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From the Editor

IN THIS LAST issue of *Expedition* for 2007 we present three feature articles. The first brings us to Gordion—the Museum's long-term research project in Turkey—where new research sheds light on the site's Roman period occupation rather than its more famous Iron Age past. In the next article an archaeometallurgist from the Museum takes us to New Jersey to participate in an iron-smelting workshop run by artisan blacksmiths and metal sculptors. Can such an exercise help us understand the past?

The third article shifts our focus to the American Southwest and opens our special feature on *Native America*. In this article the Keeper of the Museum's American Section and two Native American artists discuss the meanings found in Eastern Pueblo embroidery and other media. This collaborative endeavor is emblematic of a number of new programs and projects being pursued at Penn Museum.

We introduce two of these here in our Class Notes and Research Notes departments. The first details a recent program at the Museum that involved Penn undergraduates and visiting Native American students—three of whom kindly agreed to discuss their experiences—in research on the Museum's North American collections. The second introduces a digital partnership with the Ojibwe Nation that will explore how digital technology can benefit both the Museum and Ojibwe communities.

As usual, this issue also introduces another curator, the Curator-in-Charge of the Museum's Mediterranean Section. We once again provide reviews of recent books on archaeological and anthropological topics, and our Museum Mosaic will inform you about Museum-related news, including the appointment of the new Williams Director. Finally, we wrap up with a historical account of the dig house used by numerous Museum-sponsored projects at Abydos in Egypt.

We always welcome feedback and hope you find this issue and our website (<http://www.museum.upenn.edu/expedition>)—which hosts a complete and searchable archive of back issues of *Expedition*—worth sharing with your family and friends. 🏠



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