

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



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Hi there!

Now that the fall is almost upon us, it's time that I write you again and let you know about the things that are happening in your Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness.

There are several things I would like you to know about:

- SAC sessions and events at the Fall 2007 AAA meetings
- Call for Papers for our Spring 2008 meeting
- Our new vision and mission statements
- Contest to pick a new SAC logo
- Positions available in the upcoming SAC elections

**The upcoming AAA meetings will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. from Nov, 27—Dec. 2, 2007.** For general information, go to: <http://www.aaanet.org/mtgs/mtgs.htm>

Here's what SAC will be up to (some of these sessions are being co-sponsored with other Sections). Please consult the AAA Meetings Program for information about the location of each event.

Session	Date	Time	Event
1-084	Thurs, 11/29	12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	SAC Executive Board Meeting
2-131	Fri, 11/30	1:45 PM - 5:30 PM	Writing Shamanism Today in Theory and Practice
2-181	Fri, 11/30	6:15 PM - 7:30 PM	Business Meeting & Distinguished Lecture by Stanley Krippner
3-021	Sat, 12/1	8:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Caribbean Religions and their Interpenetration/Creolization/ Symbiosis: Papers in honor of Leslie G. Desmangles
3-110	Sat, 12/1	1:45 PM - 5:30 PM	Cognitive Theory of Religion
4-044	Sun, 12/2	10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Redefining Ritual and Consciousness

If you are at the AAA Meetings, I hope that you will join us at the Friday evening business meeting, where we will honor our long-time friend and colleague **Stanley Krippner**, who will present this year's **Distinguished Lecture: "Answering the Call to Heal: Psychological and Psychophysiological Studies of Brazilian Spiritistic Healers."**

**Our 2008 Annual Spring Meeting will be held at the Yale Divinity School from March 19-23, 2008.** The meeting, our second on the East Coast, is being co-sponsored by the Yale Divinity School Initiative in Religion, Science & Technology. Enclosed is a copy of the Call for Papers. Please consider attending the meeting, and spread the word to others!

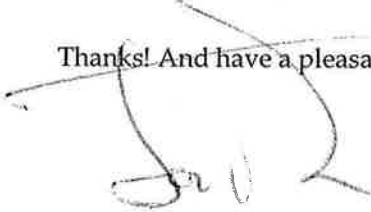
As part of an initiative to look at all aspects of our organization and, where appropriate, to make changes that will help us to better do what we do, the members of the SAC Executive Board have been involved in discussions to develop **new Vision and Mission Statements for SAC**. These discussions have recently concluded, and we have adopted statements that will guide us into our next years. You will find these statements on the enclosed announcement of our SAC logo contest.

What is this **SAC logo contest**, you say? Well, for the past several years, SAC has used the Medusa designed by Tina Fields as our logo (you can see it on the banner on the top of the other side of this page). Now, we are going to let Medusa take her retirement and move into the next chapter of her stony existence, and we are looking for a new logo that will reflect our updated Vision and Mission Statements. We will accept submissions from members and non-members alike, and will select a new logo at the end of October so that we can premiere our new logo at the AAA meetings. If you are inspired, please try your hand at coming up with a graphic representation of what you think SAC is all about. And please let your artist and other friends know as well. The winner of the logo contest will receive two of the new t-shirts that we will print with the logo (yes, that is quite a prize!).

Finally, I would like to invite all members to **consider running for one of the offices that will be up for election next year**. These include President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and four positions on the Executive Board (one of which is reserved for a student, and another that is reserved for a non-anthropologist).

I would particularly like to ask for volunteers to stand for the office of President-elect. I am now into my third term as President, and it is time for some new blood! Our organization can only be as vital as its members, so please consider running. Contact me for more information, or with regard to any other question or concern you might have. My email is: [johnbaker@vcccd.edu](mailto:johnbaker@vcccd.edu)

Thanks! And have a pleasant fall.



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President