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THE ORIGINS AND THE FIRST 25 YEARS (1973-1997) OF THE MIDWESTERN CONFERENCE ON ANDEAN AND AMAZONIAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOHISTORY

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Conference Origins¹

The idea for the Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory (MWCAAAE) originated from some informal discussions that began in 1972. The first of these connections occurred at the 37th annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) at Bal Harbour, Florida, which were held on May 4-6, 1972. As newly minted Ph.D.s, William H. Isbell, Gordon C. Pollard, and I were grousing about the fact that, even then, it was difficult to interact at the SAA meetings, that there was no time for discussion in the arranged sessions, and just when you started having an interesting conversation with someone in the corridors, one or the other of you was interrupted by a colleague, and your conversation never seemed to come to completion. Given our respective levels of poverty, we could not hope to attend regularly the Institute of Andean Studies meetings held at Berkeley, California during the first week of January each year. We bemoaned the fact that there was no closer regional meeting of Andeanists, as well as one that also addressed the problems of Amazonian archaeology and the linkages between the two geographic regions.

We kicked various ideas around, but no firm solutions were proposed.

Sol Tax called a number of Americanists together in Chicago on October 20-22, 1972, to help him plan the 9th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (ICAES), to be held in August and September of 1973. At that meeting, Thomas P. Myers and I had a chance to talk in greater detail about the idea of instituting a Midwestern meeting, and we decided that we had the necessary critical mass of Amazonian and Andean specialists in the Midwest to develop such a conference. Tom and I figured that we both were relatively unknown, and that if the conference were to get off the ground, we would have better luck if we secured the sponsorship of a well-known scholar. Donald W. Lathrap, as Myers' and Isbell's dissertation advisor, sprang immediately to mind.

Because I was the individual who seemed to be most concerned about forming the conference, and because I felt somewhat isolated in St. Louis, it was decided that I should move forward on this front. This was a period of intense conference organization for me. The meeting in Chicago had resulted in my agreeing with Sol Tax's suggestion that I organize and run five separate sessions on Pacific Rim research at the 9th ICAES in the fall of 1973. I was in the midst of arranging a session on the "Economic and Socio-Political Development of the First Andean State" for the 38th SAA meetings in San Francisco in May of 1973. Tom Myers and I also were working on developing a session entitled "Sistemas ecológicos prehistóricos de los

¹ William H. Isbell, Ronald D. Lippi, Thomas P. Myers, Jeffrey R. Parsons, Gordon C. Pollard, and Ronald L. Weber provided suggestions on a 1996 preliminary draft copy on the conference history, allowing me to correct some omissions, and to enrich the history, which improved this paper. This *Andean Past* paper is a revised version of a presentation and bound handout given at the 25th meeting of the MWCAAAE in February of 1997 (Browman 1997).

Andes" for the 41st International Congress of Americanists, to be held in Mexico City in September of 1974. Now during this same period, I had just agreed also to get involved in the formation of the MWCAAAE.

Accordingly I find in my files a series of communications relating to the birth of the organization. On October 25, 1972, I wrote Tom Myers: "I haven't talked to Don Lathrap yet -- but I need to get in touch with him about the SAA meetings, so I'll bring up the idea of a gathering of South Americanists at Urbana." In his reply of November 6, 1972, Tom encouraged me to action, saying that: "The more I think about it, the more I would like to see a regional meeting of South Americanists at some place like Urbana. I am sure Don Lathrap would be willing to preside and we all would get a lot out of it".

The upshot of several more mail-based discussions was the development of the first formal letter of invitation to participate in this newly proposed regional conference, which I sent out to 15 scholars in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin on January 17, 1973. This invitation announced that the first meeting would be held on Friday, March 2, at Urbana, and that Don Lathrap would serve as chairman, but "because of Don's heavy obligations at the Center, I have agreed to take over the preliminary organization of the conference".

The MWCAAAE conference started out with an explicit emphasis on informality. As the announcement indicated, "The idea behind this conference is to try to set up a meeting in more relaxed circumstances where we can discuss various problems and research interests held in common in a more productive atmosphere than occurs at national meetings." In response to the very positive reaction and encouragement from those contacted by this first mailing, a second mailing went out early in February of 1973, now addressed to 22 individuals in 7 states (the new mailing now integrating South Americanists in Ohio and western Pennsylvania), with addi-

tional specific details on the proposed first conference, including a list of all individuals invited, and a revised proposed meeting agenda (Figure 1). In the text of the cover letter of this second mailing, it was noted that several respondents to the first mailing had "suggested that one most valuable item could be an informal report on research in progress by individual participants".

