

## The Data Bank: Note on the New Section to *PaleoAnthropology*

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### *A Forum Making Data Sets Available to the Paleoanthropological Community*

The journal editors introduce this new section of *PaleoAnthropology*, which encourages the sharing of raw data sets.

In this issue of *PaleoAnthropology*, we inaugurate a new section, titled “The Data Bank.” As its name suggests, this section will include raw data from excavations, anatomical, and archaeological analyses in the lab, or other types of raw data that colleagues are interested in sharing with the larger paleoanthropological community. Anta Monte-White sets off this new addition to the journal with raw data files from her excavations in Europe.

The materials in this section will not be peer-reviewed. The first and obvious reason for this is that these data by themselves do not constitute a stand-alone scientific paper. A second, related reason is that the journal will publish such raw data files when they pertain to an already published body of work, not in its stead.

When submitting to the “data bank,” please include an introduction to the project(s) and short introductions to each file or group of associated files (e.g., files of the faunal and lithic finds from a single site). The file-specific intro-

ductions should include legends to the spreadsheet codes, if there are any. Also, please make sure that scientific works to which the data files are related are cited in the introductions. Anta Monte-White’s contribution can be used as an example. Other than these basic requirements, the journal leaves the structure and details of the introductions to the researcher’s decision. The final details will be worked out with the handling editor.

Data files may be submitted as Excel spreadsheets, Word documents, and tiff or jpg files for graphics; please follow the guidelines for authors (available on our website) for appropriate image resolution and size. We recommend avoiding data base software because this may cause problems of compatibility.

We hope that many of our colleagues will take the opportunity to utilize this new tool of making their work available to the community at large.