

Elections for President-Elect and Secretary are currently being held. Active members will receive an emailed link to an electronic ballot. Please submit your vote by Oct. 30th. If you did not receive an email, please contact Rebecca Berman at rlhberman@gmail.com

The Elections Coordinator and Executive Board certify that the following candidates have agreed to stand for election:

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT (unopposed)

JASON DANELY

(PhD, Anthropology, UC San Diego, 2008)

[Senior Lecturer in Anthropology of Japan](#), affiliate of the Centre for Medical Humanities Oxford Brookes University, Oxford UK

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Research and training

2015-2017 “Compassionate Values for Enhancing Life and the Futures of Global Ageing” [Enhancing Life Project](#) (University of Chicago, Ruhr University Bochum and John Templeton Foundation, \$50,000)

2013-2014 “Making Care Meaningful: Coherence, Worldview, and Burnout among Family Caregivers of Older Adults in Contemporary Urban Japan” Japan Society for the Promotion of Science short-term postdoctoral research fellowship, [Kokoro Research Center](#), Kyoto University.

2008-2010 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center on Age & Community, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

2005-2007 “No Room for the Old or the Altar? Aging and Spirit Memorial in Contemporary Urban Japan. IIE Fulbright Doctoral Student award

Selected Publications

2015 A Watchful Presence: Aesthetics of Well-being in Japanese Pilgrimage. *Ethnos*, May 29, 2015.

2014 *Aging and Loss: Mourning and Maturity in Contemporary Japan*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

2013 *Transitions and Transformations: Cultural Perspectives on the Life Course*. Caitrin Lynch and Jason Danely, Eds. New York: Berghahn Books Inc.

2012 Repetition and the Symbolic in Contemporary Japanese Mortuary Ritual, *Journal of Ritual Studies* Vol. 26 (1): 19-32.

2010 Art, Aging and Abandonment in Japan, *Journal of Aging, Humanities and Arts* Vol. 4 (1): 4-17.

Professional Activities

2011- Editor-in-Chief of *Anthropology & Aging* (formerly *Anthropology & Aging Quarterly*)

2015 European Research Council, ERC Consolidator Grant reviewer

2013 National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Program Doctoral
Dissertation Improvement Grand (DDRIG) advisory panel
2009-10 Gerontological Society of America ESPO Newsletter Task Force Appointee
AAGE member since 2006

Reviewer: *Journal of Aging Studies; HAU: Journal of Contemporary Ethnography;*
Cultural Anthropology, American Ethnologist; Ethnos; Journal of Intergenerational
Relations; Social Problems, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Anthropological
Quarterly; Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology; Contemporary Islam: Dynamics of
Muslim Life; Journal of Population Aging; Asian Ethnology

Statement

It is difficult to overstate the important role AAGE has played in my academic career ever since I joined the organization in 2006. It has not only been a place to network, but a place to be nurtured, a unique home for those of us who do the kind of work and ask the kind of questions that do not fit neatly into the standard frameworks of gerontology or anthropology. I am now at a point in my own career where I feel ready to take on greater responsibility and give back a little of what I have gained from this unique organization over the last nine years.

AAGE continues have a vital role in supporting emerging scholars to pursue their work in anthropology and gerontology. As Editor -in-Chief of Anthropology & Aging, I have placed a priority on encouraging students and junior scholars to contribute to greater scholarly exchange and professional activity by submitting research reports, commentaries, and articles to A & A. In 2012 helped to initiate the reinstatement of the Margaret Clark Award for student essays, and in June 2015, the first winning essays were published (the first since I became a member!). I have developed a mentorship format in 2013 to give student writers the chance to have their work reviewed by leading scholars, many of whom sit on the editorial advisory board. Of the numerous changes that I have made to the journal over the last four years (the move to digital open-access, the portfolio section, expansion and internationalization of the editorial board, general redesigns of look and content), making A&A an inviting venue for professional development is the achievement that I am most proud of. As president, I plan to continue supporting the development of the journal by actively recruiting contributors to enhance its digital features, increase visibility through online promotion, and create continuity between the journal and AAGE's other online content, such as blog (PAAGE), member news, interviews, conference reports, and social media.

Thanks to strong leadership and hard work over the last few years, AAGE has nearly completed its transition to official 501.c3 non-profit status. This will allow us to make badly needed updates to our membership recruitment and registration infrastructure, and presents an opportunity for AAGE to increase in both size and engagement. As president-elect, I plan to support the follow-through with this transition, and as president I will increase outreach efforts through more sustained and widespread campaigns, including reintroducing the member newsletter with reports on our membership, activities and opportunities. My goal is to give every member the opportunity to have their work (publications, promotions, projects, papers, policy reports, pedagogy) spotlighted by AAGE as a means of facilitating recruitment, communication, and networking.

