

## 2017 Report for Ad-hoc Student Committee

### Committee Structure

As per the structure created by the Executive Committee of the AAPA, the Ad-hoc Student Committee co-chairs are the current and incoming Student Liaisons for the AAPA ExComm. The current (and outgoing) liaison is Kathryn Grow Allen and the incoming liaison is Elle Fricano

### 2016 AAPA Meeting (Atlanta) Summary

- The 2015-2016 Student Liaison (Melanie Beasley) and the 2016-2017 Student Liaison (Kathryn Grow Allen) represented the Student Committee and student issues during the proceedings of the 2016 AAPA Executive Committee meeting.
- The Student Committee meeting was held Wednesday evening. Twenty-six students attended the meeting. The Co-chairs introduced themselves and asked for student feedback. A main concern raised was regarding the majority of advertising of student-relevant activities and news was on Facebook. A few students asked if an alternative communication venue could be employed for those who are not on Facebook or do not check it regularly.
- The Student Committee and the Early Career Excomm Mentee planned and executed a meet-and-greet for students directly following the Student Committee meeting. Nine early career professionals from a variety of fields and job types discussed their experience and positions and were available for informal networking and socializing for the more than 50 students that attended the event.

### 2016-2017 Student Liaison Activities

- Due to the success of the meet-and-greet in Atlanta, the current Student Liaison (Kathryn Grow Allen) and the 2016-2017 Early Career Excomm Mentee (Nicole Burt) decide to plan a similar event for the 2017 meeting. The meet-and-greet is planned for Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The AAPA American Association of Physical Anthropologists Student Members Facebook group continues to be an active place for student interactions and advertising for student-relevant news and events. The group currently has over 1,800 members including both students and senior AAPA members who frequently post opportunities and information for students.
- As a response to requests raised during the Student Committee meeting in 2016 regarding an additional communication venue, a student bulletin was drafted by the Student Liaison and the current and incoming AAPA Presidents. The email bulletin was sent to all registered student members of the AAPA on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The bulletin highlighted student-relevant opportunities and deadlines (abstract submission, funding opportunities, student presentation awards, etc.), with links to the Association's website for more detailed information. Additionally, the bulletin highlighted ways for students to become more involved in the AAPA. A second student email bulletin, planned for distribution prior to the annual meeting, will highlight meeting activities that will be of particular interest to student members and a student guide to the meetings will be posted on the AAPA website.
- The Student Liaison worked with the Executive Committee board members and the AAPA's website developers to improve the student section of the website. The existing information was reorganized and new sections were added including a 'Get Involved' section and a 'Student Resources' section. The student resources section contains a number of links to external and internal student funding opportunities as well as professional development links (articles on building CVs, how to write a syllabus, how to succeed in graduate school, etc.)

### 2017 AAPA Meeting (New Orleans) Student Committee Events

- AAPA Student Committee Meeting: Wednesday 4-5pm
- AAPA Student & Early Career Meet-and-Greet: Wednesday 5-6pm

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