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**REPORT FROM EDITOR OF *SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY***

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Volume 39 (2020) of *Southeastern Archaeology* contained 14 articles, 2 reports, and 14 book reviews. The December issue is in production right now. The September cover illustration that I chose included some funerary items, and I apologize for my insensitivity. This prompted discussions about editorial policy between the editorial board and the Native American Affairs Committee that are continuing. It is a reminder that as archaeologists, we have to keep talking with members of descendant communities about all phases of the research we do.

Since November of 2019, there have been 21 manuscripts submitted to the journal as articles or reports. Of those, 7 have been accepted and published or are in production, 9 are being revised or are under review, and 5 have been rejected or withdrawn.

Publication Report for 2020:

Vol. Issue	# pages	# articles	# reports	# book reviews
39.1	72	3	1	5
39.2	80	4	0	3
39.3	84	4	1	1
39.4	84	3	0	5
Total	320	14	2	14

SEAC negotiated and signed the renewal of our publishing contract with Taylor & Francis this year, increasing our journal to four issues a year with up to 320 pages. The submission and production process is conducted electronically through Editorial Manager and Central Article Tracking Service, and has worked smoothly across three continents despite this year's pandemic. It has been an especially difficult year for everyone, and I want to thank all the authors and reviewers who kept at it through everything. Thank you to the 53 people who have served as peer reviewers this year. The continued quality of our journal depends on the careful reading and constructive suggestions that these colleagues provide to authors. If interested in contributing to SEAC in this way, you can register or update your Editorial Manager record to include your research specialties.

I thank our copy editor, Deborah Upton, who has given careful reading to manuscripts this year. Thank you to associate editor Neill Wallis for serving as book review editor this year. He solicited and successfully marshalled 11 book reviews through the Editorial Manager system that have been (or will soon be) published online and in print. Thanks to associate editor Emily Beahm for successfully creating and distributing the April and October issues of *Horizon & Tradition* as newsletter editor.

Rob Beck has been taking over editorial duties and is responsible for the December issue of the journal, which will be published online and in print soon. This issue has a new feature – an article

published with six comments by colleagues and a reply by the authors – that we hope will increase discussion and interaction. I will point out that this idea came from a conversation we had with incoming editor-elect Lindsay Bloch. I think the journal will be in good hands with Rob and Lindsay.

Thank you to the SEAC membership for giving me this opportunity, and thank you to your new journal editor, Rob Beck, for taking it over from here.