As noted in Appendix I, a total of 11 individuals gave informal presentations at this first conference, although because of the explicitly informal status, I do not have titles or topics for all presentations. The meeting was judged successful, and it was decided to continue it on a permanent basis. The group decided not to have the meeting hosted by the same institution each year, but rather to move it around to universities or museums situated in the geographic midwest; to schedule the meeting early in the spring semester, well before the SAA or other competing meetings; and to continue the same informal format. Tom Myers offered to host the second meeting at Indiana University -Bloomington, with the blessings of Wesley R. Hurt.

The theme of informality was maintained at the second conference. As Tom wrote in his letter of October 11, 1973, sending out notice of the meeting date for the second session at Bloomington: "At last year's meeting, the format was very unstructured -- people just got up and talked about what they were doing, often accompanied by slides. Most important is that there is plenty of time for discussion. We plan to follow essentially the same format this year." The unstructured, informal meetings continued, but only for a few more years.

The third meeting moved back to Urbana, and was scheduled to be hosted by Don Lathrap. However, because of the pressures of an impending grant, Don contacted me in December of 1974 to indicate that he would have to withdraw as host and organizer. Consequently, once more a letter went out over my name, inviting

colleagues to participate in the conference at Urbana.² As the letter emphasized: "The meetings again stress informal presentations -- a chance to explore current research problems, with plenty of give and take. This meeting is designed to provide the maximum atmosphere for discussion, to provide a forum and sounding board not available in the 'hurly-burly' of national meetings." Jeffrey R. Parsons carried this presentation format forward the next year at Ann Arbor, noting in his letter of December 6, 1976, announcing the fourth conference: "In keeping with past tradition, I favor another open and informal session, with just enough structure to avoid chaos."

The pattern established in these initial meetings has continued to be the basic philosophy of the MWCAAAE. The conference is unceremonious, with no officers, no constitution, and no bylaws; any necessary actions are undertaken more or less by consensus. Business discussions at the meetings usually only last the few minutes required to solicit a volunteer to host the meeting for the coming year. The host for each meeting attempts to put all proposed contributions on the program, giving all individuals an equal chance at participation; thus graduate students do not need to worry about competing for time slots against senior members of the field.

The Midwestern meetings have proven very successful. One of the unfortunate by-products of this success, however, has been the loss of the early unstructured and informal nature of the sessions. This occurred gradually: at first we just

distributed an unofficial list of individuals planning to attend the meeting, to make sure that we could arrange sufficient time and space. By the fourth meeting, we began to prepare a "meeting program", listing presentation topics by presenter and title, and assigning specific time slots. In 1978, at the sixth conference, we officially established the last weekend in February as our meeting date, after having met on Fridays or Saturdays from the first week in February to the first week in March, depending on the inclinations of the host institution, for our first six meetings. The seventh meeting was the last of the one-day sessions -- with the final presentation not over that year until 9 p.m., it was clear that we could no longer think of the meeting as a one day affair, where you could plan to drive over early in the morning, and return home that evening. Hence the eighth meeting began our present two-day format (actually a day and a half, as we always try to finish up shortly after noon on Sunday). By the eighteenth meeting in 1990, it was standard procedure to request submission of an abstract of the paper to be presented, to help in arranging papers by topics, and also to provide the attendees with a booklet of abstracts. The very factor which led in part to our early success, open and informal sessions, with just enough structure to avoid chaos, now has been lost to the need to provide a more efficient forum for the growing number of paper presenters; we grow more regimented and more like the national meetings each year. On the other hand, the conference has been able to maintain a schedule with time for questions and discussion after each presentation, something the national meetings lost a couple decades ago.

