

Introduction to the Volume

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The 1990 CLAG *Yearbook* includes a range of articles representing diverse thematic content and varied geographic contexts. Biosphere reserves in Paraguay, manufacturing in Argentina, urbanization in the Brazilian Amazon, the encomienda in Guatemala, and water control and settlement in the Bajío region of Mexico are all examined in research papers focusing on specific regional contexts. Papers dealing with Latin America in a broader sense include an examination of Spanish as a language for geographical expression, national parks in the tropics, and agricultural terraces. While geographers are the principal disciplinary contributors to the volume, they are joined by an anthropologist, historians, and regional planners. Contributors represent academic and research institutions in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Guatemala, and Jamaica. No manuscripts in Spanish are published in this volume, but all manuscripts include abstracts in Spanish and/or Portuguese as well as English.

A total of 27 manuscripts were submitted for review and possible publication in this issue of the *Yearbook*. Using the double-blind system of review, each manuscript was sent to peer reviewers for evaluation and each manuscript was read by the editor. Most papers were evaluated by two or three external reviewers. The final decision on each paper's suitability for publication was made by the editor. A total of eight manuscripts were accepted for publication, representing an acceptance rate of about 30 percent. One research note was solicited for publication by the editor.

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