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**AIDS SESSIONS SET FOR PHOENIX**

The American Anthropological Association (AAA) will meet in Phoenix this year on November 16th-20th. Several sessions on AIDS are planned. Keith T. Kernan and Susanna Hoffman will co-chair an Invited Session of the Committee on Ethics, "Ethics and Responsibility in Anthropological Research on AIDS" on Wednesday, November 16th from 2-5:10 P.M. Papers will be given by Susanna Hoffman, Robert A. Kahn, Nancy Flowers, Francis P. Conant, Norris G. Lang, Paul Farmer, Brooke G. Schoepf and Ntsomo Payanzo. Douglas A. Feldman will be the discussant.

The AIDS and Anthropology Research Group (AARG) will hold its annual business meeting that evening from 6:30-8 P.M. All AARG members are encouraged to attend. A no-host cash bar party sponsored by AARG will take place between 8-10 P.M., right after the business meeting. Everyone at the AAA is cordially invited. Be sure to bring your friends.

An open meeting of the AIDS and Anthropology Task Force will take place on Thursday, November 17th from 12-1:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to learn about what the Task Force is doing. Ralph Bolton will lead a Society for Medical Anthropology Wine and Cheese Roundtable on "AIDS Prevention Around the World" that evening from 5:30-7 P.M. Tickets are \$9.00.

Michael D. Quam will chair an Invited Session of the Society for Medical Anthropology, "AIDS and the Anthropology of Risk," on Friday, November 18th from 8-12 noon. Papers will be given by Andrew M. Boxer and Gilbert Herdt, Lee Strunin, Martha C. Ward, Douglas S. Goldsmith, Peter  
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**NEW AARG CO-CHAIR NAMED**

The AARG Chair, Douglas A. Feldman, has appointed Norris Lang effective October 11, 1988 to serve as Co-Chair of the AARG. Dr. Lang has served as a member of the AARG Steering Committee since November, 1987, and is on the faculty of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Houston. He has been conducting AIDS research among gay men in Houston for a few years. Dr. Feldman will continue to serve as the other Co-Chair of the AARG.

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**AARG DUES ARE UP, AND DUE!**

The AARG dues for 1989 have been increased to \$15.00. This was necessary since our per capita operating expenses in 1988 exceeded the \$10 dues levied. These expenses include postage, supplies, xeroxing, and the annual cash bar party. Mailings to foreign AARG members have been very expensive. An effort at cost-containment has already begun with the reproduction of the revised membership list on both sides of the pages. This will keep postage costs down.

Please make your check or money order payable to "AARG" for \$15, U.S. funds only. Your AARG dues ensure your place on the AARG membership list (which is revised quarterly), copies of the membership list, copies of the quarterly AARG Newsletter, and participation at national and regional AARG roundtables and meetings.

This is the time to express your renewed commitment to AIDS and Anthropology research and activities.  
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Biella, Margaret M. Connors, Susan McCombie, Christopher C. Taylor, Ralph Bolton and Julie Good, Charles R. Brooks, Rochelle Kern, and Karolynn Siegel. Mary Hotvedt, E. Michael Gorman, and Douglas A. Feldman will be the discussants.

Moses B. Pounds and Ruth Wilson will co-chair "Anthropological Perspectives on AIDS in the Black Community," an Invited Session of the Association of Black Anthropologists, on Saturday, November 19th from 10:30-12 noon. Papers will be given by Jerome Wright, Diane K. Lewis, Ira E. Harrison, and Ruth Wilson. Sally Guttmacher and Moses B. Pounds will be the discussants.

#### INTERIM AARG NEWSLETTER CO-EDITOR NAMED

The AARG Newsletter Editor, Douglas A. Feldman, has appointed Michael D. Quam to serve as interim Co-Editor for this issue. Dr. Quam is Professor of Anthropology in the Sociology/Anthropology Program at Sangamon State University in Springfield, IL. He has been active in AIDS research for a few years.

#### NEW HOME FOR AARG

AARG has moved. Our new address is: AARG, 114-41 Queens Blvd., Suite 368, Forest Hills, NY 11375, USA. Please change your rolodex. Our phone number remains: (718) 846-8816.

#### AIDS MAPPING

Francis P. Conant would like to hear from anyone working on AIDS mapping or who has data for this activity, especially for Africa. Dr. Conant may be contacted at the Department of Anthropology, Hunter College, CUNY, 695 Park Avenue, New York NY 10021, or at (212) 772-5420.

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All 1989 dues are required by December 31, 1988. Mail with the form below to: AARG, 114-41 Queens Blvd., Suite 368, Forest Hills, NY 11375, USA. Thanks.

#### AARG MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR JANUARY, 1989

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 Key words: \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical area(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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I am a Society for Medical Anthropology member: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I am an American Anthropological Association member: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please enclose your check or money order for \$15 in U.S. funds payable to "AARG."

Clip out this form and return it with your dues. You will not be billed separately. Please do not delay!

#### NEW YORK REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE MEETS

The third quarterly meeting of the New York regional roundtable meeting of the AARG was held on October 12th at Hunter College, City University of New York. The fourth quarterly meeting will occur in January, 1989 at Hunter College, North Building, Room 710, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021 with a guest speaker (to be announced). Please contact Francis Conant at (212) 777-5420 in late December, 1988 for the date. Light refreshments will be served.

## TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP NAMED

The AIDS and Anthropology Task Force (AATF) of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) Chair, Douglas A. Feldman, appointed Michael D. Quam to serve as Co-Chair of the AATF from July through November, 1988. The Co-Chairs named an ad hoc selection committee to recommend persons to be invited for AATF membership. Gilbert Herdt, William Rowe, and Melanie Sovine formed the committee which met last July in Chicago.

