

Letter from the Editor

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Welcome to the 2010 conference edition of *Anthropology and Aging Quarterly*. The Association for Anthropology and Gerontology (AAGE) has lots in store for us at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and Gerontological Society of America (GSA) meetings this year, which happen to be overlapping in New Orleans (November 17-23). The key AAGE events to attend are Friday at 12:15, the (AAA) Aging and the Life Course Interest Group meeting and book event, the AAGE dinner Friday night at 7:30p.m., and the AAGE business meeting (GSA) on Saturday at 11:30. Our table at the AAA is a great place to check out books and past issues of this journal, get tee-shirts, and chat with AAGE members and authors of AAGE-sponsored books. I hope to see you at the booth or at one of these events.

A full listing of anthropology and aging related AAA and GSA presentations and events are included in this issue. Abstracts for featured presentations are also included. In our listing of events, posters, panels and sessions at both conferences, you may note that there are an exceptionally large number of presentations this year at the AAA on aging, gerontology, and life course issues. This has added to the executive board's excitement regarding the upcoming meetings.

While all the members of the AAGE executive board are consistently supportive, insightful, and hard-working, Jay Sokolovsky is a model of long-term commitment and passion for us all. This issue also features a Guide to Key Resources developed by Jay and the AAA Aging and the Life Course Interest Group. This guide includes important new texts as well as a listing of pedagogic and theoretical standards. Jay is also serving as the editor of a book series on the **Life Course, Culture and Aging: Global Transformation** that will serve to support publishing other relevant works in our field.

It is equally rewarding to find new members early in their careers who demonstrate passion and a desire to serve the discipline. A doctoral student from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland has been infusing the journal and association with new energy and excitement these days. Philip Y. Kao, our new student editor, is developing a section of the journal dedicated to student projects. In this issue, he begins the series with reflections on caregiving and how this articulates with the doctoral research he is currently conducting. It is a pleasure to be working with him! Look out for more student work in 2011, and encourage your students and colleagues to consider submitting their work.

It is also a pleasure to introduce the new elected secretary of AAGE, Dr. Eric Miller. Thank you for taking on this service to our organization and welcome aboard!

As usual, this issue also celebrates scholarship in anthropology and aging through our regular columns: New Publications, edited by Maria Cattell, and Member News, edited by Margaret (Peggy) Perkinson. Be sure to renew your AAGE membership (just \$18 for students and \$28 for professionals) for 2011, which includes access to all past issues of AAQ.