



# NEAA NEWSLETTER

~~~~~Special Conference Issue~~~~~

## President's Message

The 47th annual Northeastern Anthropology Association meeting will be held in Ithaca, NY this year (April 20-22), and the call for papers and registration forms appear in this issue of the newsletter, as well as online at [www.neaa.org](http://www.neaa.org). The organizers from Ithaca College are putting together an excellent program, and Ithaca is in an area rich in historical and cultural attractions.

For those of you who have been to the NEAA meeting before, I hope you are already looking forward to attending this year. Why not bring a friend who has not been to the NEAA meeting before?

For those who have yet to attend your first NEAA meeting, I encourage you all to come! The NEAA is remarkable, in my experience, for being welcoming to all - students, professionals, avocational anthropologists, and those who are just interested in some aspect of anthropology. The NEAA is for anthropologists in the northeast, regardless of where our research interests lie. It can be a safe and exciting venue for trying out new and experimental ways of presenting research, and for

presenting new and experimental research. In recent years, a number of sessions have also focused on teaching anthropology, and on anthropology careers. The relatively small size of the meeting (150 -300 people in the last several years) means that it is easy to connect with other people who share your interests.

Please remember the Student Paper Prizes and submit your papers (or encourage your students to submit papers)! And, finally, remember that all members, which means everyone who attends the meeting, are invited to attend the Members Business meeting, participate in decision making, and suggest ways to improve the organization.

I look forward to seeing old friends in April, as well as many new faces!

Amy Gazin-Schwartz  
Assumption College

~~NOTE CHANGE OF DATE~~  
NEAA ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 20-22, 2007  
Ithaca, New York

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## Message from the Editor

Happy Winter Everyone! The cold weather has finally arrived in Rhode Island!

First, I have to apologize for the names and addresses on the fall newsletter. I understand that many of you received the Newsletter but it had another person's name on it. I tried to merge two mailing lists together but apparently skewed the names...sorry! And thank you to everyone who let me know. I actually thought I should have made a parlor game out of it...you had to contact the person whose name was on your newsletter...but then I realized probably no one would play.

We asked Dr. Marie Wallace to give us an update on the Transcending Postcolonial Conditions conference she recently attended in South Africa. It sounded like an interesting conference and an amazing experience. The paper Dr. Wallace presented at the conference was based on eight years of research on American Indian Identity in Wisconsin.

Also included in this newsletter is information about and forms for the annual conference (April 20-22). I know I write this every year but I cannot encourage people enough to attend the conference. I always leave feeling this is the one conference I continually want to attend. Students and alumni, graduates and undergraduates, please consider this your personal invitation to submit an abstract, whether it's your first conference presentation or you're a seasoned veteran.

Ithaca is a great place for the conference. The last time I was in Ithaca, NY, was when my college field hockey team made the National Collegiate Athletic Association playoffs. We were the underdogs, but we beat Ithaca College. Sadly, we then lost to Cortland State. I don't play field hockey anymore but I have fond memories of that trip and am looking forward to revisiting Ithaca, now as an anthropologist and faculty member returning with my own undergraduate students.

See you in Ithaca,  
Jessica Skolnikoff

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Report on Transcending Postcolonial Conditions: Towards Alternative Modernities  
Joint Conference comprising the annual conferences of Anthropology: Southern  
Africa and the Pan African Anthropological Association and an Intercongress of the  
International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend this conference which took place December 3-7, 2006 at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. The Organising Committee chose the theme “Transcending postcolonial conditions: Towards alternative modernities” because of their desire to provide a venue for anthropologists around the world to discuss the predicament of contemporary marginalized people globally and to support the discussion with ethnographic evidence. The postcolonial predicament, according to the Conference Organising Committee, “is marked by intermittent and often broken connections that draw people into overarching structures and simultaneously push them to the edges of the institutions that predominate within those structures.” There were over 200 papers submitted that addressed the postcolonial condition.

In her keynote address, Faye V. Harrison, Professor of Anthropology and African American Studies at the University of Florida, noted the ways in which the ideas of postcoloniality, postcolonialism, and the postcolonial condition are utilized in social and cultural analyses. She argued that critical postcolonial projects are much more effective and nuanced when they employ concepts and tools that permit a comprehensive analysis of gender, class, race, and (trans) national identity as sites of inequality and struggles for social justice and human rights. Professor Harrison drew upon her research on human rights activists in the American South who are currently remapping their sociopolitical location as part or an extension of the Global South based on their experiences in the neocolonial, empire building United States. She has published a book on intersections of race, gender, and human rights (*Resisting Racism and Xenophobia*, AltaMira Press, 2005) and has another in press on the politics of critical anthropological projects, *Outsider Within: Reworking Anthropology in the Global Age* (University of Illinois Press, Fall 2007).

