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At the end of 2019, J. Michael Plavcan stepped down as the Editor of the *Journal of Human Evolution (JHE)* and passed on his responsibilities to Andrea B. Taylor. At the end of 2020, David M. Alba stepped down as the Editor and passed on his responsibilities to Clément Zanolli. Mike served the *JHE* from 2015 to 2019, and David from 2017 to 2020. We can only skim the surface of their impact on and contributions to the *JHE*. Over the course of their tenure, Mike and David handled upward of 1300 submissions. With the dedicated editor position for special issues ending in 2018 (held at that time by Sarah Elton), they also took over special issues as part of their editorial responsibilities, managing five special issues between them. Under their stewardship, the *JHE* impact factor rose from 3.155 in 2018 to 3.534 in 2019 and to 3.895 in 2020. That they accomplished all of this during a time of tremendous flux in journal publisher leadership cannot be overemphasized—four journal publishers in five years. Due in no small part to their efforts, we inherited a journal that remains strong and well positioned to continue as the leading journal in paleoanthropology. As with all previous editors for the *JHE*, emeritus Editors Mike and David continue to serve as active Associate Editors for the Journal. On behalf of the *JHE* and its readership, we offer our sincere gratitude for all they have done for the journal and the field.