Currently, about 20 percent of our members are based outside of America (including me). As president I plan to work with some of these members to organize an International AAGE conference in the UK during my term. This conference would not

only aim at including these international members who may find it difficult to attend GSA or AAA each year, but also taking advantage of the interest and opportunities outside the US to build our international presence. I would also work with ENAS (European Network for Aging Studies) and other groups. I also see room to strengthen links between AAGE and the AAA Interest Group, Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group, the North American Network of Age Studies, and other groups that many of us are already involved in.

If elected, I will miss the exciting work of managing the journal, where I have learned so much over the last four years. As president, I hope to learn about AAGE from a new perspective, and do what I can to understand the needs of members and help the organization work better to meet those needs.

Jason Danely
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CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY (unopposed)

ENDER RICART

(PhD, Anthropology, University of Chicago, 2015).
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Research and Training

- 2015 "Lessons from Japan: Implementing a Nationwide Care-Prevention System for an Aging Population." Social Sciences Research Council and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2014 "Caring for an Aging Population: U.S.-Japan Comparative Research into the Potential of Adopting a Prevention-Based Approach." (Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership Fellowship Program at the East-West Center in Washington DC.)
- 2013-2014 "Culture Making Science, Science Making Culture: Old Age and Gerontology in Japan." (Fulbright IIE Graduate Student Research Fellowship, U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs).
- 2010 "Future Aged Society: How Anthropology Can Contribute to Multi-disciplinary Gerontological Research Teams." (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)
- 2010 NSF's East Asian Pacific Summer Institute (EAPSI) Fellowship to do pre-field research at Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology.

Selected Publications

- 2015. Invited Book Review for Aging and Loss: *Mourning and Maturity in Contemporary Japan* [Rutgers University Press, 2014]. Jason Danely. In *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, March 27, 2015.
- 2014b. "America's Aging Society Problem: A Look to Japan for Lessons on Prevention." In *Asia Pacific Bulletin* no. 282, October 21, 2014. <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/publications/americas-aging-society-problem-look-japan-lessons-prevention>
- 2014a. "Field of Difference: Limitations of the Political in Ontological Anthropology," In *Cultural Anthropology - Fieldsights: Theorizing the Contemporary Series*, "The Politics of Ontology." April 22, 2014. <http://culanth.org/fieldsights/524-field-of>

difference-limitations-of-the-political-in-ontological-anthropology
2013. "From Being to Ontogenetic Becoming: Commentary on Analytics of the Aging Body" In *Anthropology & Aging Quarterly* 34(3): 52-60.
<http://anthropologyandgerontology.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/AAQ343RICART1.pdf>

Areas of Research and Interest

Science and Technology Studies, Medical Anthropology, Global Health, Comparative Studies, Aging and the Life Course, Gerontology, East Asian Area Studies, Japan, Aging Society. Understanding and experience of "health," assistive technologies, human technology nature relations, phenomenology, rethinking power, ontogenesis, ontological anthropology, cyborg bodies, crisis and hope, temporality, futurity, emergence, and euthanasia.

Candidate Statement

For the last several months I have been heading AAGE's new online forum, PAAGE to facilitate member discussion around content pieces. Having successfully defended my dissertation and recently begun a post-doctoral position in Tokyo, I am eager to involve myself even further with AAGE. The secretarial position would be an ideal way for me to get to know the inner workings of AAGE and familiarize myself with its members, expanding my professional network. I believe I have demonstrated my interest in service by publishing in AAQ, applying for the graduate student paper prize, joining AAGE events at last year's AAA conference, seeking-out correspondence with many AAGE members, and offering my services to brainstorming and developing PAAGE. With my current specialization, I can offer an even further expansion of AAGE to include interested anthropologists and gerontologists in Japan. My dissertation research and now post-doctoral research is situated at Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology (TMIG) where I know many researchers have expressed interest in the social and cultural dimensions of aging within and beyond Japan. I am organizing an international and interdisciplinary aging studies conference co-sponsored by the Gerontological Society of America and Japan Gerontology Society in 2016. I hope to advertise this conference to AAGE members to solicit them to submit papers and attend.

My own research deals with Japan's attempt to drive down national spending on a generous and comprehensive Long-term Care Insurance (LTCI) system (Kaigo Hōken), available to all persons aged 65 and over, by promoting old-age disease prevention and health maintenance programs. Through an ethnographic analysis of this newly formed Care-Prevention System (Kaigo Yobō Seido), I explore how health, self, and society are experienced and understood by its proponents and participants, including gerontologists, government employees, program managers, and seniors.

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