My paper addressed American Indian identity as it is situated in a sociopolitical context (see paper abstract on page 4). I have been working and living in Indian Country for the past eight years and have been collecting data addressing the issue of American Indian identity and enrollment. I was somewhat surprised at the interest this issue garnered in a global venue. When developing the paper I was somewhat concerned that I had spent too much time on “background” information politically situating the theme of the paper. It is necessary to address Dawes and the Indian Reorganization Act to understand the concept of enrollment and how it is implemented and I had some concerns on whether I should delete this information or at the very least, pare it down. After presenting the paper, I had numerous questions and criticisms. The first criticism was perhaps it would have been better to offer more background on the American Indian experience and people could grasp the concept of being an “enrolled” or non-enrolled American Indian. My response to this was, “yes, but I only had fifteen minutes” (and am a firm believer in adhering to the time limit!). Several people had questions about allotment and I spent much of my discussion time revisiting and contextualizing these concepts.

My response was initially fairly “American Anthrocentric” in that I was initially annoyed that people were not focusing on these carefully crafted categories in my paper such as “looking for blood,” and “just a quarter,” but spent time concentrating in what is commonly referred to the part of Indian Country in which I reside as “Indian 101ing” the audience. After some reflection, I realized that not everyone is taught from an American Anthropology textbook and it reinforced the unique relationship (intricately imbalanced and intertwined) that American Anthropology has had with American Indians. In closing, I would like to also add that the romantic stereotypical vision of American Indians is certainly transnational: one of the first billboards I encountered in upon arriving in Cape Town was the ubiquitous image of the Plains Indian, headdress flowing and the stoic profile of a warrior, advertising a steakhouse.

Please explore the opportunities that membership and participation in the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences at their website <http://www.leidenuniv.nl/fsw/iuaes/>.

Marie Wallace, Ph.D.

### ***Conference Paper Abstract***

A Political Economy of Enrollment in Indian Country  
Lillian Marie Wallace, Ph.D.

Identity in indigenous communities throughout the United States has been intricately intertwined and shaped by politics and the federal government. The system of blood quantum/ancestry imposed upon native communities is a colonial remnant that is an integral part of identity politics in Native Nations throughout Indian Country. The concept of “enrollment” and identity is addressed in this paper. I provide examples from families where some siblings are enrolled and others are not due to different biological fathers, I address issues of people who lived their entire lives on the reservation but do not have the “right” type of blood to become enrolled, and how the advent and success of gaming is having an impact on enrollments in the areas in which I live.

People interested in this topic, please contact Dr. Wallace at [volmarie@msn.com](mailto:volmarie@msn.com).

### **Network with Professionals in Your Field! Build Your Resume!**

We are currently looking for a Contributing Editors for Cultural Anthropology and Archeology for the NEAA. If you are interested, please contact Jessica Skolnikoff, Roger Williams University, [jskolnikoff@rwu.edu](mailto:jskolnikoff@rwu.edu)

**Northeast Anthropological Association**  
**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**April 20-22, 2007 Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York**

“New Visions for a Collaborative and Engaged Anthropology: The New Adventures of Old Anthropology”

Abstract and Session submission deadline is *March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

*Forms and Registration information are available online at [www.neaa.org](http://www.neaa.org)*

**Some highlights**

- Friday 5 pm reception with cash bar
- Saturday evening banquet with keynote speaker
- Book exhibit
- Poster sessions
- Film screenings
- Graduate and undergraduate paper prizes
- Modest registration fees (includes Conference Fee and NEAA membership dues)
  - \$50 professional
  - \$30 student
- Canadian funds accepted at par

**Conference Hotel:** The Holiday Inn (607) 272-1000, 222 South Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY

We encourage all attendees to register at the Holiday Inn. The NEAA receives a significant discount for use of the conference center based on hotel room registrations. Mention the NEAA for the conference rate of \$110 double occupancy (50 rooms reserved). The Holiday Inn is a short walk from the Ithaca Commons.

Forms, information and registration: [www.neaa.org](http://www.neaa.org)

**Questions:**

General questions: Jack Rossen ([jrossen@ithaca.edu](mailto:jrossen@ithaca.edu)) and Brooke Hansen ([kbhansen@ithaca.edu](mailto:kbhansen@ithaca.edu))

Book display: Brooke Hansen ([kbhansen@ithaca.edu](mailto:kbhansen@ithaca.edu))

Film exhibit: David Turkon ([dturkon@ithaca.edu](mailto:dturkon@ithaca.edu))

**Welcome from the Organizers**

We are very pleased to host the 47<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Northeastern Anthropological Association here in Ithaca, New York. Ithaca is in the heart of Finger Lakes wine country, and is part of the homeland of the Cayuga people. Downtown Ithaca is known for the Commons, our pedestrian restaurant and shopping area. Come visit the region's Mecca for alternative food, music, and culture. We've listed some links to local information below, and a comprehensive visitor's and dining guide will be included in your registration material.

