

## Editor's Comments

Graduate Students in the Department of Anthropology at McMaster have been publishing a journal since the early 1970's -- first as the Journal of Anthropology at McMaster and, in 1980, as NEXUS -- The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology/La Revue Des Etudiants Canadiens En Anthropologie. The journal has continued to develop as it moved through the changes and controversies of the last two decades and now, as we enter the *fin de millenium*, student anthropologists must prepare themselves to meet even more compelling challenges.

This issue of NEXUS introduces one way to bring these challenges into focus with the inclusion of the first NEXUS Seminar. A collection of critical explorations of the origins and consequences of the 'New' Archaeology, this seminar format will become a regular feature in future volumes of NEXUS. It allows young scholars a focussed arena for the exchange of ideas about issues which are influencing their development as anthropologists and archaeologists.

Readers should also note the call for participants for a special session at the 1991 CAS meetings. Gwen Reimer, in association with Wayne Warry, is currently organizing a special NEXUS session on issues in applied anthropology which will form the basis of a special volume due for publication in December 1991. Students with research interests in this area of anthropology should contact Ms. Reimer c/o NEXUS. It is our hope that a special, thematic, NEXUS-sponsored session will become a regular CAS event, and that with the publication of the Applied Volume we will begin a new pattern in NEXUS' regular publication, with a general contents issue published in June and a thematic issue published in December of each year. I would like to invite suggestions for future sessions from all our readers.

Special theme-oriented volumes are an important medium for the exchange and development of ideas. The recent publication of Selected Papers from the York Graduate Conference on Critical Anthropology (Nexus 7/Supplement-1989) and the forthcoming volume of papers entitled *Sexual Selections: BioCultural Approaches to Human Sex and Sexuality* (NEXUS 8.2/December 1991) represent our commitment to bringing student scholarship to a wide audience.

Finally, the papers in the current issue represent another focus which NEXUS will continue to develop. It is a pleasure to include the first paper NEXUS has published by a scholar from outside North America; in this case from Africa. Over the next year we hope to establish links with student scholars internationally in order to foster a more global exchange of ideas. Of equal importance, three papers --

Renault, Jones and Menzies -- are reports of primary ethnographic research. This aspect of student scholarship needs greater emphasis and the three papers in this issue represent the beginning of a change in focus in NEXUS' editorial thinking.

Moving through the 90's, with a tightening job market and an expansion of anthropologist's involvement in both advocacy and consultation, it will become increasingly important to understand what issues and concerns are occupying the student anthropologists. NEXUS is committed to providing a forum where these concerns and ideas can be expressed and developed.

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