

**“CALL FOR DONATIONS TO ENDOW FOUR CAE AWARDS”  
for CAE List Serve (Revised 12/11/13)**

The Executive Committee of the Council on Anthropology and Education is pleased to announce the creation of four award funds it will seek to endow over the coming year through donations by the membership. They are:

*The Frederick Erickson CAE Outstanding Dissertation Award*

*The Concha Delgado Gaitan CAE Presidential Fellow Awards*

*The Shirley Brice Heath CAE Junior Scholar Travel Awards*

*The Douglas Foley CAE Early Career Achievement Award*

We are inviting members to donate to one of the above funds—the one you most want to support—**by sending a check to: Ms. Suzanne Mattingly, Comptroller, American Anthropological Association, 2300 Clarendon Blvd Suite 1301, Arlington, VA 22201. Please be sure to (a) make the check payable to “AAA/CAE” and (b) designate the specific award for which you are donating at the bottom left corner of the check (e.g. “Erickson Dissertation Award”).**

We are hoping that every CAE member will feel encouraged to donate something—anywhere between \$25 and \$5,000—to one of the above award funds. Our goal is 100% participation in this endowment drive! Thank you, as always, for your support of CAE.

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A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE PROCESS AND RATIONALE:

**Purpose of the Awards.** There are three main purposes for naming and endowing these CAE awards. One is to acknowledge the special contributions made by founding and senior CAE scholars. CAE has a rich and varied history and this is one way for us to honor that past. Second, we want to set up these four new accounts to build resilience and

strength into the CAE annual budget. Over the years our reserve account has weathered moments of uncertainty linked in particular to AAA's commercial publisher contract and to fluctuations in membership. By endowing subaccounts for select awards, we help to build in the flexibility to meet future unforeseen events and guarantee the future of the Council. Related to this, the new subaccounts will mimic the Spindler Award in that CAE will receive the interest generated by the corpus of each fund—and can use the interest to fund the dollar awards to winners each year (leaving the corpus untouched). The third reason for naming and endowing our awards is to signal our full support of junior scholars who remain our highest priority in terms of personal and scholarly development.

**Criteria and Process.** For the past two years, we have been asking members attending CAE Business Meetings to nominate any retired or deceased CAE scholars they would like to see honored in this way. In addition, we sent several requests for nominations via the CAE List Serve. We then convened a meeting of the CAE Executive Committee to sort through the names gathered and select those individuals who have: (1) been exemplary role models for younger CAE members and (2) made significant contributions to the subfield of educational anthropology.

The four names identified were then presented to the CAE Board at the past AAA Annual Meeting in Chicago where, after vigorous discussion, the naming of the four awards as presented was approved. It was also agreed that with success in rolling out and funding these first four awards, still other awards might be named and endowed in the years to come—thus honoring even more contributors to CAE's rich history. Other possible

awards that might be endowed in the future included: “CAE Applied Educational Anthropologist of the Year Award,” “AEQ Reviewer of the Year Award,” “CAE Book of the Year Award,” and “AEQ Special Theme Issue” fund. Every quarter (or monthly) AAA will forward to the CAE president or treasurer a list of donors (or photocopies of donation checks) received so that CAE will know whom to thank and for how much.

We wish to note that two of the four endowed awards are especially pressing. One is the Shirley Brice Heath CAE Junior Scholar Travel Award and that is because we are experiencing record numbers of applicants for this award each year due to tight economic conditions. Since younger member attendance and participation at the AAA Annual Meeting has been found to be the lifeblood of our health as a scholarly council, we have especially high need for support in this area. This account can be “unlimited” in size as every year we seem to be receiving more and more requests for travel awards from eligible graduate students and early career (or untenured) educational anthropologists.

Second, the “Douglas Foley CAE Early Career Achievement Award” is a wholly new award and so, under AAA rules and regulations, we are required to have a minimum of \$10,000 in that subaccount before AAA will let us use the annual interest to pay for the award. So this year in particular, we are hoping some will want to donate to this account.

Maximum fundraising goals for these first four named awards are:

\$10,000 for the Frederick Erickson CAE Dissertation of the Year Award

\$50,000 for the Concha Delgado Gaitan CAE Presidential Fellows Award

(Unlimited goal) for the Shirley Brice Heath CAE Junior Scholar Travel Award  
\$10,000 for the Douglas Foley CAE Early Career Achievement Award

So please, everyone, let's show our continuing support of CAE and its future by making a donation now, while there is still time to have your donation count as a 2013 tax deduction! (Alternatively, some of you may wish to make longer-term donations by listing "CAE" in your will or trust.) Should a CAE member wish to make a gift of stock or bonds, AAA will help you to make the necessary arrangements.

Respectfully submitted by CAE Endowed Awards Committee,

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Ps. Twelve CAE members have already indicated they are making donations—and this was BEFORE the 2013 AAA Annual Meeting had come to an end. We are launched!