The Society for the Anthropology of North America (SANA) invites proposals to provide editorial leadership to its flagship journal for a three and half year term starting May 15th 2023 and ending November 15th 2026. New editor(s) will assume responsibility for the journal in May '23, with outgoing editors providing full support through November 2023. JANA editor(s) will be appointed by and report to the SANA board.

The Journal for the Anthropology of North America (JANA) is a peer-reviewed publication sponsored by the American Anthropological Association and published by Wiley. JANA publishes research that fosters dialogue about North America and its far-reaching effects. It is a forum for North Americanist scholars, activists, and practitioners to disclose findings, raise issues, describe fieldwork, and offer political and theoretical analyses in a timely fashion.

The fundamental responsibility of the new editor(s) will be to expertly guide the solicitation, peer review, selection, and publication of articles and special issues. The editor(s) will safeguard collegiality in the field and promote authors' intellectual development and career progress by providing timely and constructive reviews, publication decisions, and publication of accepted manuscripts. The journal will publish two issues per year, one in October and one in April. Manuscripts are managed through the Scholar One system. Training in the system is provided. The editor(s) will also be encouraged to participate in the Home/Field editorial collective, an open access platform running parallel to the journal.

Responsibilities of the editor(s) will also include promoting the journal, the field, and researchers by providing presentations, workshops and materials to potential authors at the American Anthropological Association meetings and other relevant professional meetings. Editors will also be invited by Wiley to attend an editors meeting in Washington every second year, as well as ongoing monthly Zoom meetings. Participation is strongly encouraged.

SANA invites submissions from a wide range of candidate profiles. We especially encourage applicants from underrepresented groups and a range of backgrounds, including racial, ethnic, gender and sexual identities, and applied/practicing/professional anthropologists. We strongly encourage proposals for collaborative or co-editor teams. Editors need to hold an active SANA membership for the duration of their term, as per AAA guidelines. Candidates should describe prior editorial experience in their applications.

A successful proposal will articulate:

1. A clear vision for journal stewardship; What will be you or your team’s approach to promoting collegiality in the review process, mentorship of junior authors, and enhancing the standing of the journal? How might you promote inclusionary publication and citation practices? How will you or your team
bolster the journal’s format and submission types (SnapShots, Come to Terms, Themed Book Reviews) and connection with Home/Field?

2. Highly qualified leadership and existing relationships between editors, editorial staff; Who will be on the team? What roles and responsibilities will be covered and by whom? Beyond an editor (or editors) and book review editor, roles may include but are not limited to associate editors, special issue editors, graduate assistants, graduate student interns, or an active board of reviewers. CVs of key personnel should be appended to the full proposal.

3. A plan for the timely processing, review, and publication of high-quality manuscripts that draw on a variety of theoretical models;

4. An infrastructure that includes institutional support (e.g. physical space, finances, dedicated graduate assistants, travel funds or other staffing) or any additional financial or other support; Provide an annual budget, expectation of support from SANA and a brief, clear budget narrative that includes a statement of direct and in-kind institutional support. Though not required, letters of institutional support can be appended to the full proposal.

5. A plan for dynamic use of social media to circulate and promote journal publications;

6. And any special features such as a plan for mentorship of junior authors or graduate student reviewers and staff, outreach at conferences, or other ideas.

Applications will be assessed in two stages. Letters of interest should be submitted by January 15th 2023, be no more than 2 pages long, and need not include personnel CVs nor letters of institutional support. Invitations for full proposals will be sent to select applicants in March at the latest; full proposals should more fully address all five criteria and individual qualifications and include all personnel CVs and institutional letters.

Assistance with Application: Potential applicants should contact current editors David Flood and Megan Raschig (anthronorthamerica@gmail.com) with queries regarding the budget, the publication process in the context of our parent organization and publisher, or other aspects of JANA’s operations. We are happy to assist with all elements of proposal and to share experience as current editors.

Send letters of interest as a single PDF document to the editorial team at anthronorthamerica@gmail.com by January 15, 2023.

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