

ERRATUM

The editors of *LARR* would like to correct some errors of fact that appeared in Tracy Bachrach Ehlers's "Central America in the 1980s: Political Crisis and the Social Responsibility of Anthropologists," which appeared in the Research Reports and Notes section of Volume 25, Number 3 (pp. 141–55). The errors were brought to the attention of the editors by John M. Watanabe of the Department of Anthropology at Dartmouth College and Barbara Tedlock of the Department of Anthropology of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The above article includes this statement: "John Watanabe's study of a cognitive model of Mayan cosmology among Mam-speakers in Santiago Chimaltenango was researched during an intense period of military brutality in and around the community where he was working. This context was omitted entirely from his article." The statement as published is factually incorrect. Professor Watanabe's fieldwork in Santiago Chimaltenango was carried out between 1978 and 1980, at a time when no military presence or police station existed there and no political killings occurred in the town.

The article also included this statement, "Although one of Barbara Tedlock's research sites (Momostenango) was relatively peaceful at the time she was working there, she makes no mention of the physical destruction, extrajudicial executions, massacres, and disappearances taking place not far away at her other sites (Chichicastenango and Chinique)." Professor Tedlock notes that she and Dennis Tedlock lived and conducted field research in the town of Momostenango during 1975 and 1976, while the political incidents described by Professor Ehlers took place between 1978 and 1984.

Professor Watanabe also points out that contrary to the statement in the article that he and the Tedlocks ignored the Guatemalan Scholars Network advisory against fieldwork in Guatemala by conducting prolonged field visits in Guatemala, he did not visit Guatemala between 1981 and 1988 except for a few days in the summer of 1981, nor did he write to friends in the town, respecting the advisory. Professor Tedlock states that she and Dennis Tedlock did not set foot in Guatemala during the period the advisory was in effect.

The editors regret the publication of the erroneous statements and would like to add that the author of the piece in question, Professor Ehlers, concurs with the publication of this erratum.