## This Year's Theme

The theme of the 47<sup>th</sup> annual meeting is “*New Visions for a Collaborative and Engaged Anthropology: The New Adventures of Old Anthropology.*” This is a follow-up to last year’s theme, which questioned how anthropology should be structured, organized, and practiced. This year our goal is to highlight the innovative ways that anthropologists in all of the sub-disciplines are working together with people they may have formerly studied as subjects. In what ways have we succeeded in building new visions for anthropology, and how have we so far fallen short of those lofty goals? To what extent are inclusive and culturally sensitive anthropologies gaining over the academic anthropology of the past? To what extent are we fulfilling the vision of some of our discipline’s great contributors like Margaret Mead to move anthropology into the public arena? What can we do further reform the discipline yet stay true to its noble core? What are the local circumstances that shape and condition a collaborative vision? While we present a wide variety of topics during the conference, proposals that deal in some way with these questions will be especially favored by the session organizers.

## Local Information

Please refer to <http://www.visitithaca.com/> which will take you to a variety of online resources for touring the Ithaca area. Places of interest we recommend include the Paleontological Research Institute’s *Museum of the Earth* (<http://www.priweb.org/>), Cayuga Lake Wine Trail (<http://www.cayugawinetrail.com/>), and the History Center in Tompkins County (<http://www.thehistorycenter.net/>) currently featuring an exhibit on Cayuga region collaborative archaeology. If you have any questions, please email us at [kbhansen@ithaca.edu](mailto:kbhansen@ithaca.edu).



image courtesy of [www.visitithaca.com/](http://www.visitithaca.com/)

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the NEAA  
 April 20th to 22  
 Ithaca, NY

Email completed forms to: [jrossen@ithaca.edu](mailto:jrossen@ithaca.edu)  
 Forms and Registration information are  
 available online at [www.neaa.org](http://www.neaa.org)

This form is for conference registration for the 2007 NEAA meetings and for NEAA membership. You must register to attend the 2007 NEAA meetings and all registrants must be NEAA members. Registration must be completed before presentation proposals will be accepted. PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER REGISTRANT. Please use your PERMANENT ADDRESS.

Name (Last)

(First)

Address:

Affiliation:

City:

State/Province:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Phone ( )

Fax ( )

Email:

**CONFERENCE FEE AND NEAA MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Employed professionals: Check Box  \$50.00  
 (includes \$25 conference fee and annual \$25 NEAA membership dues)

Students, Adjuncts, and Avocational: Check Box  \$30.00  
 (includes \$15 conference fee and annual \$15 NEAA membership dues)

Please check if this is a membership renewal  or for a new membership

**PLEASE CHECK THE DINNER OPTION(S) OF YOUR CHOICE**

NEAA BANQUET (Saturday, April 21st, Keynote address to follow)

Non-vegetarian  Professional: \$30.00

Vegetarian  Professional \$30.00

Non-vegetarian  Student: \$20.00

Vegetarian  Student \$20.00

RECEPTION (Friday, April 20th)  free, cash bar

Total: \$

**ABOUT PAYMENTS**

Please make payments in advance of the conference. Canadian funds are accepted at par. Please send a check or money order (made out to "NEAA") for the total amount above to: NEAA, Department of Anthropology, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY 14850

Email this completed form to: [jrossen@ithaca.edu](mailto:jrossen@ithaca.edu) If you would prefer, you may print off the completed form and send it with payment to NEAA, Department of Anthropology, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY 14850 Questions about your registration should be emailed to [jrossen@ithaca.edu](mailto:jrossen@ithaca.edu).

***This form does not register you for a room at the conference hotel.*** You may make reservations at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 222 South Cayuga Street, Ithaca by calling: (607) 272-1000. For the special conference rate be sure to state that you are attending the NEAA conference. Rooms start at \$110/night double occupancy. We encourage all attendees to register at the Holiday Inn. The NEAA receives a significant discount for hotel rooms.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM**

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PLEASE COMPLETE and SAVE THIS FORM, then EMAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.  
*Abstracts are due by March 20th, 2007*

Paper/Poster Title:

Author(s):

Address:

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Phone: ( )

Subfield:

Three Key Words:

Affiliation:

State/Province:

Fax: ( )

Area:

ZIP/Postal Code:

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Is this a... Paper?  Or Poster?

If this is a paper, is it part of an organized session? Yes  No

Name of Session:

Name(s) of Organizers:

Audio-visual requirements:

Slide  Projector  Overhead Projector  VCR  PowerPoint  Other

Power Point presentations must be available on a flash drive or cd.

