



## EAS at the 2015 AAA Meetings

*Evolutionary Anthropology Society*

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Following the [departure of co-editors Siobhan Mattison and Adam Boyette](#), we (Katie Starkweather and Melanie Martin) will be picking up the reigns and serving as co-editors for the next few years. In today's column, we will take a moment to briefly introduce ourselves, then highlight EAS events and other sessions of interest from the upcoming AAA meetings in Denver, November 18-22, 2015.

**KS** – Hi all. I'm [Katie Starkweather](#), a senior PhD student from the U of Missouri's Department of Anthropology. I am a human behavioral ecologist who researches marriage, parental investment, and household economics among the Shodagor, a semi-nomadic, boat-dwelling subculture in Bangladesh.

I have just finished serving as the Student Representative for EAS and am excited to move into this new role as one of the co-editors for the newsletter. I look forward to cover topics in this newsletter that are important to the members of our society, such as: recent research that relates to EAS, advice on different aspects of being an academic (i.e. where to get training in different methods), applications of evolutionary anthropology, and interviews with evolutionary anthropologists.

**MM** – Hi there. I'm [Melanie Martin](#). I just completed my PhD in Integrative Anthropological Sciences at the U of California Santa Barbara, and in January begin a postdoctoral appointment at the Yale U Department of Anthropology. My research with the Tsimane of Bolivia and the Toba of Argentina examines maternal-offspring conflict and ecological factors shaping life history transitions, growth and development, infant feeding practices, maternal reproductive outcomes, and human microbiomes.

As incoming co-editor of the EAS newsletter, I am excited to shine a light on interdisciplinary research contributed by our members, in particular work with broader policy implications for public health, education, economics, human rights, or international affairs.

### **EAS events and other sessions of interest at the 2015 AAA meetings:**

We look forward to seeing you all at the AAA meetings this week in Denver. Below is a list by day of all EAS sessions, along with other non-EAS sessions that may be of interest (apologies if we've missed a relevant event). Events are linked by index number to the preliminary program; see key following the list for section abbreviations. All rooms are in the Colorado Convention Center unless otherwise noted. *Members, be sure to attend the EAS business meeting on Saturday night for important discussions and announcements.*

#### **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

2:00-3:45 pm (Room 709) "Strangely Unfamiliar: Peasant Studies in Evolutionary Perspective" ([EAS 2-0320](#))

4:00-5:45 pm (Room 207) "A moveable feast: transformations of what's good to eat" ([BAS 2-0405](#))

#### **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:15 am-12:00 pm (Room 112) "Reproductive Familiarity Across the Transitions" ([EAS 3-0315](#))

10:15 am-12:00 pm (Room 102) "Plasticity: encountering biosocial models of creation, adaptation, and destruction, from genomics to epigenetics" ([SAS 3-0295](#))

10:15 am-12:00 pm (Room 703) "Cultural perspectives of managing risk and explaining (mis)fortune" (SEA [3-0415](#))

12:15-1:30 pm (Marble, Hyatt Regency) **EAS Board Meeting** ([EAS 3-0710](#))

1:45-3:30 pm (Room 606) "Evolutionary Medicine and Reproduction: Methods and Applications of 'Familiar Medicine' Using an Evolutionary and Cross-cultural Context" ([EAS 3-0860](#))

1:45-3:30 pm (Room 205) "Scientific approaches to biological anthropology: the strange and familiar" ([EPC 3-0805](#))

4:00-4:45 pm (Room 113) "Hidden motivations and glossed justifications, problems and priorities in biocultural field research" ([BAS 3-1125](#))

#### **Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00-9:45 am (Room 402) "Biocultural perspectives on normal, physiologic birth" ([BAS 4-0065](#))

8:00-9:45 am (Room 405) "The zoonotic condition Part I: pathogenesis of the Anthropocene" ([BAS 4-0080](#))

8:00-9:45 am (Room 201) "Microsociality I: thinking with germs" ([SAS 4-0045](#))

10:15 am-12:00 pm (Mile High 1F) "Strategies of Support: Tradeoffs and Constraints in Navigating Social Position" ([EAS 4-0520](#))

1:45-3:30 pm (Room 607) Round Table Discussion: "Does Evolutionary Anthropology Need a Rethink?" ([EAS 4-0920](#))

1:45-3:30 pm (Mile High 2 & 3) "In search of women in the Paleolithic" ([EPC 4-1020](#))

1:45-3:30 pm (Room 603) "Stress and health from genes to culture: genetic, epigenetic, developmental and biocultural interactions" ([BAS 4-0910](#))

1:45-3:30 pm (Room 702) "The zoonotic condition Part II: virulent co-becoming" ([AES 4-0925](#))

4:00-5:45 pm (Centennial E, Hyatt Regency) "Microsociality II: pathogens and practices" ([SMA 4-1435](#))

#### **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:00-9:45 am (Capital Ballroom 1, Hyatt Regency) "Cultural Evolution: The Origins of the Familiar and the Strange" ([EAS 5-0230](#))

8:00-9:45 am (Mile High 4E) "Strange and new nonhuman behaviors: implications for what it means to be human" ([BAS 5-0215](#))

8:00-9:45 am (Mile High 2 & 3) "Identity, belonging, and the biopolitics of DNA in colonial modernity Part I" ([EPC 5-0190](#))

10:15 am-2:00 pm (Mile High 4A) "Identity, belonging, and the biopolitics of DNA in colonial modernity Part II" ([BAS 5-0550](#))

1:45-3:30 pm (Capital Ballroom 1, Hyatt Regency) "When Strangers Become Familiar and Familiars Change: Decisions to Invest in the Other" ([EAS 5-0970](#))

7:45-9:00 pm (Room 704) **EAS Business Meeting** ([EAS 5-1325](#))

#### **\*Section abbreviations:**

AES: Anthropology and Environment Society

BAS: Biological Anthropology Section

EAS: Evolutionary Anthropology Society

EPC: AAA Executive Program Committee

SAS: Society for Anthropological Sciences

SEA: Society for Economic Anthropology

SMA: Society for Medical Anthropology

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