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Editor's Preface

Most of the papers in this volume were first presented at a symposium I organized and chaired at the annual meeting of the Society for California Archaeology in Santa Rosa, California, March 28, 1986. At my request, the authors subsequently revised and expanded their oral presentations to the versions appearing here. Although the paper by Bettinger was not presented at this symposium, it is included here because of its clear relevance to the "current directions" theme of the volume. My own contribution was revised and expanded from a paper first presented at the annual meeting of the Society for California Archaeology, held in Redding, California, March 25, 1988.

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