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From the President

Hello, CUAA Members!

Welcome to our March/April 2026 CUAA Newsletter!

I am writing to you as CUAA President with our bi-monthly Newsletter. I have important news for all CUAA members.

-Don Nonini, CUAA President



Submission of Abstracts for the AAA in St. Louis is Now Open, and Ends on April 29th!

Submissions of abstracts for all kinds of presentations for the AAA Annual Meetings in November in St. Louis are now open until April 29. This is a “unified call” for submissions, which means it will be the only call for submissions for the Annual Meeting. It’s therefore imperative if you are planning to go to the AAA in St. Louis, to submit your abstract before April 29. If you are thinking of organizing a CUAA Special Event in St. Louis (e.g. a joint event with a local neighborhood organization) or a Workshop, the April 29 deadline also applies to you! For details on the kinds of presentations that you can submit this year, as well as the actual process of submission, go to <https://annualmeeting.americananthro.org/submit/>

The AAA Spring Election for new CUAA President-Elect, Secretary, Third-year Councilor and Student Councilor Opens on March 31 and Closes on May 31 – VOTE!

Elections are an important way in which you as a member can have input into the governance of CUAA. We have competitive races for both President-Elect and for Third Year Councilor this year, while the elections of Secretary and of Student Councilor are also key ones. All the candidates running are able and willing to take up the responsibilities of their offices if they are elected, since your CUAA Nomination Committee has met with every one of them and informed them of the tasks the positions they seek entail. I urge you to study their qualifications and Platform Statements carefully, and vote for the best candidate!

Look for email from the AAA Elections staff by March 31 giving you the link to the online voting portal – your AAA “voting booth” to exercise your right to vote.

Our CUA A Scholarly Sessions, “Urban Dialogues” Are Now Coming to You as a Benefit of Your Membership

DATE: April 30th | TIME: 6 PM ET

Join us at: <https://bit.ly/4aFbWC0>

UNTRUSTING

In Pursuit of Democratic Policing in Brazil

MARTA-LAURA HAYNES



URBAN DIALOGUES



Untrusting,
Columbia University
Press 2026

A conversation with
Marta-Laura Haynes
and discussant
**Kimberley D.
McKinson**
Moderated by
**Andreina Torres
Angarita**

What does it mean to trust in a world shaped by violence and inequality? Haynes explores policing, race, and democratic aspiration in Brazil — and introduces “untrusting” as a form of care and resistance.

Thursday, APRIL 30
2026
6PM EST
ONLINE EVENT

<https://bit.ly/4aFbWC0>

More on CUA A Scholarly Sessions: "Urban Dialogues"

CUAA's Inaugural Spring "Urban Dialogue" is A Zoom Conversation with Marta-Laura Haynes on Her New Book *Untrusting: In Pursuit of Democratic Policing in Brazil*, with Kimberly D. McKinson, and Andreina Torres Angarita on **Thursday, April 30 at 6 PM ET.**

As you are no doubt aware by reading my last few Newsletters to members, the CUA A Board has undertaken a number of reforms to provide greater services to you our members, and coming out of that process, I am proud to inform you of CUA A's new online series "Urban Dialogues." We will have the first one on April 30, at 6 PM ET. We are looking forward to a lively and stimulating conversation, with opportunities for you as members to ask questions as audience members and engage in the broader conversation with the author and her discussant.

Being informed about our Urban Dialogues and being eligible to attend are among the benefits of your CUA A membership, although if you have a colleague who is interested in urban anthropology, feel free to invite them to join us as our guest.

Because this event will be held online, you will need to register beforehand at: <https://bit.ly/4aFbWC0>

Going forward, every year during each Spring and Fall, CUA A will hold an Urban Dialogue open to all members to participate in!

Follow CUA A on our Socials!

Facebook

www.facebook.com/sunta.org

Instagram

[@critical_urban_anth](https://www.instagram.com/critical_urban_anth)

Bluesky

[@cuaacriturbanth](https://bsky.app/profile/cuaacriturbanth)

Where CUAA Stands in Spring 2026: What Your CUAA Board Has Been Doing to Make Your CUAA Membership More Valuable to You, And A Few Things CUAA Needs from You in Return.

When the CUAA Board met in New Orleans in November 2025, we took very seriously the charge to do whatever we could as your elected leaders to provide more services to you as the broader situation for US anthropologists changes.

