

EDITOR'S CORNER

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have been willing to review articles for *American Antiquity*. In order to keep to our promise of a 60-to-90-day turnaround (see *American Antiquity* 61:449), we have had to put reviewers under a lot of pressure, and they have been terrific. In the few instances we have been unable to meet this schedule, it is because a reviewer has been unable to meet our deadline. If we send you a manuscript to review and you have any concern about the deadline imposed, please return the manuscript and decline the review. Our success is directly dependent on you.

In recent days, I have heard from a number of people indicating they had been told not to submit their manuscripts to *American Antiquity* because we would not accept a paper on a particular topic, although no clear pattern emerges as to the topics people have been told we would not accept. Since I have not prepared any document or statement indicating what I would or would not accept, these comments have worried me greatly. To quote from our "Notice to Authors" at the back of this (and every) issue, "*American Antiquity* publishes original papers on the archaeology of the New World and on archaeological method, theory, and practice worldwide." We are interested in any paper that fits this description, and the only circumstance under which we might hesitate is when a paper covers a Latin American subject. We would encourage authors of such papers to consider publication in *Latin American Antiquity*. In any case, we consult regularly with the editors of *Latin American Antiquity* on all Latin American manuscripts submitted to *American Antiquity*.

Of course, although our interests are broad, not all papers are accepted. Some will be returned for revision, others will be rejected, and others will be returned with recommendations for publication in regional journals or journals on specialized topics. Theoretical or other interests of the editor play no part in what is published; I like some of the articles published in this journal very much, and I strongly disagree with others. Decisions are based on whether a manuscript is appropriate for the journal, how well it is written, how well the data are presented and the arguments outlined, and how well the manuscript does in peer review. The acceptance rate for *American Antiquity* is about 20–25 percent, but no one is rejected because the editor disagrees with the research topic or theoretical perspective.

I want to encourage submissions to *American Antiquity*. If you are not sure whether or not your manuscript is appropriate, please feel free to call or send the manuscript for an initial evaluation; we will be happy to provide advice on whether a particular topic or paper is appropriate for the journal.

Finally, if you have not already done so, please volunteer to be a reviewer. Since each manuscript is sent to four reviewers, we need as many people as possible to volunteer their services so that a few people will not be overloaded. Send your name, address, email address, and phone number to me, along with a list of topics and geographic areas for which you would be willing to serve as reviewer. While we will make you adhere to our deadlines, we promise not to send you too many manuscripts too often!

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