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‘Breaking the Chains’: A New Exhibition of the British Empire & Commonwealth Museum. ‘Breaking the Chains,’ a new exhibition about Britain and the slave trade, opens Spring 2007 in Bristol, South West England. Planned to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade, the exhibition will act as the centerpiece of the former major slave-trading port’s commemoration program. For more information, see www.empiremuseum.co.uk.

After Culture: Emergent Anthropologies. The new journal After Culture seeks manuscript submissions for upcoming issues. This peer-reviewed journal is published semiannually (in January and July) and made available free through the internet. Manuscripts should range between 8,000 and 10,000 words, use American Anthropologist citation style, and bear the title and author's name and affiliation on a cover page. They should also include a 200-250 word abstract, a list of key words, and a word count on the first page of the manuscript. All submissions may be sent to after.culture@gmail.com. Send all inquiries to Matthew Wolf-Meyer, Managing Editor, at after.culture@gmail.com.

Global Indigenous Politics, SAR Press. SAR Press has launched a new book series, Global Indigenous Politics. This series opens a forum for the best and most challenging work on the politics of indigenous peoples around the world, past and present. The press welcomes proposals for books that shed new light on the political struggles of indigenous peoples and
compel us to rethink the implications of tribal autonomy or sovereignty for nation-states and transnational organizing, notions of cultural and biological property, and the very nature of politics and indigeneity. Scholarship in interdisciplinary fields centered on indigenous peoples, anthropology, history, sociology, law, art history, and related fields will be considered. The series will include both monographs and edited volumes. The press will accept proposals in English or Spanish; the language of the series is English. Book proposals should include: a brief prospectus describing the work, the expected length of the manuscript, the number of illustrations desired, and the projected schedule for completion; a table of contents; the introduction or a sample chapter; and the author's or editor's curriculum vitae. Do not send complete manuscripts unless invited to do so. Send proposals to: Catherine Cocks, Ph.D., Co-Editor and Executive Director, SAR Press, PO Box 2188, Sante Fe, NM 87504-2188. Tel. 505-954-7261. Fax 505-954-7241. Contact Dr. Cocks at: catherinec@sarsf.org.

Histories of Anthropology Annual. Volume 2 of Histories of Anthropology Annual will be available in 2007, and Volume 3 will be available shortly thereafter. Co-editors Regna Darnell and Frederic Gleach continue to seek submissions for future volumes. Papers may deal with any aspect of the discipline's histories, from any part of the world; particular perspectives are not mandated. General length for papers is approximately 40 pages, formatted according to American Anthropologist style. Short research notes focusing on a particular finding are also welcome, as are reviews and review essays covering books, exhibits, or other media pertaining to the histories of anthropology. Electronic submissions are encouraged. The editors may be reached at fwg1@cornell.edu and rdarneli@uwo.ca.

International Thesaurus for the Registration of African Ethnographic Objects—Call for Ideas and Collaboration. Prof. Annemieke Van Damme, Visiting Professor at the State University of Ghent, is seeking professionals working at ethnographic museums and universities to share ideas about and cooperate toward an international thesaurus for the digital registration of African Ethnographic objects. Contact her at Annemieke Van Damme, University of Ghent, Dept. Art Sciences – Ethnic Art, Blandijn 2 – 9000 Gent, Belgium. Email: annemieke.vandamme@ugent.be.

University of Chicago Library Special Collections Research Fellowships. The University of Chicago library is awarding short-term research fellowships for 2007-2008. Any researcher residing more than 100 miles from Chicago whose project requires on-site consultation of materials in the Special Collections Research Center is eligible. Up to $3,000 will be awarded to help cover projected expenses. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2007. Applicants must submit: a cover letter; a 1-3 page research proposal; the projected beginning and ending dates of on-site research; a budget for travel, living and research expenses; a CV (maximum 2 pages); 1-3 letters of support from scholars. Submit application to Alice Schreyer, Schreyer@uchicago.edu, or to Special Collections Research Fellowships, University of Chicago Library, 1100 E. 57th St, Chicago, IL 60637.

American Philosophical Society Library Fellowships. The American Philosophical Society Library offers short-term residential fellowships for conducting research in its collections. The Society's Library, located in Philadelphia, is a leading international center for research in the history of science. Holdings of interest to historians of anthropology include the papers of Western scientific expeditions in the 18th and 19th centuries, the papers of Franz Boas,
holdings on American Indian languages, and materials on the history of eugenics. The fellowships are open to U.S. citizens and foreign nationals who are holders of the Ph.D., Ph.D. candidates who have passed their preliminary examinations, and independent scholars. Applicants in any relevant field of scholarship may apply. Candidates who live 75 or more miles from Philadelphia will receive some preference. The stipend is $2000 a month, and the term of the fellowship is a minimum of one month and a maximum of three, taken between June 1, 2007 and May 31, 2008. Fellows are expected to be in residence at the Library for four to twelve consecutive weeks, depending on the length of their award. Applications are due by March 1, 2007. For additional information, call 215-440-3443, or send an email inquiry to jahern@amphilsoc.org. For application materials, visit http://amphilsoc.org.

Discourses of Race, Sex, and African American Citizenship. The Journal of African American History is planning a Special Issue examining the role of sex and sexuality in American discourses on race and citizenship historically. As W.E.B. Du Bois observed in 1922, “The race question is at bottom simply a matter of the ownership of women.” Contentions over who would control black bodies—female and male—and African American sexuality have been a central theme in U.S. and African American history. This special issue seeks scholarly essays that consider the ways that African Americans historically have sought sexual self-determination. Essays that center on the African Americans’ efforts to validate consensual modes of sexual expression in the context of citizenship, as well as public policy debates, are especially welcome. Among the essay topics to be considered for this Special Issue of the JAAH are: 1) gender identity and gender “respectability” and modes of sexual expression within African American communities historically; 2) biographical essays examining the lives of individual African Americans and their views on sexual expression; 3) African American sexual entrepreneurs and other black workers in the commercial sex industry historically; 4) non-“heterosexual” modes of sexual expression, including the construction of gendered sexual selves; 5) sexual health and campaigns for reproductive self-determination; 6) the impact of STDs or HIV/AIDS on notions of African American sexuality and sexual behavior; 7) analyses of sexuality within black political discourses (nationalism, integrationism, Black Power, black feminism, etc.). The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2007. For more information, visit http://www.jaah.org/.

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS
The Business of Race and Science. Recent advances in genetics have renewed interest in sciences and technologies of race. This has fueled rapidly growing interest in a range of products that claim to take advantage of differences between human populations. Companies now market race-specific medications and vitamins, and other racial therapeutics are in development. Competing laboratories offer genetic analyses of race and ancestry. Increasing funding for racial analyses from governments, corporations, and consumers will only accelerate the infiltration of racial science into a wide range of areas. Are these ventures appropriate uses of new understandings of race? Will this commodification of racial science help or harm the targeted populations and society at large? How will attending to the business of racial science help understand the science itself and clarify its role in our world? The Center for the Study of Diversity in Science, Technology, and Medicine at MIT will explore these issues from the perspectives of many disciplines, including history and anthropology, at a conference March 30-31, 2007.