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Preface

The origins of this volume lie in a symposium held at the 102nd annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association in Chicago, Illinois, USA on November 19, 2003. The symposium, which had the same name as the present volume, was organized by Richard Lee of the University of Toronto and Robert K. Hitchcock of the Michigan State University. Most of the people whose work is featured here presented papers in this symposium (Megan Biesele, Patricia Draper and Nancy Howell, Robert Hitchcock, Kazunobu Ikeya, Richard Lee and Ida Susser, Sidsel Saugestad, and Renee Sylvain). Elliot Fratkin of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts served as a discussant. Benedicte Ingstad and Per Fugelli's paper was drawn from a presentation in another symposium at the Chicago AAA meetings, as was the paper by Akira Tikada. Two papers were written specifically for this volume: the chapter by Irene Staehelin on !Khwa ttu, the San Culture and Education Center in South Africa, and the one on land, livestock, and labor in the Western Sandveld region by Alec Campbell, Mike Main, and Robert Hitchcock. All of the papers were rewritten and updated in order to ensure timeliness of the information presented on San peoples.

We hope that these papers will aid in the formulation of forward-looking policies concerning the San, as well as foster their future development and further improve their welfare. We express our heartfelt thanks to our many San friends for their generosity, patience, and valuable data they provided us.

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