

## Preface

The contributions in this volume represent nine of the twenty-three papers presented at the Second Annual Northeast Conference on Andean Archaeology and Ethnohistory (NCAAE), held at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) on November 19-20, 1983. The Conference is a continuing annual event designed to provide an opportunity for Andean scholars in northeast North America to present current research in an informal setting. The Publication Series, of which this is the second volume (see Sandweiss, editor 1983), gives us the unique opportunity to distribute these reports relatively quickly to a wider audience of Andeanists and other interested scholars. The third NCAAE was held in 1984 at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and the 1985 version is scheduled to take place at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Albany.

The Junius Bird Memorial lecture series was initiated by Craig Morris (AMNH) in 1982; Gordon Willey (Harvard) presented the first address that year at the Center for Inter-American Relations in New York City. The Second Annual NCAAE was fortunate in coinciding with the Second Junius Bird Memorial Lecture, held at the American Museum of Natural History on November 18, 1983. Special Guest Speaker Alberto Rex Gonzalez delivered the annual address. Gonzalez was a professional associate and close personal friend of Junius Bird, and his talk effectively highlighted the contributions and recollections of this fruitful association. Dr. Gonzalez' synopsis of archaeological research conducted in the southern Andean region provided a valuable summary of major research trends in



Northwestern Argentina and Northern Chile.

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