

Dear Readers,

When *Historical Geography* came to LSU's Department of Geography and Anthropology in 1992 from Cal State Northridge, it was a vibrant newsletter that published articles and reports that were not peer reviewed. Since 1993, under several editorial teams (Carville Earle and Anne Mosher; Steve Hoelscher and Karen Till; Craig Colten and Dydia DeLyser; Dydia DeLyser, Garth Myers and Karen M. Morin), we have worked to maintain that vibrancy, while also assuring that all manuscripts are peer reviewed. Until 2005 the journal's production, publication, and distribution costs were supported entirely by LSU's Department of Geography and Anthropology through its Geoscience Publications unit. Then, in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, budgetary cuts meant a loss of the funding that sustained the journal. Many of you generously heeded our call for assistance and helped us to publish the 2006 number.

The journal now has a stable new production home at High Point University, who have generously agreed to support all production, publication, and distribution costs for the journal. We also have a new editorial team with Garth Myers and Karen M. Morin joining Dydia DeLyser as co-editors, Soren Larsen as book review editor, and Kathleen Carter as managing editor. Together we are pleased to announce an expanded subscriber base for *HG*: at the 2007 San Francisco meeting of the Association of American Geographers, the members of the Historical Geography Specialty Group voted unanimously to support subscriptions to *Historical Geography* through membership dues. Beginning in 2008, all members of the Specialty Group will automatically become *HG* subscribers. This will be in addition to our other valued individual and institutional subscribers.

It is not without sadness that LSU's Department of Geography and Anthropology bids farewell to the journal it housed and fostered since 1992. But, as the Gulf Coast region continues to recover from the devastation wrought by the storms, the Department too regains its strength. So it is with pleasure and gratitude that we extend thanks to Department Chairs Paul Farnsworth and Craig Colten who agreed to fund entirely the publication and expanded circulation of this 2007 volume so that HGSG members could become *HG* subscribers now—and at no additional cost. We look forward to seeing *Historical Geography* continue to flourish!

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