

Editor's Notes

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Issue 27 of the *Arizona Anthropologist*, once again, delves into the experiences and thoughts that graduate students in the School of Anthropology have during their fieldwork. This time, however, our contributors focus more on the archaeological arm of the four-field anthropological approach. In the minds of the public, when you mention archaeology, dreams of forging across rugged landscapes, looking for lost civilizations, and even digging up dinosaur bones are what they imagine. Through their submissions, our contributors relay the realities of archaeological life. In some ways they burst the romantic bubble that surrounds archaeological fieldwork, but at the same time, give new found knowledge and appreciation for a field that centers on digging in the dirt.

This is my final issue as the editor for the *Arizona Anthropologist*. I have been the co-editor for the past three issues, including the pièce de résistance, the *Centennial Edition*, while this is my one and only time as sole editor. There have been tears, laughter, and staring too long at a computer screen, but it has been a memorable experience. I have a new appreciation for all of the work that comes with bringing forth new voices to the publishing world and all of the integral detail that goes into publishing a peer-reviewed journal. Being part of the journal has been a wonderful experience, but as I move into the final stages of my graduate career, I pass the reigns of the *Arizona Anthropologist* to the future generations of graduate students.

I would like to give recognition and thanks to the special guest editors, Samantha Fladd and Luke Kaiser. Both assembled and edited a collection of works that provide unique perspectives and insights into the minds and experiences of anthropological graduate students. I would especially, and prolifically, thank Samantha for all of her hard work in contacting and compiling all of Dr. Longacre's memorial contributions. Without her help and dedication, the memo-

rial section would not have happened. I am extremely grateful for all of the work and time that both special guest editors contributed to the compilation of this issue.

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