

***Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness***  
***A section of the American Anthropological Association***



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Hello there!

As you are probably aware, your Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness has been experiencing one of its most exciting years ever! We held our first ever Spring Meeting on the East Coast of the United States. Your journal, *Anthropology of Consciousness*, received a make-over as part of the transition to production by the University of California Press, and our transition to AnthroSource is nearly complete as the last of the *AoC* back issues become available through this on-line service. In addition, **SAC is sponsoring several exciting sessions at this year's AAA Meeting in Washington, D.C.:**

- Collective remembering and forgetting: Contemplating Memory and Amnesia and the Spectrality of the Past, 12/1/2005, 7:45 PM-9:30 PM
- Asceticism and Its Malcontents – A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Asceticism in Theory and Practice, 12/2/2005, 10:15 AM-12:00 PM
- Psychedelic Research: From High Desert to Megalopolis, 12/3/2005, 8:00 AM-11:45 AM
- Cults, Rituals And Child Abuse: A Multidisciplinary Approach, 12/4/2005, 8:00 AM-9:45 AM
- Spiritual Transformation, Healing and Altruism, 12/4/2005, 8:00 AM-9:45 AM
- Consciousness at the Periphery, 12/4/2005, 10:15 AM-12:00 PM

The SAC Executive Board Meeting will be held on Friday, 12/2/2005, from 12:15 PM-1:30 PM (location to be announced).

Finally, The SAC Business Meeting and **Distinguished Lecture by Anthony F.C. Wallace will be held on Friday, December 2, from 6:15 PM-8:30 PM** (check for the location at the AAA meetings).

The **SAC 2006 Spring Meeting will be held at the Asilomar Conference Grounds from April 12, – April 16, 2006.** The theme for the conference is: “So What? Now What? — The Anthropology of Consciousness Responds to a World in Crisis”. A Call for Papers is enclosed. Please be aware that the requirements of the conference site mean that registration for on-site housing requires a commitment for all four days, and **housing registration for on-site stays must be completed by January 6, 2006.** For more information, visit the SAC web site at: [www.sacaaa.org](http://www.sacaaa.org)

By now, you should have received *Anthropology of Consciousness* Volume 15(1 & 2) and Volume 16(1). I am please to announce that issue 16(2) is already in production, and should be in your hands by the end of the year. Kudos to Grant Rich, Bethe Hagens, and Peter Jones for all of their hard work involved in the transition to UC Press

Of course, *Anthropology of Consciousness* is only as good as the material it contains, so **new manuscripts are always welcome.** And there is still a need for additional peer reviewers to cover a wider range of topics and to ensure that submissions are evaluated in a timely manner. If you are interested in this or any other aspect of the *AoC*, contact Grant Rich at: [OptimalEx@aol.com](mailto:OptimalEx@aol.com)

The “**Get to Know SAC**” **introductory rate**, open to all new SAC members and to all former members whose memberships have been lapsed for at least one year, will expire on December 31, 2005. Please **pass the enclosed brochure on to a friend or colleague** who might be interested in this special rate.

Finally, I would like to mention that **nominations for SAC officers** are due at the AAA on January 31, 2006. This cycle, we will be welcoming **candidates for the positions of President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and for four positions on the SAC Executive Committee.** These officers make the decisions that ensure SAC’s continuity and help to chart our course into the future. Please consider running for one of these positions. You can contact me directly at: [johnbaker@vcccd.net](mailto:johnbaker@vcccd.net) for more information.

Thanks!



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