

Editor's Foreword

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The Pacific region has in many ways been the epicenter for the development of historical perspectives in anthropology through the pioneering work of such authors as Marshall Sahlins, Greg Denning, and Aletta Biersack. This special issue of *Ethnohistory* includes the work of such authors as well as other perspectives on the making of history that introduce a range of important themes, including nationalism and nation making, the impact of globalization and modernity, and the meanings of gender in such contexts.

The centrality of ethnographic understanding to historical interpretation becomes very evident through the closely argued materials of these articles. Likewise, the importance of generating our historical problematic from the everyday lives of the peoples whose identities are realized in those histories and their contemporary enactment could not be more clearly, and elegantly, demonstrated than in the articles published in this issue.

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