

Neil L. Whitehead (1956–2012)

It was with great sadness that we learned on 22 March that our old friend Neil Whitehead had passed away that morning following a brief, private battle with cancer. Neil assumed the editorship of *Ethnohistory* in 1997, succeeding Ross Hassig. Over the ensuing decade he transformed the journal in numerous ways, making it larger, glossier, and—like Neil himself—provocatively unpredictable. He continued to nurture the journal’s mission to publish the latest work on native peoples of the Americas while expanding its purview to include occasional forays into other corners of the world, thereby bringing new attention (and new members) to the society and its journal. He was a tireless and entertaining presence at every annual meeting, never failing in his commitment to the society. We worked as his book review editors during those years, succeeding him in the editorship in 2007; his shoes were such large ones to fill, it took two of us to do it, and it remains a challenge. We shall miss him deeply at every society meeting and with every issue of the journal that goes to press. Our organization and our journal would not have been the same without him, and they will never be the same now that he is gone.

—Matthew Restall and Michael Harkin, editors