

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



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Hi there!

It's that time of year again, when I write to 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 2008 AAA meetings
- Call for Papers for our Spring 2009 meeting
- Call for a new Editor for your journal, *Anthropology of Consciousness*

The upcoming AAA meetings will be held at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel from Nov. 19—23, 2008. 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 time, date, and location of each event.

- Black Atlantic and Caribbean Religions: Transnational Flows and Local Histories (organized by George Brandon, CUNY)
- Religion, Anthropology and Cognitive Science (organized by Emma Cohen, Cambridge University, with Maurice Bloch, Stewart Guthrie, and Harvey Whitehouse)
- Toward Critical, Collaborative, and Reciprocal Researches" (organized by Luke Lassiter and Caroline Brettell)
- Comparing Notes: Multi-Vocality and the Shift to Collaborative Research (organized by Jeff MacDonald)

If you are at the AAA Meetings, I hope that you will also join us at the **Friday evening business meeting**. We will begin with a **memorial to honor our dear friend and long-time associate Galina Lindquist**. Following this, **Lewis Mehl-Madrona will present this year's Distinguished Lecture: "Aboriginal Concepts of Mind, Identity, Consciousness, and Mental Health."**

Our **2009 Annual Spring Meeting will be held April 1-5, 2009 at McMenamins historic Edgefield Resort at the entrance to the beautiful Columbia River Gorge in Portland, Oregon**. This wonderful setting will provide the perfect setting for considering the theme: "Bridging Nature and Human Nature."

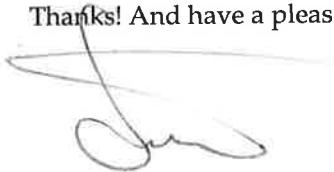
Enclosed is a copy of the **Call for Papers**. Please consider attending the meeting, and spread the word to others!

I am also enclosing a copy of the **Call for an Editor for our journal, *Anthropology of Consciousness***. Effective August 31, 2009. Bonnie Glass-Coffin will be stepping down as Editor-in-Chief. Bonnie has done an amazing job in streamlining the submission and review processes during the last two years, and she has revamped and revitalized our editorial board. Please consider applying for this position or referring someone who is qualified to take over the helm of this unique forum for discussing the anthropology of consciousness.

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

If you would like any additional information about anything in this letter, or about your Society, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is: [johnbaker@vcccd.edu](mailto:johnbaker@vcccd.edu)

Thanks! And have a pleasant fall.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Baker', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

John Baker  
President