

can demonstrate financial need, SCA will now provide travel awards of up to \$500 to attend this meeting. These awards will be made available to 10 students to assist with their participation at the meeting. This commitment to student involvement extends to AAA Annual Meetings where the SCA has become involved in hosting annual faculty–student workshops.

For the past few years SCA has hosted a series of luncheon workshops. This year the section will sponsor up to five faculty–student workshops. These luncheons were created to facilitate a space in which students can discuss their work with faculty members from other universities. The workshops are organized thematically and bring together groups of students (up to five in each group) with a faculty member who acts as a facilitator for the group. Workshops match the AAA programmed lunch session and are hosted at nearby restaurants allowing participants to enjoy a lively conversation not too far away from the conference hotel. Targeted for graduate students of all levels, the cluster of workshops are open to all SCA student members and lunch is provided for all participants.

Please keep an eye out for the call for participants that will be announced by October 2010. The call will include a list of participating faculty facilitators as well as the themes for each workshop. As space is limited, students are asked to submit a one-page project description that includes specific questions about their project for the workshop leader or leaders and for the group as a whole to consider. Participants will be chosen on a first-come-first-served basis with attention to the following factors:

- The fit between project and workshop theme.
- The ability to match students and workshop leaders from different institutions.
- The project description is complete and includes specific questions as requested.
- The student must be an active member of the section.

With all these great opportunities within the section, if you are not yet a member now's the time. To sign up, please visit [www.aaanet.org/sections/sca/join/join.htm](http://www.aaanet.org/sections/sca/join/join.htm).

The section is committed to student involvement and creating new opportunities for student participation. In addition to the projects listed above, the section has also created a position for a student representative on the AAA Executive Board. This student acts as a voting member on the board and represents student issues and concerns. With that in mind, if you have thoughts or suggestions you would like to put forth to the section please feel free to contact Michelle Stewart ([mlstewart@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mlstewart@ucdavis.edu)), the current student representative.

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## Society for East Asian Anthropology

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### Introducing the Current SEAA Elected Board Members

*By Jennifer Robertson (U Michigan, SEAA President)*

Gone are the days when East Asia was more often than not absent from the body of data out of which anthropological theories were either generated or redressed and refined. Anthropologists working in this geo-cultural area continue to demonstrate its centrality as a manifold site for generating status-quo bending ideas, working hypotheses and theories about manifold issues and subjects. The current research projects of our elected board members are illustrative (see [www.aaanet.org/sections/seaa/index.html](http://www.aaanet.org/sections/seaa/index.html) for individual websites.)

### Graduate Student Councilors

Junko Teruyama (U Michigan) is researching *hattatsu shōgai* (developmental disabilities) in Japan, which are defined by politicized forces, including domestic criticism of Japan's educational system and its intolerance for diversity. Susan McCarver (UC Santa Barbara) is investigating the commodification of foreigners on Japanese television. Specifically, she is interested in how producers, consumers and guests on Japanese variety shows construct, appropriate and negotiate meanings of national and ethnic identities.

### Councilors

Anru Lee's (John Jay C) current project explores the multiple, symbolic meanings and cultural representations of Taiwan's Mass Rapid Transit systems in Taipei and Kaohsiung. The MRT serves many other functions which are best understood in the context of Taiwan's latest integration into the global economy. "Development and State Violence Among Tibetans in China: An Olympic Year" is the working title of Charlene Makely's (Reed C) book in progress based on research conducted in Amdo Rebgong. It is an ethnographic study of the development pressures underlying the Tibetan unrest and subsequent military crackdown during the run-up to the Beijing 2008 Olympics. Tomomi Yamaguchi (Montana State U) is working on two major projects. One explores the vicissitudes of the Japanese women's movement and the dissolution of one feminist group in the 1990s, and the other interrogates "grassroots" conservatism in Japan. Regarding the latter, Yamaguchi is interviewing members of religious and moral education organizations, and also "Internet Right Wingers" who have been especially vocal in racist and xenophobic activities.

Julia Huang (National Tsing Hua U) is currently working on two projects. One is a new ethnographic monograph on the Chinese ethnicity in Malacca, Malaysia with a special focus on the genealogies of present-day religious pluralism, associative life and

"vernacular" civil society. The other is a coauthored on the affinities between, on the one hand, Chinese popular religion, Christianity and Buddhism and, on the other hand, social welfare in Chinese societies. Finally, Elise Edwards (Butler U) is finishing a book manuscript about soccer, corporate sport, the recession of the 1990s and national identity in Japan, which is tentatively titled "Fields for the Future: Soccer and Citizens in Japan at the Turn of the 21st Century." She is also beginning a new project on the intersections of the "hometown" soccer movement spurred by the Japan Football Association, grassroots activism, volunteerism and the ever-evolving relationships between public and private entities in contemporary Japan.

Treasurer Beth E Notar (Trinity C) is working on a new book project called "Auto-biographies: Narrating Cars and Selves in Contemporary China." She is investigating the relationship between socio-economic and physical mobility, asking how individuals conceptualize and perform their "place" in China's rapidly changing urban landscape. In her current book project, "Playing War: The Militarization of Childhood in the Twentieth Century," Secretary Sabine Frühstück (UC Santa Barbara) pursues a transnational, multidisciplinary analysis of varying configurations of infantilism and militarism, roughly between the Russo-Japanese War (1904–05) and the ongoing war in Iraq.

Former SEAA President, Laurel Kendall (American Museum of Natural History) is researching the full range of things that might be considered "sacred objects" in different East Asian contexts—from temple statues to simple talismans—and how these things fare in contemporary and sometimes global markets. Aihwa Ong (UC Berkeley), to whom I pass the "presidential rice paddle" in 2011, is studying the emerging links among transnational biotech knowledge, cultural ethics and governing regimes in Singapore with special attention to social reasoning and influence on scientific research and applications.

Finally, the subjects of my two main ongoing projects are the Japanese eugenics movement and the politics of "blood," and the cyborgization of key aspects of Japanese everyday life and work in the face of a declining birthrate and a shrinking and rapidly aging population.

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## Society for Humanistic Anthropology

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With just over a month to go until the 2010 AAA Annual Meeting, we want to remind everyone to watch for SHA-sponsored sessions and events. You can easily find them using the online preliminary program, but in particular we want to encourage everyone to come to the annual awards and readings session and the following business meeting, on Friday afternoon. We always like to see new faces