



## HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

### Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico April 5-10, 2005

The Santa Fe meetings provide an excellent locale for exploring the closely related themes of Heritage, Environment & Tourism. In its own right, heritage has become a major focal point for national, regional and local development initiatives. As heritage is seen to have both external and internal value, how can we participate in such areas as heritage development and resource management while still defending the rights of communities and other groups to control how their heritages are represented? In a similar manner, the environment is increasingly being viewed as a kind of “natural heritage,” implying a strong association between environmental conservation and human associations with the environment. What does this tendency suggest in terms of understanding and negotiating different stakeholder interests related to particular acts of environmental decision making? How are different ideals associated with natural heritage reflected in environmental and natural resource management policies and practices? How do environmental issues relate to health concerns? Finally, tourism, as one of the world’s largest industries, is increasingly being cast in the terms of both cultural and natural heritage. What does the increased popularity of such tourism “niches” as heritage tourism and ecotourism imply for the conservation of local heritage practices and the preservation of popular “natural” places? What are the roles played by museums in the presentation of heritage and the promotion of cultural tourism?

In keeping with the Society’s interdisciplinary roots, the Program Committee invites the participation of a wide variety of professionals, including anthropologists, archaeologists, geographers, sociologists, folklorists, public historians, tourism researchers and practitioners, natural scientists working on environmental issues, museum professionals, and other professionals in the areas listed below. ***We encourage the active involvement of anthropologists and other professionals who are employed outside of academia.*** Symposia and individual papers are also invited and actively encouraged in all other areas of applied endeavor, such as health and medicine, agriculture and rural development, education, migration and resettlement, business and corporate issues, language, urban and regional development, community-based and participatory models for practice, applied research methods and planning approaches, and diversity and human rights initiatives.

Registration and proposal submission information is available at the Society’s website, [www.sfaa.net](http://www.sfaa.net). For additional information or to make suggestions regarding the program theme or other matters related to the professional program contact Erve Chambers, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742, or [echambers@anth.umd.edu](mailto:echambers@anth.umd.edu).