Publication

One of the original goals of the group has yet to be met -- that of a publication series. On the agenda for the first meeting was the discussion of the "possibility of circulation of preliminary reports in an informal format, perhaps like *Katunob* or *Nawpa Pacha*, perhaps some other format." As a consequence of this interest, I

² The list of presenters for the third session is only partial, because the group discovered when it arrived on the University of Illinois campus that the meeting room reserved had "fallen through the cracks". Thus, as the designated substitute host, I spent considerable time on an unfamiliar campus, trying to find new facilities for both morning and afternoon sessions, and did not hear all the presentations. Unfortunately none of the other participants that I contacted had records which could fill the gaps.

contacted Dr. George E. Fay of the Museum of Anthropology of the University of Northern Colorado, the editor of the Mesoamerican Katunob series. Fay had noted in a letter sent out to a large number of Latin Americanists that he "wanted to undertake the publication of a new journal on the anthropology of South America" and that he planned in the spring of 1973 to start a 'Newsletter-Bulletin' covering all fields of South American anthropology. Fay offered to defer to the MWCAAAE (Fay, letter of March 15, 1973), but noted that he already had in place free postage from his institution (then worth ca. \$1,500 a year), three yeararound work-study students to help produce the volume, three rooms in the museum dedicated to his publication activities, and about \$10,000 worth of manuscript and journal production equipment. At that point, none of us could match those facilities, so Fay opted to go ahead with his new journal, and published Volume 1, Number 1 of El Dorado -- A Newsletter-Bulletin of South American Anthropology in August of 1973.

The first issue of *El Dorado* was not up to the quality that we had come to expect from John H. Rowe's Institute of Andean Studies journal, *Nawpa Pacha*, nor, unfortunately, were the subsequent issues. As well, after the first issue, there was a three year time lag until Volume 1, Number 2, of *El Dorado* came out in August of 1976.

Thus, there was continuing discussion at the MWCAAAE meetings for many years about the possibility of a publication series of our own. For example, after the second conference meeting, Donald R. Sutherland investigated the facilities at his home institution, the University of South Carolina. He suggested in a letter outlining his findings that he could produce an initial issue of about 75 pages, with several plates, with a run of about 300 copies; that it could be accomplished for about \$400; and that he would make this offer to the next meeting of the conference in Urbana (Sutherland letter, January 29, 1975). I do not recollect why the

Midwestern group did not accept that proposal at the 1975 spring meeting, but I note in the invitation for the 4th meeting in Ann Arbor that Jeff Parsons suggested the group "continue our discussion on a regional journal" (Parsons, December 6, 1976). At the 6th meeting in Chicago in 1978, I made a formal presentation on the status of the conference's search for a proceedings journal (Appendix 1), detailing the problems of quality, institutional support, subventions, and the like.

The group was still actively discussing the possibility of a proceedings journal, or perhaps a collection of occasional papers, at its 8th meeting. At this session, Robert M. Bird tendered the group an offer to publish a small-scale journal through his Institute for the Study of Plants, Food and Man in St. Louis. After much discussion, the group decided it wanted a more substantial publication, on a more regular basis, and declined this offer.

We had begun to explore the idea of approaching the Executive Board of the SAA to see if we could get them to provide a major subvention, as they had done for the Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology, resulting in the publication of the first issue of MCIA in February of 1976. We proposed the formation of a journal dedicated to all of Latin American archaeology, for we fully realized that the South American archaeological 'market' was likely not sufficient to support a journal limited only to that region. There was nearly 100% agreement among the membership of the MWCAAAE that we need such a journal, but money for the first issues, and support facilities, was a continual stumbling block. While the group thought that we would have better luck if the proposed journal covered all of Latin America, we realized that this put more potential limits on anyone thinking of assuming the editorship, as it created more of a work load. Members of the Executive Board of the SAA were 'buttonholed' at that spring's SAA meeting in St. Louis with this proposition, but the sense of the collective response was that first they wanted to see how the MCJA did, and second that the SAA would not have the funds for a new venture for a few years.

In the face of the Midwestern group's inability to get things moving, other publication outlets by other groups were initiated. In 1978, Fay decided to guit publishing El Dorado; he wrote the MWCAAAE offering us his subscription list and title. However, the conference decided not to take over El Dorado, but rather to still attempt to develop our own publication. On April 3, 1978, Izumi Shimada sent out a letter informing Andeanists of the formation of a "North Peruvian Anthropological Research Group". By March of 1979, Izumi had sent out his first NorPARG Newsletter, which, because of the response from a broad range of Peruvianists, was changed to the more inclusive Willay in 1981. This newsletter ceased publication in the spring of 1999. Berkeley's Nawpa Pacha is not officially terminated, but the last issue published was in 1990, so for all intents and purposes it also has ceased to publish.

