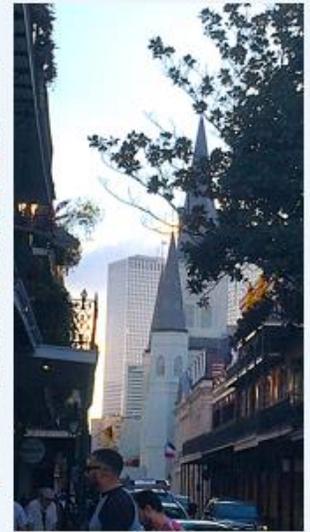


Association of Senior Anthropologists at the 2025 AAA meeting in New Orleans



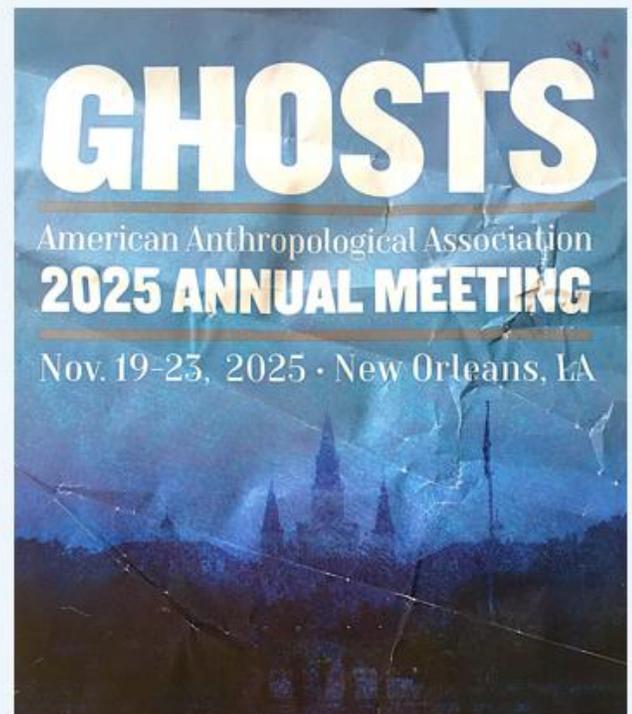
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Ghosts as the meeting theme

Explore how the past lingers in the present, and how the unseen shapes our everyday realities, from haunted histories to spectral possibilities, embrace the creative power of the immaterial in a city where mystery and memory intertwine

This year's ASA program included:

- Oral presentation session
- Roundtable/townhall session
- Retirement mentoring activity
- Field trip with a panel discussion follow-up
- Luncheon
- Sing-along gathering



TWO INVITED SESSIONS

1. Oral presentation: Moving Beyond Ghosting and Gaslighting: Anthropological Histories That Matter



L to R: Panelists Jim Weil, Rick Feinberg-organizer, Fadwa El Guindi, Robert Ulin, Herbert Lewis (partly shown)

2. Roundtable/Townhall: : It's Never Too Late (or Too Early) to Write Memoirs: The Association of Senior Anthropologists' Autoethnohistory Project

FIELD TRIP

Backstreet Cultural Museum

Documenting the processional traditions of New Orleans and the cultural history of the city's African-American community – features Mardi Gras regalia, photos, and other memorabilia



Tour led by Sacara Kelly



Collector and community leader Sylvester Francis founded the museum



PANEL DISCUSSION

Spirits, Stories, and Solidarity: Collaborative Ethnographic Encounters with the Mandingo Warriors & the Neighborhood Story Project

Founder Big Chief Victor Harris with Jeffrey Ehrenreich, ethnographer and photographer (and panel organizer)

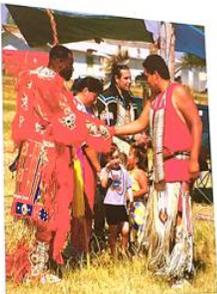


Other panelists: Rachel Breulin, Jackson Robertson, Wesley Phillips, and Helen Regis



Travel and outreach to the Lakota in South Dakota, the Dene in Arizona, and Dafur in Africa

On a trip organized by Rev. David "G.O.A.T." Carson, Victor and members/ family of the Mandingo Warriors visited the Cheyenne River Reservation of the Lakota People, invited by Arvol Looking Horse, Keeper of the sacred White Buffalo Woman Bundle [circa 2003].



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At the Grand Canyon with the Dene [circa 2006]



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In Dafar, Africa (c.2025)



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THE LUNCHEON



Ralph Simmons
RED FISH GRILL
CASUAL NEW ORLEANS SEAFOOD

Friday, November 21, 2025

Soup
Alligator Sausage & Scafood Gumbo
Creole Country alligator sausage, Louisiana shrimp and crabmeat, cooked down in a rich dark roux with "holy trinity," served with green onion rice

Entree
Pasta Jambalaya
Poche's andouille, slow roasted chicken, crackling crumble, parmigiano reggiano

Dessert
Bourbon Pecan Pie
Whiskey caramel sauce, mascarpone whipped cream

The Red Fish Grill with pre-selected servings of local cuisine



THE LUNCHEON

As usual, an annual meeting highlight



Dining and conversing at three tables in a secluded nook



SING-ALONG GATHERING

Music as a Centerpiece of Culture and Society

Performances of songs from labor, civil rights, and other popular traditions, with conversation about the music and how it helped mold us into the anthropologists we eventually became



Harriet Ottenheimer
Rick Feinberg
Jim Stanlaw
Sharon Graf
Jeff Martin



See you next year in St. Louis