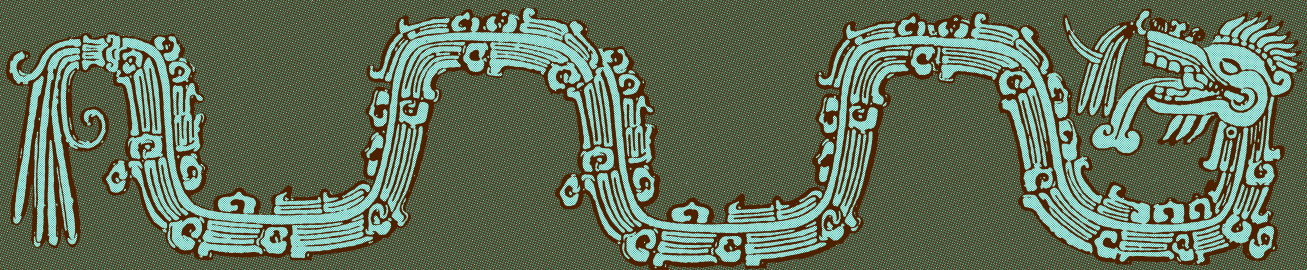


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Two things about this issue of *Ancient Mesoamerica* make it different from all that have preceded it. First, you now have in your hands (or on your screen) the last issue of the journal to appear biannually. Since 1990, the journal has appeared regularly twice a year, in late spring and late fall. With the strong encouragement of our Editorial Board and a solid bulwark of support from our Editors, Managers, and staff at Cambridge University Press, we have decided that the time has come to begin publishing three issues a year starting in 2019 – with *Ancient Mesoamerica*'s 30th volume.

This decision has been under consideration for several years, as we saw increases in submission rate and readership. But we hesitated until we saw the positive effects of the ScholarOne automated submission system and the Cambridge FirstView digital platform. These innovations have afforded us greater copy-flow efficiency, leading to an ability to move manuscripts from receipt to review, revision, and publication in six to nine months. Thus, although we have seen a significant increase in submissions during the past few years, we have no backlog except for papers that must await their turn as part of a Special Section. It seems only logical, therefore, to increase publication frequency to

be able to publish Special Sections (as well as independent submissions) with greater efficiency.

The second difference between this issue and all those that came before it is a bit more obvious in its appearance. Most readers know that we often publish a Special Section with all the articles devoted to a single site, project, theme, or issue in Mesoamerican studies. This is our first dedicated Special Issue. Assuming that this experiment receives approval from authors and readers, the Special Issue could become more common with triannual publication.

We are in the midst of some exciting changes at *Ancient Mesoamerica* and with Cambridge University Press. We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge everyone who makes this enterprise successful. We thrive on the energy and inspiration from our readers, authors, reviewers, and Editorial Board, and we receive undying support and invaluable resources from our friends at Cambridge University Press. Thank you to all.

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