

EDITOR'S CORNER

I have not regularly contributed an Editor's Corner over the past several years, largely because I feel that readers don't pick up *American Antiquity* to read my musings. Yet, as I prepare my last issue for April, it seems like a good time to reflect upon my experience as editor. Not to damn with faint praise, it has been an interesting experience. As an archaeologist working outside of North America, I have been privileged to learn a tremendous amount about the diverse research currently being carried out throughout the U.S. and Canada, and to see the excitement with which my colleagues approach their work. It has been a pleasure to realize how seriously most reviewers accept responsibilities and craft careful, useful, and professional evaluations of manuscripts. I have also come to recognize how difficult it can sometimes be to find reviewers able to devote the necessary time to this activity that receives little recognition.

The past 11 issues contain a diverse array of articles and reports, reflecting, I believe, a fair sample of our activities. Topics have ranged from the late Pleistocene to the nineteenth century and from the Archaic to the Assyrians. Methodological contribu-

tions have included innovative applications in the use of GIS, the analysis of caries and ancient DNA, a variety of measures of stone tool reduction, and LiDAR. More theoretical discussions have focused on such issues as *habitus*, invention, diffusion, and boundary maintenance. I have been pleased to see that archaeologists working outside of North America—in such regions as Turkey, Jordan, the Philippines, and Siberia—have something to say that is relevant to our readership. It has been stimulating to see how some topics, including ritual, identity, foraging shifts, and households, have validity in many areas, but may be approached differently in each. I am consistently amazed that rocks and pots continue to have something new to impart, depending on the ingenuity of the researcher.

I should mention that beginning immediately, all new manuscripts for *American Antiquity* should be sent to the editor-designate, Steven Plog, whose address is listed inside the back cover. I will continue to handle manuscripts in progress until April 1.

—Michael Jochim



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— ALSO OF NOTE —

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