

# Editorial

This year's volume of *Lund Archaeological Review* covers a time span ranging from the Late Neolithic to the Late Medieval period and explores various theoretical and methodological approaches to studying the past. Anna Tornberg presents results from her osteological analysis of the Late Neolithic–Early Bronze Age graves from Abbekås on the southern coast of Scania. She explores changes in health and their possible relationships to changes in diet, agriculture and animal husbandry. Jens Winther Johannsen's article explores the social and cosmological meanings embedded in the early Bronze Age Villfara monument from eastern Scania. Kristian Brink and Thomas Linderoth study the use of space on a fenced Roman Iron Age farm on the southern coast of Scania, discussing aspects ranging from gardening to social representation. The focus of Christoffer Hagberg's article is a discourse analysis of the so-called slingstones from Uppåkra, where he investigates how categories of material culture are created and interpreted through the archaeological process. Justin Kimball's article deals with the socio-cultural values expressed in the Late Iron Age Hnefatafl-games, touching upon ideas of social stratification, land division and military aptitude. Robin Gullbrandsson's article is a survey of preserved Medieval roof trusses in churches in northern Småland, where he discusses aspects such as continuity and change in building tradition. Finally, Sara Lind and Tina Westergren present the results of a new building-archaeological investigation of the Glimmingehus castle in southeastern Scania, giving us a new reading of the social functions of its rooms.

Two of the articles in this volume report results from recipients of the 2011 Anders Althin Foundation Grant. The Anders Althin Foundation was founded in 1986 by Anders Althin in commemoration of his father Carl-Axel Althin's contribution to archaeological research. Every year the Foundation awards two grants supporting archaeological research in southern Sweden. As Carl-Axel Althin was active in the Department of Archaeology in Lund, we are happy to be able to include these articles in *Lund Archaeological Review*.

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