

EDITOR'S CORNER

At first glance, the articles and reports in this issue reflect a diverse set of topics that do not seem to have any specific theme or unifying concept. That's not surprising and not a matter of concern—what appears in *American Antiquity* is dependent upon what is submitted and when it is submitted; we occasionally solicit manuscripts, but we seldom solicit whole issues.

If you look more closely at the articles and reports in this issue, however, you'll note that several address problems related to archaeological survey, and a number discuss new approaches to long-standing problems. As I read through the issue before sending it to press, I kept thinking that they were a strong and diverse group of manuscripts, but that there was something unifying about this group that I was missing. Unfortunately, the more I looked at the manuscripts, the more diverse they seemed. After sending them off, I thought about it again and realized that each article or report takes some basic approach or set of knowledge and moves us in a new direction. The papers on survey try to do new things with survey data, and other authors suggest new ways of looking at and/or measuring things.

While this observation is hardly earth-shattering, in some sense I think that it is a measure of how much the discipline has matured, that we are using our basic knowledge to move in new directions, and that we are developing not just new theories, but more sophisticated approaches and explanations for common, but significant, questions. These manuscripts represent new approaches to old problems and the application of both new data and techniques to these issues.

Try as we might, mistakes slip by us. Please accept our apologies for the mistakes which occurred in the article noted on the following page. You may wish to refer to these corrections by making a note on the original article.

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