WELCOME TO THE first issue of Expedition’s 50th volume!

Once again, we present three feature articles—two on historical archaeological research within the United States and one that anthropologically examines contemporary life in Cuba.

The first article transports us to Montana to explore the rough beginnings of medical tourism about a hundred years ago in the Old West. We then journey further back into the past, this time in upstate New York, to consider what archaeology, history, and modern-day re-enactments can tell us about one of the most important historical events of the French and Indian War (1754–1763). Next, we head south across the Straits of Florida to see how Cuban citizens in Havana cope with the constraints their socialist government imposes on their aspirations for material goods and freedom of movement.

This issue also introduces the Museum’s new Williams Director and two new exhibitions that open in our galleries this spring—one on the Museum’s history and another that helps explain the theory of evolution and its particular relevance to humans. In our other short articles, our Archivist draws your attention to an important 20th century artist-photographer who photographed the Museum and some of its collections in the 1910s, while one of the Museum’s volunteer guides explains why she came to the Museum and how our Education Department trained her to share her knowledge and enthusiasm for the world’s cultures, past and present. We also provide a short film review, which fortuitously complements a feature article on Cuba, and our Conservator invites you to check out the discussions that she and her colleagues have about different approaches, techniques, and displays on her Museum blog. As usual, our Museum Mosaic department informs you about Museum-related news.

As always, we welcome feedback and hope you find this issue and our website (http://www.museum.upenn.edu/expedition)—which hosts a full and searchable archive of back issues of Expedition—worth sharing with your family and friends.

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