Our younger sister conference, the Northeast Conference on Andean Archaeology and Ethnohistory, founded in 1982, began a series of its own proceedings with the Cornell University Latin American Studies Program (Daggett 2000, this volume). After publishing papers from the first three meetings, the format was changed to that of a regional journal and Andean Past, continuing with the Cornell Latin American Studies Program, has now published half-adozen issues in the last 13 years. In 1989, the SAA Executive Board, after several years of discussions, finally the launched the journal we had lobbied for without any success a dozen years earlier, Latin American Antiquity, whose first issue appeared in 1990. The MWCAAAE toyed with many publication offers and formats; the demand for publication outlets was there, as can be seen by Andean Past, Latin American Antiquity, and Willay, but the conference has been unable to put together the critical mass of institutional support and human capital to launch its own publication series.

Retrospect

I have been asked whether I think the MWCAAAE has been successful in the mission it first proposed, and whether it will survive. As noted above, the proposal to provide a forum where issues can be discussed, rather than a format where the audience is just lectured at, which has become the current practice at the SAA, has proven to be very successful. This is no doubt the primary reason for the growth and continued vitality of the conference. In order to comment on whether the other goals were met as outlined in the first agenda (other than publication, which has already been addressed), I did a quick scan of the 436 papers listed for the MWCAAAE through 1997 and compared the topics, as parsed from title only, with 1,001 papers identified for the SAA for the same 25 year period.3

Figure 2 displays the findings for some of the categories utilized in this comparative analysis. One can see that the number of papers at the MWCAAAE has remained at an average of ca. 10 papers/day during its existence. On the other hand, for the SAA meetings, in terms of the number of papers devoted to South American archaeology, after a rather static period in the 1970s, the national meetings experienced a

³The count for the number of South American papers (1,001) presented at the SAA meetings may not be complete, because some South American papers were lone contributions in other thematic sessions, and I may not have identified all of them. The count for the presentations (436) at the MWCAAAE is complete, except for perhaps half a dozen missing papers at the 3rd session. The decision to break down the 25 year period into 4 units of 6, 6, 6, and 7 years was based on empirical observation of trends in the data set. After the first 6 years, the MWCAAAE shifted from 1 day to 2 day sessions, which increased the number of papers possible, so this 6-year period seemed like a useful break point for analysis. The number of papers at the SAA essentially doubled in 1985, which fell between years 12 and 13 of the MWCAAAE, making the 2nd 6-year break sensible. Thus it seemed useful to provide a 3rd break at the end of the 3rd 6-year period, in order to have units of roughly comparable size, including the last unit as a 7-year period.

period of significant growth in the mid-1980s and have continued to increase in numbers. At one level, maintaining a steady state of a fixed number of papers per day is the means by which the MWCAAAE has sustained dialog.

I think one of the indicators of success for the goals of the original MWCAAAE, in terms of discussion on ideas and themes, is to note that while 'time-space systematics' have made up roughly 60% of the SAA papers, in contrast, presentations limited in this way have made up only 45% of the MWCAAAE contributions. These findings indicate that conference presenters have in fact been willing to bring 'ideas in progress' to the meetings, to 'float' new interpretations and hypotheses. As a believer in that old saw "archaeology is anthropology or it is nothing" (Willey and Phillips 1958:2), I also think it has been a healthy sign to see that 14-18% of the papers for the conference have consistently focused upon ethnohistorical (and ethnographic) issues, providing the analogs that we need and employ in our archaeological reconstructions.

The Midwest conference started out explicitly with a strong emphasis upon things economic (see Figure 1), an emphasis reflected in the large number of papers on that theme seen in Figure 2, but in recent years the emphasis has dropped roughly to the level of such subjects at the SAA meetings. My analysis of the themes of papers at the MWCAAAE and SAA also included other categories, but these are not included in Figure 2 for two reasons: first because the numbers of papers in a category was often so small, that a paper or two categorized in another way could significantly change the percentile; and second because no major trends could be identified either for the SAA or the MWCAAAE for these other categories. My overall sense, looking at Figure 2, is that the MWCAAAE meets its stated objectives.