Criteria considered for inclusion as an AATF member were: 1) strong, demonstrated commitment to AIDS and anthropology research and/or activities, 2) publication record on AIDS-related research and/or activities, 3) previous participation in AIDS and anthropology conferences and sessions, 4) knowledge of potential funding sources, and 5) availability and willingness to participate in periodic AATF conferences probably without any remuneration. After careful deliberation and negotiation between the Co-Chairs, 23 persons were selected. It was acknowledged that there are other persons who may also be qualified for membership, but that it was important to keep the number down to no more than 23 in order to make the Task Force efficient. If vacancies occur, they will be filled.

All 23 persons who were invited, have generously agreed to serve as AATF members. They are: Mary Catherine Bateson, Ralph Bolton, Joseph Carrier, Francis Conant, Barbara O. de Zaldoondo, Paul Farmer, Douglas A. Feldman, Doug Goldsmith, E. Michael Gorman, Gilbert Herdt, Norris G. Lang, William L. Leap, Shirley Lindenbaum, Susan McCombie, Kevin O'Reilly, Moses B. Pounds, Michael D. Quam, Pricilla Reining, William L. Rowe, Ron Stall, Melanie Sovine, Linda Valleroy, and Martha Ward.

## TASK FORCE CONFERENCE HELD IN CHICAGO

The AIDS and Anthropology Task Force (AATF) convened its first conference since its formation at the Society for Applied Anthropology in Tampa last April. Gil Herdt hosted the two-day conference on October 1-2, 1988, which was held at the University of Chicago. The conference was co-chaired by Michael D. Quam and Douglas A. Feldman. The conference was also attended by AATF members Francis Conant, Barbara O. de Zaldoondo, Paul Farmer, Doug Goldsmith, E. Michael Gorman, Norris G. Lang, William L. Leap, Shirley Lindenbaum, Susan McCombie, Pricilla Reining, Ron Stall, Melanie Sovine, and Martha Ward, and by the AAA President, Roy A. Rappaport.

The AATF began to draft a statement of purpose emphasizing its focus on both AIDS-related anthropological research and activism. It was agreed that the Task Force would support both the initiation of AIDS-related research by anthropologists and the dissemination of the findings, as well as lobbying activities for the amelioration of AIDS-related social and medical problems. The conference participants agreed to draft position statements on several areas of concern, such as AIDS and ethics. These will be reviewed at the next meeting of the AATF to be held in Phoenix in November. A resolution is also being prepared to oppose AIDS-related discrimination to be brought before a vote at the AAA in Phoenix.

Among the ideas suggested at the conference are proposals for a conference on AIDS research and participant observation, and the creation of several regional subcommittees (e.g., AIDS in Africa, AIDS in Latin America, etc.) which would be composed mostly of anthropologists from outside the Task  
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## FUTURE AIDS CONFERENCES

November 13, 1988: National Coalition on AIDS and Families, second annual meeting, Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, Two Franklin Plaza, Philadelphia, (215) 448-2000.

November 13-17, 1988: 116th annual meeting, American Public Health Association, Boston, MA. Many AIDS sessions are held.

November 16-20, 1988: American Anthropological Association, Phoenix, AZ. See page one for description of AIDS sessions.

December 1-2, 1988: Hospitals, Health Care Professionals and AIDS, Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, Boston. Contact (617) 262-4990 for information; \$295 before November 10th, \$325 after.

April 5-9, 1989: Seventh National AIDS Forum and 11th National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference, Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco. Call (202) 994-4285. Abstracts due November 20th.

April 6-8, 1989: Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM. AIDS sessions are planned.

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## 113 MEMBERS STRONG

AARG now has 113 dues paying members. The membership list includes only those persons who have paid their dues for 1988. Please check your listing to confirm that it is correct. To renew your membership or become a member in 1989, please send \$15 to: AARG, 114-41 Queens Blvd., Suite 368, Forest Hills, NY 11375, USA with coupon on page two. If you have an announcement that you would like to have included in the next issue of the AARG Newsletter to appear in January, please send it in.

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Force. Michael D. Quam and Douglas A. Feldman were elected to serve as Co-Chairs through November, 1989. It was also agreed that the AATF would function completely independently of the AARG, and that the AATF will sponsor a session at the Society for Applied Anthropology in Santa Fe next April.

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## AARG STEERING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Douglas A. Feldman, Ph.D.  
Norris G. Lang, Ph.D.

### Steering

Committee: Ralph Bolton, Ph.D.  
Lucia C. Cargill  
Barbara O. de Zalduondo,  
Ph.D.  
Paul Farmer  
E. Michael Gorman, Ph.D.,  
M.P.H.  
Gilbert Herdt, Ph.D.  
Susanna Hoffman, Ph.D.  
Moses B. Pounds, Ph.D.

### AARG Newsletter Co-Editors:

Douglas A. Feldman, Ph.D.  
Michael D. Quam, Ph.D.,  
M.P.H.

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## AIDS RESEARCH REGISTER AVAILABLE

The Co-ordinating Organisation for Behavioural Research on Aids (COBRA), formerly named COSRA, has produced a register of ongoing research on AIDS by social and behavioral scientists. Most of their listings are from British sociologists, but they are interested in receiving information from anthropologists anywhere. To receive their register, send 5.50 pounds to Angela Jones, COBRA, University of Wales, Cardiff, P.O. Box 78, Cardiff, CF1 1XL, Wales, United Kingdom. To have your research project listed in their next edition, write to them for their form at the above address.