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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As played out in the global media, this year (2020) the United States has been suffering through COVID-19, the most devastating pandemic since the flu epidemic of 1918. Since the beginning of the year, the ongoing infection and death rates have continued to climb, and we have had to adapt to social distancing, facial coverings, telework, and new or revised field safety protocols. All across the country, we have also endured shelters-in-place, self-isolations, quarantines, travel restrictions, virtual or nonexistent graduations (including my oldest granddaughter's high school graduation faux "ceremony"), and missed family/social gatherings. As a result, the SCA Executive Board made the painful but necessary decision to cancel our 2020 Annual Meeting, which was to be held in March in Riverside.

One consequence of this cancellation was that paper and poster authors were not able to present their research at the meeting. Since many of our members rely on the *Proceedings of the Society for California Archaeology* to publish their presentations without having to go through an arduous and typically very long review process, the decision was made to go forward with this issue since some authors had already mostly completed their papers before the cancellation was announced. While some authors opted to wait until next year to present their papers at the 2021 meeting and others had already gone to press with theirs, we were still able to garner a good cross section of unique papers, representing the prehistoric, ethnohistoric, and historical periods. I greatly appreciate everyone who took the time and effort to put together and submit an article for this issue despite being unable to present it at the meeting. As with so many things this year, this issue of the *Proceedings* will, in reality, be "one for the history books"!

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