Abstract (200 word maximum)

All papers submitted by undergraduates must be accompanied by a note from the student's advisor or a professor from their department, indicating that the work is an original piece and that the professor believes it to be appropriate for presentation at the conference.

**\*Please note: a completed registration form must accompany the paper abstract and abstract form. Membership in the NEAA is also required to present.**

**\*\*If you would prefer, you may send this completed document via mail to: NEAA, Department of Anthropology, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY 14850**

**SESSION PROPOSAL FORM**

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**Forms and Registration information are available online at [www.neaa.org](http://www.neaa.org)**

Paper/Poster Title:

Author(s):

Address:

City:

Phone: (    )

Affiliation:

State/Province:

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ZIP/Postal Code:

Email:

List the participants of the proposed session below. A session is limited to 6 presenters.

Please note: a paper abstract for each presenter must accompany the session proposal. Also, a registration form must accompany each paper abstract. It is the responsibility of the session organizer to ensure that all abstracts and registration forms for presenters are received.

1. Name: Affiliation:

Address/Phone/Email:

Paper title:

2. Name: Affiliation:

Address/Phone/Email:

Paper title:

3. Name: Affiliation:

Address/Phone/Email:

Paper title:

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Address/Phone/Email:

Paper title:

5. Name: Affiliation:

Address/Phone/Email:

Paper title:

6. Name: Affiliation:

Address/Phone/Email:

Paper title:

Discussant(s):

Audio-visual requirements:

Slide projector

Overhead projector

VCR

PowerPoint

Other (please specify)

Session organizers must compile all presentations using power point/computer media on one flash drive or cd.

**If you would prefer, you may send this completed document via mail to: NEAA, Department of Anthropology, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY 1485**

**2007 NEAA Student Paper Competition:  
M. Estellie Smith Graduate Paper Prize  
John Omohundro Undergraduate Paper Prize**

Each year the NEAA awards prizes of \$200 each to the best graduate and undergraduate papers presented at the annual meeting. Guidelines for submissions are:

1. Separate graduate and undergraduate prizes are awarded. The abstracts are published in the NEAA newsletter and publication of the articles in professional journals may be facilitated.
2. **To be eligible, the papers must be presented in a conference session by the author at the 2007 NEAA meetings in Ithaca, New York.**
3. The topic may be in any sub-field of anthropology and the paper may be given in French, Spanish or English.
4. Only the “conference version” of the paper (i.e. **the version that is actually read**) is eligible; this is a paper of 8-12 pages, double spaced, exclusive of bibliography. It is anticipated that few presenters could get through more than 12 pages in the 15 minutes allowed for presentation. The bibliography should be included with the paper.
5. Six copies of the conference version of the paper must be submitted by **April 2, 2007**, to:

Barrett Brenton  
Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology  
St. John’s College  
Queens, NY 11439  
brentonb@stjohns.edu

6. A cover page must be attached with the author’s name, address, phone number, institution, department and program, and the name of the session and session organizer where the paper is to be presented. Entrants must specify the competition (graduate or undergraduate) that they are entering.
7. Shared authorship papers are eligible provided that the category in which they are entered (i.e. undergraduate or graduate) is that appropriate for the most senior author. Papers co-authored with professionals are not eligible for the competition.
8. All papers submitted by undergraduates must be accompanied by a note from the student’s advisor or a professor from their department, indicating that the work is an original piece and that the professor believes it to be appropriate for presentation at the conference. (Such a note is required for all undergraduate papers at the conference)
9. The submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges under the direction of the President-Elect of the NEAA.

If you had submitted one,  
Your article could have appeared here...

We would again like to extend an invitation for **YOU** to contribute to the publication.

Please submit anything you think will be of interest to our community. You may wish to update colleagues on your recent projects or report on some significant research. You may want to tell us about your school or your department. You may want to discuss global events that affect us here in the Northeast. Or you may just want to offer your reflections on the field. We are also beginning to develop a review section of the newsletter. If you would like to suggest a book for review or if you would like to review a film or text that has been recently released or published, please let us know.

The NEAA publishes the newsletter three times per year (in Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer). You may email your submissions to Jessica Skolnikoff (jskolnikoff@rwu.edu) or Alan Hersker (herskeal@potdam.edu). While there are no length requirements for submissions, our current format for the newsletter works best if articles are no longer than 600 words (although this is not set in stone . . .). Please use the AAA Style Guidelines for citations and the works cited page and submit the article in .rtf format.

This is a great opportunity for students to get their work in a publication, for faculty and staff to let colleagues know about their research and for independent scholars to keep us updated on their projects. Please help us to make this newsletter an important benefit of membership in the NEAA!

***Conference Forms and Registration are also online:***

***www.neaa.org***

***Abstract and Session submission deadline is March 20th, 2007***



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