subcommittee, consisting of the following members (in alphabetical order): Eyre, Nelso, and Zarenko. The subcommittee includes former student member Angela Mallard, who was approved to sit on the subcommittee by AAPA President Susan Antón.

Additionally, the Ethics Committee is continuing its Ethics Fellow Program. The purposes of the program are (1) to provide interested members—particularly those early in their careers—an opportunity to engage actively with the Ethics Committee and gain experience with ethics educational and research projects and (2) to help raise ethics literacy across the association. For 2017-18, we solicited applications and selected one Fellow: Tisa Loewen, master's student at New York University. Both 2016-17 Inaugural Fellows Eyre and Zarenko will be continuing for a second fellowship year. The newly-appointed Fellow Loewen will be working along with current Fellows on the development of case studies. She will also develop a discrete research project, working closely with mentors within the Ethics Committee.

This was the first year that the Ethics committee was a standing committee. Three members' terms are ending: Herbert Covert, Eric Delson, and Karen Rosenberg. The AAPA President established the composition and scope of the Ethics Committee for the 2017-18 programmatic year: Graciela Cabana and Jennifer Wagner are to continue as co-Chairs for the Committee for one more year. Returning members and term years are as follows: Ann Kakaliouras (1 year), Robin Nelson (1 year), and Christina Torres-Rouff (2 years), and Trudy Turner (2 years). Robert Anemone (University of North Carolina, Greensboro) and Nina Jablonski (Penn State University) will newly join the Committee, each for a 3-year term.

As part of its usual duties, the Committee will be available as a non-adjudicative body to promote ethics literacy among AAPA members and to serve as a resource for AAPA members to discuss ethical challenges. Information about ethics consultations for AAPA members is available on the AAPA website.

