
Editorial

After 11 years as Editor-in-Chief of *Human Biology* I have decided that it is time to step down and pass the editorship to the next generation. A journal editorship consumes a tremendous amount of time—time spent policing the peer review system, reading hundreds of manuscripts per year, writing letters of manuscript evaluation (acceptance or rejection), and compiling 6 issues of the journal each year. During my tenure as editor, more than 600 scientific articles and an assortment of obituaries, editorials, and book reviews were published. At this time I would like to devote greater attention to my ongoing research programs at the Laboratory of Biological Anthropology, University of Kansas.

During these 11 years, Wayne State University Press and I accomplished all the goals that I had set, namely, refocusing the journal from general human biology to anthropological genetics, continuing to raise the quality of the publications, improving the rank of *Human Biology* in the *Scientific Citations Index*, further internationalizing the journal, and creating an organization (American Association of Anthropological Genetics) that provides stability, monitors the quality of the journal, and gives intellectual support. In 1988 I realized that the technological developments in molecular genetics would dramatically impact on most aspects of biological anthropology and human biology. Unless these fields embraced some aspects of molecular genetics, they would be relegated to mere spectator status instead of being able to address the underlying mechanisms. These changes in the direction of *Human Biology* and its unique record of on-time publication would not have been possible without the editorial team at the University of Kansas (headed by Mimi Braverman), the Editorial Board of the journal, and the many scholars who sacrificed their time to serve as peer reviewers (a list of reviewers is provided in the Acknowledgments). In addition, Tibor Koertvelyessy served as the Associate Editor for all 11 years of my tenure, and he pinch-hit for me every time I managed to escape into the field. Gabriel Lasker, who served as the Consulting Editor, provided sound guidance and advice during the few crises that periodically surfaced during my tenure as editor. Alice Nigoghosian and Arthur Evans (Wayne State University Press) have been supportive and have facilitated the timely publication of the journal. On behalf of *Human Biology* I would like to thank all of you for your support. And I extend my thanks to the many researchers who supported the journal through the submission and publication of their manuscripts and their service to the field of anthropological genetics (whenever they participated in the peer review of a manuscript from a colleague).

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Wayne State University Press and a special committee of the American Association of Anthropological Genetics jointly selected Dennis H. O'Rourke as my replacement. Professor O'Rourke is an eminent scholar who is currently conducting research on ancient DNA in native American populations. He has served as an officer of the American Association of Physical Anthropology and the American Association of Anthropological Genetics and was the program director for the Physical Anthropology Program at the National Science Foundation. He plans to maintain the focus of the journal on all facets of anthropological genetics. Brian Suarez, Washington University, St. Louis, a highly productive researcher in genetic epidemiology, will serve as the Associate Editor. I hope that all of you continue to support *Human Biology*, the new editor, and his staff in whatever capacity that you are able. Please submit your best manuscripts to the journal, because in this way the quality of *Human Biology* can be maintained or improved.

From now on, all manuscripts and communications with the journal *Human Biology* should be submitted to:

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