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Brian Dervin Dillon is a fifth-generation Californian from a family incorporating African, American Indian, Chinese, Dutch, English, Filipino, French, German, Hawaiian, Irish, Japanese, Korean, Mexican, Okinawan, Scots, and Spanish elements through marriage and ancestry. A Phi Beta Kappa and a Fulbright Fellow, he received a Ph.D. in Maya Archaeology at UC Berkeley in 1979. Dillon is widely published in Mesoamerican and California archaeology, ethnohistory, and history; he is also the author of hundreds of contract archaeology reports. Dillon has directed field research projects in five countries and has done academic and contract archaeology in every part of California for over 40 years.

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Melinda Horne, 1957-2012

Melinda C. Horne, RPA, died unexpectedly while her final paper was in preparation for this *PCAS Quarterly* double-issue. Melinda’s interests included the prehistories of inland southern California and the Great Basin, archaeological method and theory, prehistoric settlement patterns, predictive modeling, and synthetic analyses. Her 1984 MA thesis at the University of Utah focused on predictive modeling in the Great Basin using remotely sensed data. Ms. Horne was Co-Project Manager of the Metropolitan Water District’s Eastside Reservoir Project and Inland Feeder Pipeline Project in southern California. Born in Casper, Wyoming, Melinda devoted nearly 30 years to archaeology and CRM in California, the Great Basin, and the Pacific Northwest. Melinda played significant roles as a field supervisor, principal investigator, data analyst, and report author for myriad survey and excavation projects in five western states for INFOTEC Research, Applied EarthWorks, and Cogstone Resource Management. Among these were the PG&E/PGT Pipeline Expansion, Inland Feeder, I-10/Jefferson, and Dobron projects. Susan Goldberg of Applied EarthWorks fondly recalls two decades of intertwined careers with Melinda, from California to Oregon and back again, most significantly their collaboration on the Eastside Reservoir—the largest twentieth century archaeological project in southern California. More recently, Melinda worked mostly in the Coachella and San Jacinto valleys. One of her most important discoveries was the early Holocene ceramic industry that she and Suzanne Griset report in the present double-issue. Suzanne remembers Melinda as “first and foremost, an archaeologist interested in squeezing every last bit of data possible while completing the CRM task at hand.” Beyond her research interests, Melinda passionately enjoyed working with Native Americans and was a frequent instructor of monitor training courses. She also created an educational program that provided thousands of seventh graders with hands-on experience in archaeology and an appreciation of Native American cultures. We all remember Melinda as a good friend, a respected colleague, and an enthusiastic advocate for archaeology.

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