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2022 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

Peter Peregrine

You joined Lawrence's anthropology department in 1995, coming to Appleton after five years' service as an assistant professor at Juniata College. As an archeologist with an interest in cross-cultural research, anthropological theory, and museum studies, you have made major research contributions to your field that I am pleased to recognize today.

Since coming to Appleton 27 years ago, you have published more than 20 articles on a range of topics in anthropology, including issues of cultural evolution, climate change adaptation, and cultural ecosystems. And that's just counting single-authored articles; adding work you've co-authored with colleagues more than doubles that tally. You have edited essay collections on Pre-Columbian world-systems and brought nine volumes of the *Encyclopedia of Prehistory* to publication. You have enjoyed a fruitful collaboration with your colleague Carol Ember, seeing major textbooks on anthropology through multiple editions. And let us not forget the many prestigious grants awarded to support your scholarship, from agencies such as the National Endowment for the Humanities, the U.S. Army Research Office, and the National Science Foundation.

This is the second time your research contributions have been honored by Lawrence. You received the Excellence in Scholarship Award in 2012, shortly after being elected as a Fellow of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science. Your many accomplishments since then include your membership in the external faculty of the Sante Fe Institute, where you were brought in as a collaborator on a John Templeton Foundation-funded project to explore processes of cultural evolution. The data you collected on the evolution of cities led to an invitation to participate in an National Science Foundation-funded project to explore social resilience to climate change among non-industrial societies. A critical insight from that work is the importance of political participation as an aspect of social resilience.

Peter, for your many contributions to the understanding of cultural evolution and adaptation, helping us see how the lessons of the past might inform action in the future, I am pleased to present you with the 2022 Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship.

June 12, 2022