Will it continue? While I do not have a crystal ball, my feeling is that the conference probably will continue to have success at least

for the near future. One issue that has arisen again, that may require resolution soon, is that as in 1979 (when the Conference was limited to a one day session), the number of proposed papers has once again outstripped the slots available. The solutions being discussed include: limiting the number of papers accepted to a fixed number; expanding the number of meeting days; or changing the format from a single general session where all participate to smaller, simultaneous sessions. No consensus has been forthcoming yet. Thus the informal procedures have begun to change. While in the early years, the group tried to encourage wide-open participation, in the last few years some host institutions have mentioned that they have had to close off the sessions, cap the number of papers, and turn down some applicants, based on their assessment of the importance of the proposed contribution, in order to hold the meetings to the day and a half format. With no official consensus in the conference, it may be simply de facto decisions by individual host institutions that will ultimately shift the nature of the meetings, just as it was done earlier in arranging programs with abstracts and so on.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is whether the rotating pattern of meeting locations serves the membership as well as it should. If one looks at meetings in the second half of the 25 year period for the MWCAAAE, it will be noted that the four largest meetings were at only two places: Chicago (2 meetings), and Urbana (2 meetings), while the four smallest meetings in this same period were at locations either on the periphery of the presumed membership area, or in locations difficult to access by public transport, at Bloomington, Indiana; Columbia, Missouri; Madison, Wisconsin; and Mount Pleasant, Michigan. This, no doubt, was the reason why at the meeting held in 2000, a serious push was made by one group of attendees to have the meetings be established on a permanent basis either at Chicago or Urbana. While the conference decided to maintain the current pattern, with the meetings in 2001

moving to Ann Arbor, this issue is bound to rise again.

To see if the patterns of attendance at the SAA meetings would provide any suggestion for a solution, I did a quick scan of the high and low attendance meetings at the SAA for South American papers for the same time period. In this case, the meetings with the greatest participation were New Orleans (2 meetings), Minneapolis, Nashville, and St. Louis; those with the lowest participation (as judged by number of paper presentations) were Anaheim, Atlanta, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Pittsburgh.

The pattern of core vs. periphery seems to be just that as seen with the MWCAAAE. In both groups, the meetings held in geographic core area drew better participation than those on the periphery. If the issue is to maximize growth for the MWCAAAE, then perhaps establishing a permanent meeting site such as Chicago might be the appropriate solution.

Overall these issues appear to be healthy signs of vitality. I expect that the MWCAAAE, like the Northeast Conference and the west coast Institute of Andean Studies meeting, will continue to exist and fill a much needed function. Large gatherings, like those of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA), can no longer meet this need.

1. Research Reports.

Reports by participants on their own-on-going research problems. Also possible remarks on work in progress by colleagues not in attendance.

2. Topics of theoretical interest.

- a. Andes-Amazonia economic interaction spheres.
- b. Origins of the pristine state in South America.
- c. Archaeobotanical and palynological inputs into our ecosystem models.
- d. Additional topics as suggested.

3. Practical problems in research.

- a. Research climate in various South American countries.
- b. Development of NSF projects:
 - (1) Should they be large, multi-disciplinary designs like those of Barry Commoner, Scotty Mac Neish, etc.?
 - (2) Should they rather emphasize a number of small, sharply focused, and individually executed research designs?
- c. Possibility of circulation of preliminary field reports in an informal format, like *Katunob* or even *Ñawpa*
- 4. Additional topics of interest suggested by individual conference participants.

Figure 1. Proposed agenda for the 1st meeting of the MWCAAAE, Urbana, March 2, 1973.

	Average number of papers		Time-space systematics		Economy: trade and subsistence		Ethnohistory and ethnography	
	SAA	MW	SAA	MW	SAA	MW	SAA	MW
1973-1978	21	10	61%	45%	24%	40%	0%	14%
1979-1984	20	19	63%	41%	26%	30%	0%	16%
1985-1990	42	18	60%	41%	35%	19%	0%	15%
1991-1997	73	23	62%	48%	21%	18%	0%	18%

Figure 2. Comparison of papers presented at the SAA and MWCAAAE for the same 25-year period.

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Appendix I.

MIDWESTERN CONFERENCE ON ANDEAN AND AMAZONIAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOHISTORY.

Papers presented.

1st. University of Illinois, Urbana, 1973

David Browman. Llama Trade Caravans and Tiwanaku Interaction Spheres.

Don Lathrap. Amazonian Basin Survey.

