I. Editorial

This issue of the BHA is dedicated to the memory of its founding editor Douglas Randall Givens. An obituary written by David Browman follows this Editorial, but I want to personally acknowledge Doug's great contribution to the history of archaeology, and his strong support of me as incoming editor of the BHA during 2003. Doug was a scholar and a thoroughly decent person, and I will miss his cheerful interest and wise advice. Dedicating volume 14(2) of the BHA to him is a token of esteem.

To happier matters. In volume 14(2) we continue to explore the breadth and depth of current scholarship in the history of archaeology. Two long papers, one on the Etruscans and the other on Flinders Petrie, lead the way and are joined by a survey of the history of mid 20th century Brazilian archaeology, and an important review essay on recent work on the history of archaeology in Middle Europe. The papers are followed by our usual sections, some (such as publications suggested by our subscribers) longer than usual. This can only be a good thing as the free circulation of such advice can help to strengthen general understanding of what is happening in the history of archaeology around the globe. I am always keen to receive such information, not to mention book reviews, conference reports and details of research projects. Suggestions of books that should be reviewed (including relevant details so that I can contact the publishers) are always welcome.

Finally we publish further information about two important European conferences. First, the Greenwell conference to be held in Durham in April 2005, and second the German Theoretical Archaeology Group meetings to be held in Franfurt/Oder in the same month.

Let me close with my usual plea for new subscribers and for a higher profile for the BHA. One way of increasing the visibility of the BHA is for us to continue to attract high quality contributions, especially essays and reviews, that enhance our understanding of the history of archaeology. Another way is to increase public visibility of the BHA through its being linked to the web sites of significant archaeological organizations and groups. I am very keen to hear from subscribers about which web sites would be most appropriate for us, and which newsletters or bulletin boards that might advertise the existence of the BHA.

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