

## FROM THE FORMER MANAGING EDITOR



Kimberley Tanner Elliott with daughter, Corinne, born in March 2003

On March 14 of this year, my husband Garnett and I became parents for the first time. The arrival of our daughter Corinne Marie marked the end of one career (at least for the time being) and the beginning of another. However, the journal is now in the very capable hands of Mark McClure and Agnieszka Baier. Many of you will get to meet them at the Radiocarbon Conference in New Zealand.

My career at *Radiocarbon* spanned nearly 10 years and I am grateful to have worked with so many fascinating people from around the world during that time. Few careers provide such an opportunity.

I was hired by Renee Kra in the fall of 1993 as assistant editor. In the beginning, my primary responsibilities were typesetting, proofing, and managing orders and subscriptions. David Sewell and I began working for the journal the same week.

Renee's energy and dedication were inspiring, and with David's help as senior assistant editor, we modernized the journal's equipment to create a one-stop publishing house. We acquired desktop-publishing software and graphics scanning equipment and soon after, David produced our first webpage. The only thing we lacked was the printing press.

In the summer of 1994, I attended my first Radiocarbon Conference, which was held in Glasgow. I was pleased to work closely with the gracious organizers (Gordon Cook, Doug Harkness, Angus Mackenzie, Brian Miller, and Marian Scott). That was my first opportunity to meet the faces behind the names on all those manuscripts I'd been typesetting and mailing off. The radiocarbon community is diverse but I found everyone to be friendly and approachable. I will miss seeing so many old friends at future radiocarbon meetings.

The journal faced financial trouble in 1994 as subscribing libraries began tightening their belts, and we lost a substantial number of customers. So, a few months after the Glasgow meeting, Renee was forced to lay me off and run the journal on a skeleton crew of just herself, David, and a part-time student assistant. (I found work at another university department.) Fortunately, I was able to return in the summer of 1995 after a new budget was implemented.

Nineteen ninety-five was a busy year, as Renee, David, and I worked on three conference proceedings books at once, *Tree Rings, Environment and Humanity* (edited by Jeffrey S Dean, David M Meko, and Thomas W Swetnam), *LSC 94* (edited by Gordon T Cook, Douglas D Harkness, Angus B Mackenzie, Brian F Miller, and E Marian Scott), and the Glasgow Radiocarbon Conference (Vol. 37, Nr. 2, 1995).

In 1996, we were fortunate to bring on board Tim Jull as consulting editor. Tim was later appointed editor upon the retirement of Austin Long in 1999. Tim was joined then by Warren Beck and George Burr as associate editors (Vol. 41, Nr. 3, 1999).

In 1997, David Sewell and I attended the Radiocarbon Conference in Groningen, the Netherlands. Sadly, Renee was too ill to make the trip and had to step back from the journal to look after her health. David and I prepared the Groningen proceedings issues (Vol. 40, Nr. 1–2, 1998) with the dedicated cooperation of conference organizers Wim Mook and Hans van der Plicht. Because there were so many papers, those proceedings were the first to be published in two books.

Because of her medical problems, Renee retired earlier than we all expected, and in 1997 David officially assumed the role of managing editor and I was promoted to senior assistant editor, and later assistant managing editor. When David relocated to Virginia in 1999, I took over as managing editor. In 2000, one of my first projects was editing the special *Radiocarbon* issue in honor of Renee Kra's three decades of dedication to the journal (Vol. 42, Nr. 1, 2000).

Also in 2000, *Radiocarbon* partnered with Catchword/Ingenta to publish the journal online. The same year, I attended my third Radiocarbon Conference, in the Judean Hills of Israel. Conference organizers Israel Carmi, Elisabetta Boaretto, and Hendrik Bruins worked tirelessly with me to publish the mammoth proceedings issues (three books this time!). Assistant Editor Agnieszka Baier joined me in 2001 and put in many hours on Vol. 43, Nr. 1–3, 2001. I also had the pleasure of working with Hans van der Plicht again in 1998 on the IntCal98 calibration issue, Vol. 40, Nr. 3, 1998 (he designed the Dali-esque cover art, by the way, but never got proper credit. Sorry, Hans!). Other recent projects have included a special issue with Yaroslav Kuzmin in 2002 ("Old and New World Connections," Vol. 44, Nr. 2, 2002) and the Varve/Comparison issue, Vol. 42, Nr. 3.

The folks at *Radiocarbon* have been kind enough to let me keep my email address Kim.Elliott@radiocarbon.org, so I hope to hear from some of my old friends from time to time. Any email regarding *Radiocarbon* business should go to Mark McClure at editor@radiocarbon.org.

Best wishes,

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