Joanne Magalis. Topic unrecorded.

Jorge Marcos. Valdivia Ceramic Sequence.

Jack Marwitt and Bob Morey. Contributions to the Ethnohistory of Northwest Venezuela.

Tom Myers. Ucavali.

Carl Spath. Topic unrecorded.

Gary Vescelius. Moquegua Survey: Loreto Viejo and Chen Chen; and Huari Survey.

Ron Weber. Culture History of the Tamaya River of Eastern Peru.

R. Tom Zuidema. Topic unrecorded.

2nd. Indiana University, Bloomington, 1974

Dean Arnold. Reports on Excavations at the Late Intermediate Period Lucre Site, Cuzco, and Aboriginal Earthworks, at the Mouth of the Rio Beni, Northeast Bolivia.

Robert Braun. Ucayali Area Archaeology.

David Browman. Llama Ethology and Middle Horizon Trade Networks in Peru.

Don Lathrap. Loma Alta and Early Valdivia.

Jorge Marcos. Río Verde, Río Guaragay, and Santa Elena: Early Valdivia Materials.

Nancy Morey. Venezuelan Llanos Ethnohistory.

Tom Myers. San Pablo Lake (OT-11) Formative, Otavalo.

Allison Paulsen. Santa Elena Peninsula Formative Sequence.

Gordon Pollard. Microscopic Analysis of Bone in Determining Domestication of Lama sp.

James B. Richardson III. Piura/Chira archaeological sequence.

3rd. University of Illinois, Urbana, 1975

David Browman. Origins of Domestication in the Lake Titicaca Basin.

John Earls. Ceque Systems as Agro-Ecological Regulatory Systems.

John Rick. Lake Junín Survey and Archaeological Sequence.

Ron Weber. Double-Headed Serpents in the North-Central Andes.

Tom Zuidema. Inca Calendar and Ceque System.

4th. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1976

David Browman. Archaeobotanical and Archaeozoological Analyses of Lacustrine Adaptations in the Titicaca Basin.

Michael Brown. The Llamistas of San Martín: Chanka or Chuncho?

Alejandro Camino. Trade and Raids between Lowland Tribes and Quechua People in the Urubamba Region: Machigenga and Pirus.

Sergio Chávez. The Dawn of Peruvian Archaeology - Chroniclers and Explorers: 1524-1821.

Wes Hurt. The El Abra Rockshelter, Colombia, Revisited.

Don Lathrap. Early Formative on the Ecuadorian Coast.

Jeff Parsons. Prehispanic Settlement Patterns in the Upper Mantaro, Peru.

Gordon Pollard. A Preliminary Perspective on the Evolution of Settlement Systems and Ethnic Interfaces in Northwest Argentina and North Chile.

Jack Wynn. The Buritaca Phase in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia.

Tom Zuidema. Ethnohistorical and Mythological Studies in the Calca Region, Peru.

5th. Indiana University, Bloomington, 1977

Bob Benfer. Demography and Health of Pre-agricultural Peru.

David Browman. Annual Peruvian Trade Fairs and Llama Trade Caravans.

Bob Feldman. The Circular Plaza: an Early Formative Ceremonial Complex from the Central Peruvian Coast.

Charles Hastings. Prehispanic Subsistence Strategies and Settlement Patterns in Tarma Province, Peru.

Jorge Marcos. Cruising to Acapulco and Back with the Thorny-Oyster Set.

Jeff Parsons. The Hydraulic Complex at Tunanmarca, Junín, Peru: Canals, Aqueducts, and Reservoir.

Deborah Pearsall. Pachamachay Ethnobotanical Report: Plant Utilization at a Hunting Base Camp.

Jim Richardson. Research on Sechura Phase Sites on the Far North Coast of Peru and Historic Material from the Sama Region (Piura to Tumbes).

John Rick. Pachamachay, Junín: Permanent Archaic Puna Vicuña Herders.

Frank Salomon. Entrepreneurs and Reciprocity in Highland Ecuador.

Jack Wynn. Tairona as a Chiefdom.

6th. Field Museum, Chicago, 1978

David Browman. Possible Formation of a New Journal on South American Archaeology.

David Browman and Robert Bird. Demographic Movements at the EH/EIP and EIP/MH Boundaries in Peru as Deduced from Linguistic, Botanical, and Ceramic Evidence.

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