We know that many of you find it financially difficult to attend Annual meetings, where hotel, food and transport costs are continuing to increase. We are also aware that increasingly anthropologists in the US are facing new professional, financial, political and personal pressures that our discipline needs to confront through our sections and through the AAA. So, to meet these challenges:

- **We have lowered CUAA annual dues for all members** (Graduate Students: now \$5 – down from \$10; Professionals: now \$25 – down from \$29; Retired: now \$20 – down from \$29)
- **We have revived the URBANTH-L listserv** as a way for CUAA members to connect with one another and potentially other urban studies scholars.
- **We have instituted our online Zoom-based Urban Dialogue Scholarly Sessions** for every Spring and Fall.
- **We are extending our mentoring program for PhD students and recent PhD's through 2026-2027**, with a mentoring workshop being planned starting with an in-person meeting at the AAA Annual Meeting in St. Louis this November, then followed by online sessions devoted to Zoom meetings on specific mentoring topics throughout the 2026-2027 year.
- **We have worked to address precarity among members of the CUAA Board** by forming new flexible team structures with leads and co-leads instead of the traditional Committee structure for many of our Board tasks. This we hope will encourage more of our members to run for office as CUAA Board members, and to make Board work easier on them if they are elected.

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What we need from you: stay involved in CUAA, and renew your membership in AAA and in CUAA when it lapses!

As you know from previous Newsletters, your CUAA Board has been deeply concerned about the AAA's and, closer to home, CUAA's membership decline. CUAA is required by the AAA Executive Board to increase its numbers to at least a minimum of 225 members within the next two years or face dissolution as a section. We don't want that!

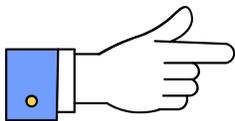
So we are in the Doghouse now – but almost out! Since November 2024 the CUAA Board has worked hard to reverse the steep decline in CUAA members, and we are proud to say for the first time in years that our number of members is increasing and as of the end of December 2025, we have 221 members! **Thanks to all of you who have joined or rejoined us recently!**

I'm confident that if we keep on doing what we're doing so far – with your help – we can raise our memberships significantly beyond 225 members while providing you as a member with greater value for your membership dues.

So, CUAA can't ultimately do what needs doing without you, our members, participating. Right now, CUAA asks you to do THREE things:

- 1) When your membership lapses, please **renew your CUAA and/or AAA membership** at <https://americananthro.org/membership/>**
- 2) Please encourage your colleagues and students working in urban anthropology to join the AAA and CUAA.**
- 3) Please vote in the AAA Spring elections for our candidates for President-elect, Secretary, Third year Councilor, and student Councilor.**

Now That It's the Season for Submitting Your Abstracts for the AAA Annual Meeting in St. Louis, How Can You Get out Your Call for Papers to AAA Members, or Look for a Call for Papers to Join? Subscribe and Use the CUAAs Listserv, URBANTH-L.



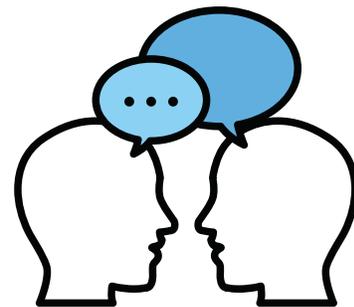
N.b. If you're already subscribed to URBANTH-L, or are not interested in subscribing, you can skip to the bottom of this Newsletter.

In our January/February 2026 Newsletter, we announced the reopening of the CUAAs Listserv, URBANTH-L. **Now is a good time for you to join, if you want to circulate word about your research, or AAA sessions you are organizing or are interested in, by subscribing to URBANTH-L.**

So I hope you'll excuse me if I include instructions again on how you can subscribe to URBANTH-L.

Although you are already a member of CUAAs, the URBANTH-L Listserv software only allows you to subscribe if you yourselves subscribe to URBANTH-L. We can't do it for you!

