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Preface

The *Georgia Journal of Ecological Anthropology* continues to grow as we strive to provide a forum for the expression of innovative and creative ideas in this varied and interdisciplinary field. Beginning with this issue, the GJEA will feature two new sections. In a new feature called *Field Notes* researchers are encouraged to share their experiences practicing ecological anthropology in the field. Subjects will include critiques of qualitative and quantitative techniques, dealing with logistics and bureaucracies, travel tips, or any topic that may be helpful for field work. The second new feature is called *The Last Bite*. This one page of humor will include political cartoons, spoof advertisements, or other such diversions. We encourage our readers to contribute to these two new outlets of expression.

The Journal also continues its mission of providing a forum for approaches that exemplify the growing interest in a holistic understanding of the diversity and complexity of human ecosystems. This issue illustrates one of the ways that information ecology, as it is being developed here at the University of Georgia, continues to evolve. Included is a modest 'prospectus' for information ecology, which represents the culmination of several seminars, group collaborations, and heated late night discussions. It seeks to create a possible trajectory for future study of the complexity of human-environmental relations. In addition, other papers included in this volume (e.g., Casagrande, Jones, Lubert) illustrate the diversity of approaches and frameworks taking shape as part of the resurgence of ecological anthropology as an interdisciplinary field.

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