

This issue has a number of articles dealing with a range of themes. They include historical archaeology (of the West African slave trade, by Kelly et.al.), and ethnoarchaeology in Nigeria (Garba) and Senegal (Sall). It is still possible to find places where little work has been done, as is seen in Mercader and Marti's paper on Cameroon, Haour's on Niger, and Arazi's on the Songhay heartland of Mali. Larry Robbins contributes more evidence to the argument that MSA Africans were behaviorally modern in a European Upper Palaeolithic sense.

I received a new book in the mail, with the request that I advertise it to the members of SAfA. so am doing this here. It is an approximately 400 page long review, in French, of the earliest archaeological sites in East Africa and is titled Comment l'homme?: à la découverte des premiers hominidés d'Afrique de l'Est. It was published by Editions Errance (7 rue-du-Bellay, 75004, Paris, France) in 1999, and is edited by Alain Gallay of the University of Geneva, Switzerland. The publisher can be reached by mail or (archeol@club.internet.fr). No price is given. Some of you may be familiar with Gallay's work on ethnoarchaeology and ceramics in Mali. Here he serves as the editor and compiler, and has 12 co-authors. The book has sections on rift valley geology, palaeoenvironments, primate and human evolution, and the history of European exploration of East Africa.

As this issue of Nyame Akuma goes to press, I have received notice that the 11th Congress of the PanAfrican Association of Prehistory and Related Studies will be held at the Palais de Congrès, Bamako, Mali, from February 7 to 12, Registration fees will be \$100 US for ordinary members, \$50 for students, and \$50 for The registration fee is accompanying persons. payable after the circulation of the second announcement. Registration entitles one to full participation in the conference, and a discount on the cost of the published proceedings. A number of post congress tours are being organized. An initial registration form is available from Dr. Tereba Togola, Direction Nationale des Arts et de la Culture, B.P. 91, Bamako, Mali (phone 223-22-33-82; Fax 223-21-67-86). This information was provided to the SAfA list serve.

Final plans are underway for the 15th biennial meeting of SAfA at Cambridge University from July 12 to 15, 2000. I hope to meet many of you there.