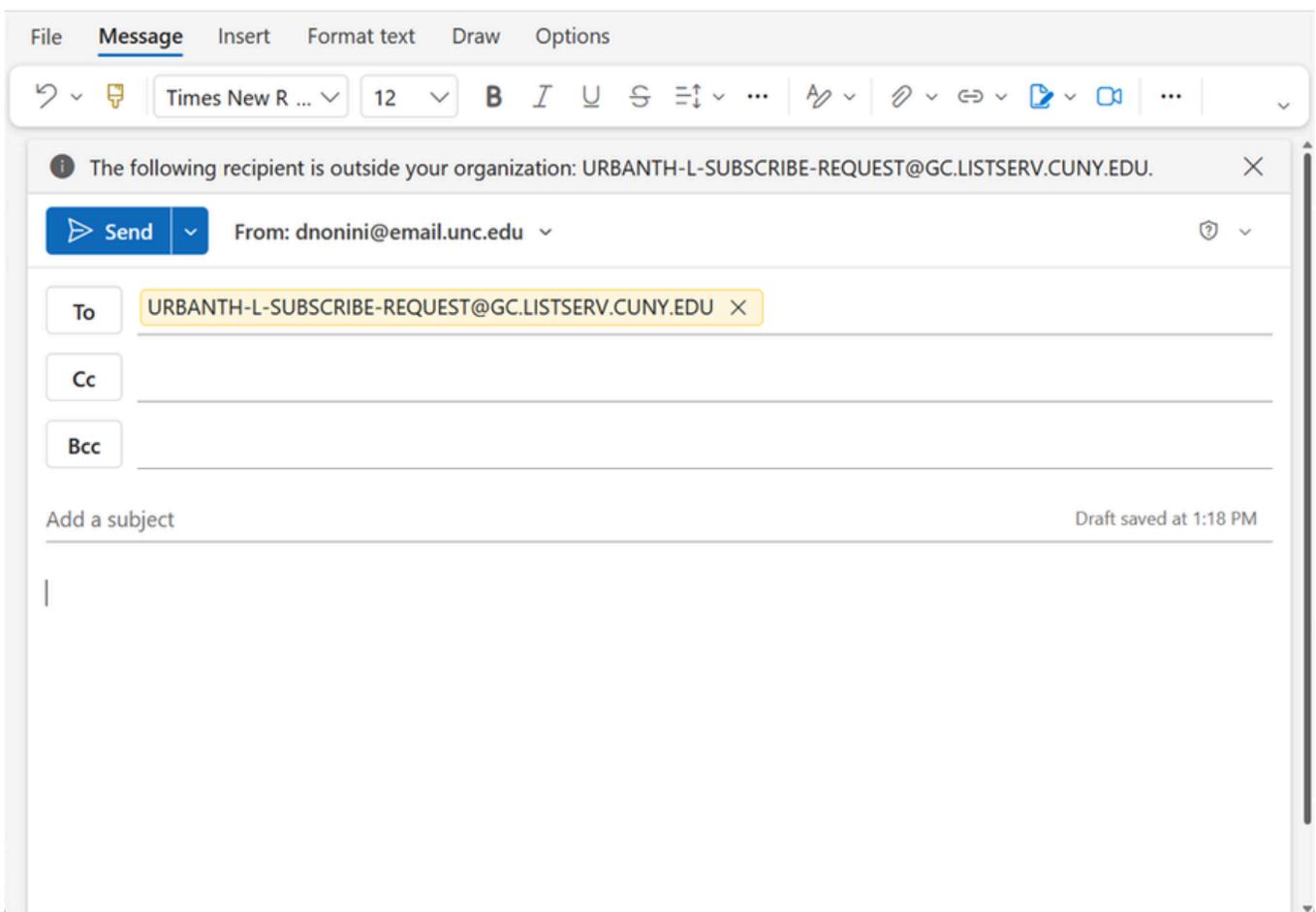
Here's how you can subscribe now to URBANTH-L. It's really easy to do - just follow these instructions and see the illustration below:



URBANTH-L Reactivation Instructions

The CUAAs listserv URBANTH-L is now up and running but you need to subscribe to it personally!

1. Make the body of the email completely empty, including your automatic signatures, book cover JPEG's, baby and favorite pet photos etc. - get rid of all of it!
2. Leave the SUBJECT line blank - and if asked about this by your email program, have it sent anyway without a Subject in the SUBJECT line
3. Send email to URBANTH-L-SUBSCRIBE-REQUEST@GC.LISTSERV.CUNY.EDU



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URBANTH-L Reactivation Instructions

When you submit this SUBSCRIBE request, URBANTH-L will automatically send email to URBANTH-L moderators for confirmation. This will allow our moderators to confirm that you are in fact a CUA A member and thus a legitimate URBANTH-L subscriber. There may be a bit of a delay of several hours or even a day or two until one of the moderators can get back to URBANTH-L with a confirmation to activate your subscription.

As soon as the confirmation comes through, you will be sent WELCOME and SIGNUP emails automatically. **The SIGNUP message, which has the subject line, "You have been added to the URBANTH-L List," provides essential information that you should look through carefully.** It tells you how to communicate to the entire URBANTH-L List or just send "Reply" to another subscriber who has posted a message on the list; how to receive a weekly digest; and much else valuable information about how to use URBANTH-L.

Once you subscribe, you should start receiving messages posted to the URBANTH-L list from other members, and will be able to reply to them individually, or be able to post a message to the entire list.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at dnonini@email.unc.edu. I always appreciate hearing from you.

All best wishes,

Don Nonini, President
Critical Urban Anthropology Association

