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INTERSECTIONS

One of the great strengths of anthropology and related applied social sciences is our commitment to strategic engagement with other domains of knowledge creation and applications. It is through such commitments that we appreciate the complexity of human problem solving. It is through the collaborations that inevitably result from the intersections of our work that we seek both insight and social justice. Intersecting is the quintessential process of applied and engaged social inquiry. As a theme for the 2016 annual meeting, the organizers envision an opportunity to acknowledge the intersections that arise from our interactions with people, places, issues, policies, and concepts. For our purposes, intersections might be explored in a great variety of ways, to include:

- What are the implications of our intersections with people of such a great variety of cultural backgrounds and experiences? How do we influence such intersections, and how do they in turn help shape our work?
- How is our work informed by a greater appreciation of the intertextuality of such concepts as race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity and social class as they relate to patterns of oppression, domination or discrimination?
- In what ways and to what ends do applied work and practice necessitate intersections with other streams of knowledge construction in the social sciences as well in fields such as biology, law, engineering, medicine, education, and environmental sciences? What are the results of these intersections?
- How do we increase our understanding of the intersections of the local, national and global that help shape the experiences of the people with whom we are engaged?
- How does applied work encourage greater integration between the traditional subfields of anthropology? How have the dynamic intersections by which we engage with “clients” and “subjects” transformed work in such diverse practices as archaeology, museology, forensics, linguistics, and health care, among many others?

We sincerely invite your advice, suggestions, and participation in the 2016 meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Proposals for sessions, papers, symposia, discussions, and other activities related to this theme as well as to other topics are encouraged. The 2016 meetings will recognize the locality in which they occur and seek to develop sessions of particular interest and importance to the residents of Vancouver and British Columbia, particularly members of First Nations. Please contact:

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