

Dr. Achsah Dorsey

Candidate Bio: Dr. Achsah Dorsey is an assistant professor of Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She has been a member of the Human Biology Association since 2013 and is also an active member of several other professional organizations including the American Anthropological Association, Latin American Studies Association, and Society for Applied Anthropologists. Her work to date examines the relationships between nutritional status, disease ecology, and body size in Peruvian pre-school aged children living in peri-urban communities from a bio-cultural and evolutionary medicine perspective. Dr. Dorsey is currently working with collaborators at the Instituto de Investigación Nutricional (IIN) to expand her research program to explore intergenerational transmission of the dual burden in multigenerational households and potential biological pathways linking decreased cognitive development and function with chronic nutritional deficiencies in early infancy and childhood.

Platform Statement: I am thrilled to be considered for a position on the Nominations and Elections Committee of the Human Biology Association. HBA members are vibrant interdisciplinary researchers that promote a high standard of scholarship and provide significant encouragement for its junior members. This would be my first opportunity to serve the HBA in an official leadership position and would allow me to give back to an organization that aided my growth as a scholar through vital professional development opportunities and open and honest mentoring. If elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee, I would perform the central duties of this position in a positive and timely manner as well as expand support for the 2020 Diversity Initiative through encouraging and soliciting diverse voices for elected positions within the Association.