

Yearbook of Physical Anthropology  
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The 2019 edition of the *Yearbook* is my first as Editor. I would first like to offer my sincere thanks to Jane Buikstra, Darryl De Ruiter, Agustín Fuentes, Debbie Guatelli-Steinberg, Laura MacLatchy, Connie Mulligan, John Relethford, and Trudy Turner who have served as the editorial board. Trudy deserves special thanks for agreeing to remain on the editorial board after serving so ably as the editor of the *Yearbook*. Sadly, the *Yearbook* will be losing Trudy to other projects in the coming year. Eduardo Fernandez-Duque will be assuming Trudy's position on the board. I welcome him and look forward to working with him and the rest of the board as we put together the 2020 edition.

In my preface to the 2019 *Yearbook* I wrote that "after just one year of serving as Editor-in-Chief for the *Yearbook*, I have come to the conclusion that there is little utility in trying to classify articles that are published here." I went on to write: "Traditionally, the Editor's report at the annual AAPA Business Meeting has classified articles into the categories of paleoanthropology, human biological variation, skeletal biology/bioarchaeology, genetics, Primates, and the ill-defined "other." My report at the annual Business Meeting will be shorter in this and following years as I will not undertake this difficult taxonomic assignment for articles published in the *Yearbook*." I doubt that there will be objections from the floor to my providing a shorter report.

While the 2019 *Yearbook* only included six articles, these covered much theoretical ground. I will not attempt to summarize here, and will instead refer you to my preface and, more importantly, to the 2019 *Yearbook* itself. The contents of this year's *Yearbook* are:

- Shades of complexity: New perspectives on the evolution and genetic architecture of human skin (Quillen et al.)
- Craniofacial skeletal response to encephalization: How do we know what we think we know? (Lesciotto and Richtsmeier)
- BDNF, endurance activity, and mechanisms underlying the evolution of hominin brains (Hill and Polk)
- One small step: A review of Plio-Pleistocene hominin foot evolution (DeSilva et al.)
- The emergence of human warfare: Current perspectives (Kissel and Kim)
- Geophagy among nonhuman primates: A systematic review of current knowledge and suggestions for future directions (Pebsworth et al.)

I am particularly pleased to see that one of the authors on the Hill and Polk paper is an undergraduate student. Although authors of *Yearbook* articles are typically far along in their academic careers, this does not preclude the inclusion of co-authors who are less established. Such an inclusion can be an important step in mentoring our junior colleagues.

Plans are already well afoot for the 2020 edition, which should include about double the number of articles as the 2019 edition. Starting with the 2019 *Yearbook* we have been using the "Scholar One" system that Wiley uses for the *AJPA*. The website for this is <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ajpayearbook>. As publications in the *Yearbook* are by invitation, you should either receive an invitation from the Editor or volunteer a submission. If you wish to volunteer a submission, you should contact either the Editor or an editorial board member. Given the desirability for a variety of articles in each edition of the *Yearbook*, we may

not be able to accommodate volunteered manuscripts in a given year if they overlap with already planned submissions or if a volunteered submission does not add to the diversity of topics covered in an issue. The *Yearbook* publication date is in January of a given year, so first drafts should be submitted by June 30 of the preceding year. The format for submissions is the same as for the *AJPA* (available at: [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1096-8644/homepage/ForAuthors.html](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1096-8644/homepage/ForAuthors.html)), save that the abstract should not be subdivided into sections.

The fact that we are now using “Scholar One” for the *Yearbook* provides the additional benefit that articles appear in Early View once they have been typeset and the authors have proofed the copy. This means that you will not have to wait until January 2020 to start reading articles from the next *Yearbook*. Given that articles for both the *AJPA* and the *Yearbook* can appear in searches that “divorce” them from their individual issues, it was sometimes difficult in the past to distinguish *AJPA* from *Yearbook* articles. Wiley has now rectified this by including a document header that clearly states “Yearbook of Physical Anthropology Article” for all *Yearbook* articles. Wiley has also distinguished the two classes of articles by using a green *Yearbook* logo for *Yearbook* articles and a red *AJPA* logo for *AJPA* articles. Similarly, the covers for the *Yearbook* and the *AJPA* are also distinguished by the different colored logos and titles.

I began by thanking the editorial board and would like to close by thanking Paul-André Genest and Donna Tarman from Wiley for their instruction on basic editorial issues and the use of “Scholar One.” They, together with the editorial board, have made the job of editor that much easier as well as enjoyable.