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This year marks the 50th anniversary of Journal of Human Evolution (JHE). After multiple meetings with our journal publisher and members of our Editorial Board (EB), we are pleased to announce that JHE will launch a number of new and exciting initiatives to celebrate this occasion. Beginning with the current issue of JHE, we will be publishing editorials from many of the Emeritus Editors-in-Chief. These will appear roughly one per issue in 2022, the first of these in the current issue by Eric Delson and Peter Andrews. These editorials will touch on the origins and history of the journal and offer insights and perspectives into how the journal and the field of paleoanthropology have changed as well as new directions for the future. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we have.

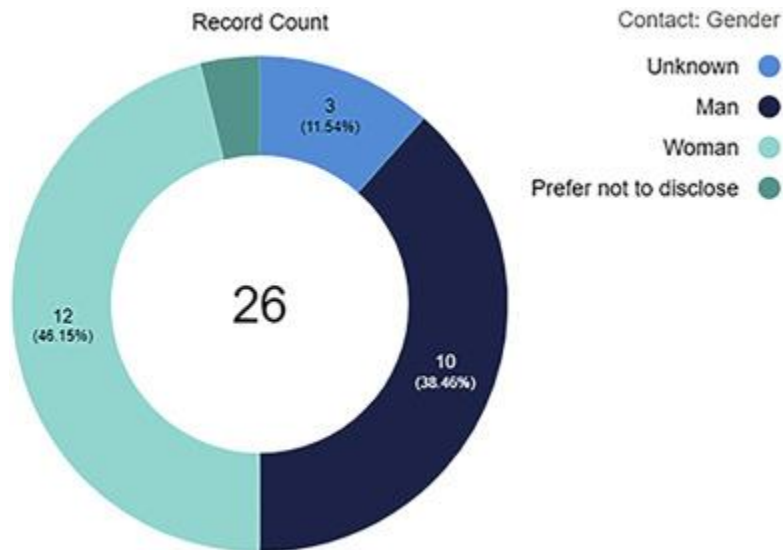
At the end of 2022, JHE will also publish a special issue: 50 years of Journal of Human Evolution: A Window into the Past, Present and Future of Paleoanthropology. As we enter into this New Year, we are ever mindful of the changes taking place on a global scale and their impact on the human condition. Understanding events that shaped our own evolution and led to the extinction of most of the past hominin diversity seems more relevant than ever before. This special issue will include articles on a variety of topics—topics that capture some of the most important areas of investigation and discovery about our origins, our evolution, and what it means to be ‘human.’ Contributions to this special issue will be collaborative efforts between early-career and senior scholars. We view the joining of diverse experiences, historical knowledge, skills, and ideas as a strength of this special issue, providing opportunities for novel and creative insights and perspectives that might otherwise not be realized by working alone. As an added twist, and with our sincere thanks to Leslea Hlusko for bringing the idea forward, all contributors to this special issue have been asked to identify one or more seminal articles published in the

early volumes of JHE and to use these articles as inspiration for discussing how their topic has changed over time and where they believe the field is/should be headed in the future.

When we first became aware that 2022 was the 50th year of JHE, we knew we wanted to acknowledge the scholarly accomplishments of the journal. At the same time, we saw this as an opportunity for new and meaningful initiatives to ensure the vitality and longevity of our academic community and the journal. Thus, as part of our 50th anniversary celebration, and with the full support of our journal publisher, JHE has launched the Early Career Research Paper Prize (<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-human-evolution/news/journal-of-human-evolution-early-career-researcher-paper-prize>) with the aim of recognizing the outstanding work and future potential of early career scholars in the field of human evolution. The first recipient of this award will be announced at the end of 2022 as part of our 50th anniversary celebration, after which the prize will be awarded on an annual basis. The winning article will be made freely available for one year and promoted on JHE homepage, and the recipient will receive a monetary prize and certificate of recognition. JHE will also be launching an Early Career Review Board (ECRB), which we hope will inspire individuals in the early stages of their careers to become involved in the editorial side of research and to eventually assume the role of Associate Editor/Editor-in-Chief. More to come on the ECRB!

As many in our academic community are aware, in October 2018, JHE moved to a double-anonymized peer review process in an effort to ameliorate bias in the review process. This year, we have formally pledged our commitment to ensuring a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in all JHE-related activities (<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-human-evolution/announcements/diversity-inclusion-pledge-journal-of-human-evolution>).

Journal of Human Evolution is also now reporting on gender diversity distribution of our EB. These data are updated monthly on JHE homepage (<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-human-evolution>), and at the time of this Editorial (January 2022), we are pleased to share that we continue to maintain gender balance on our EB.



To bring all of these ideas and initiatives to fruition, we gratefully acknowledge the enthusiastic support of our journal publisher, Emily Wilkes, and the tireless efforts of our journal manager, Vinaya Sundar. Finally, we owe a debt of gratitude to our Associate and Emeritus Editors. We could not do what we do were it not for their dedication to our authors, reviewers, and the journal.

For JHE, 2022 will be a year of looking back at the history and impact of the first 50 years of the journal while at the same time continuing to lead the study of human evolution into the next century.