American University’s Department of Anthropology
11th Annual Public Anthropology Conference
October 4th & 5th in Washington, DC
“Violence, Resilience, and Resistance”
Call for Participation

Submission deadline: August 17, 2014
Email submissions to: aupublicanthro@gmail.com
Register to attend at: http://www.american.edu/cas/anthropology/public/

Join us at American University for the 11th annual Public Anthropology Conference. We invite students, activists, academics, and community members to submit brief descriptions of panels, papers, films, workshops, and non-traditional presentations that contribute to this year’s theme of Violence, Resilience, and Resistance.

As the Public Anthropology Conference enters its second decade, we strive to critically examine topics central to the work of both scholars and scholar-activists interested in anthropology. We seek to provide a space to share and engage with innovative ideas for conceptualizing and confronting violence, encountering resilience, and practicing resistance. We welcome submissions that address any or all of the following questions and, of course, your own ideas.

Violence:
How does violence, broadly defined, impact our communities? How does violence emerge and how is it sustained? How do varying characterizations of violence – as structural, political, interpersonal, institutional, state, overt, subversive, and so on – influence our approaches to understanding and confronting them? How can we more effectively move beyond the mere study of violence and the problematization of its effects to offer concrete solutions?

Resilience:
How do we conceptualize and utilize ideas about resilience in our work? What are the social dimensions of resilience? How might we develop a deeper understanding of the dynamic relationship between violence and resilience? Between resilience and resistance? What factors shape the expression of resilience in different contexts?

Resistance:
How does resistance to injustice shape the work of anthropologists and activists? How can anthropologists better contribute to knowledge and resource networks actively engaged in resistance practices? What are the barriers to effective resistance and how can we collaborate to overcome them?