

**EDITORIAL**

# The Evolution of Evolutionary Anthropology

John Fleagle is and will always be Evolutionary Anthropology. He started this publication in 1992 and it quickly became one of the most influential journals in the field. John's breadth and depth of knowledge, as well as his unique ability to write clearly, played a primary role in the journal becoming a major resource for researchers and students of anthropology. I was lucky enough to have worked with John on the journal as his editorial assistant from 2003 to 2006. Reading manuscripts, editing figures, and compiling the annual Christmas card mailing list were some of my responsibilities. Working in John's lab for three years gave me a front row seat to John's endless enthusiasm for biological anthropology. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that I would be the next editor of the journal. I feel a strong professional and personal connection to the journal. My primary goal is to maintain the high standards and broad appeal of the journal that John established many years ago.

Evolutionary Anthropology will continue to publish reviews, issues, news articles, and book reviews. One change that readers will notice is the introduction of a new type of article, the digest. Digests will be short essays (2,000 word maximum) that may take one of two forms. First, a digest may briefly summarize an idea or method, which, although it was first described in a field outside of anthropology, has important implications for research in evolutionary anthropology. Second, a digest may place the research and ideas published in a recent Evolutionary Anthropology article in a different context than that described in the original paper. This new type of article was inspired by the digest articles recently implemented in the journal *Evolution*. We hope that this new format will provide stimulating content to the evolutionary anthropology community.

Some additional changes will be related to journal operations. The position of editorial assistant, formerly held by a graduate student in John's lab, will now be filled by a member of Wiley's staff. Also, the journal now has an online manuscript submission and review system.

Submissions will still be invited by myself and/or an editorial board member. Although, this has been the practice for many years, potential authors interested in submitting an unsolicited manuscript may send me an email with a short summary of their work for consideration. Another new feature of the journal will be Early View. Like other academic journals, accepted articles will be published online before being assigned to a particular issue. This will help disseminate articles, especially news articles that summarize recent conferences and meetings, in a timely fashion.


Our editorial board has been expanded to 30 members. You will notice that most of the editorial board members who have served the journal for many years are still on the board. In addition, I am excited to be working with many new board members who are all active researchers and established members of the anthropology community. They represent various specialties in evolutionary anthropology. Their opinions and guidance will assist me with final decisions. Also, I am proud to state that more than half of the editorial board members are female scientists.

Communicating via social media has become an important way to connect with the academic community, as well as the general public. The journal now has an official Twitter account (@evanthro), which will provide information related to journal content and news in biological anthropology. I hope that this will further increase the journal's visibility and provide another mechanism to draw readers to the articles.

I look forward to the opportunity and challenge of serving as Editor-in-Chief of Evolutionary Anthropology.

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