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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Vol 3 Issue 3 (2021)

Volume 3 Issue 3 marks the 7th publication for Maya America. Interest and support have grown over the past three years, and readership data indicate a robust international audience. Currently, we have 3 guest editors working to arrange future issues. Upcoming planned themes for the next three years include: adoptees from Central America, Chiapas as crossroads, the multi-effects of tourism, the new generation of Maya and indigenous intellectuals, Maya led education in the schools, and key historical controversies. Individual essays and/or inquiries are welcome any time.

Volume 3 Issue 3 includes discussion on the destructive aspects of “modernity” in Mesoamerican homelands; language loss and programs for language revitalization; historic land tenure in the Ixil region of Guatemala; and the complexities and ambiguities of religious “syncretism”. Three essays come from indigenous non-Maya authors in Mexico who describe academic and personal experiences in migration that affect communities in Michoacán and Oaxaca. Several essays discuss how Maya and indigenous peoples are resisting the loss of traditional and community values. For example, authors from the Asociación Q’imb’al describe how Ixil women promote concepts of the “good life” that challenge the unsustainable and destructive actions of western capitalism.

SPECIAL THEMED ISSUE ON ADOPTION CALL FOR PAPERS

In collaboration with Maya America Journal of Essays, Commentary, and Analysis, Next Generation Guatemala will guest edit a special edition issue of the publication dedicated to the Central American adoption experience. We are interested in putting the narrative of Central American adoption back into the adoptee’s hands and share unfiltered stories from our community about our journeys with identity, home, and more.

Submissions are open to everyone adopted from Central America! We welcome both finished and unfinished written pieces, with the available opportunity to work with an editor to develop your piece. Peer review for academic research papers is also available from Maya America. We also welcome submissions in all languages, not just limited to English or Spanish. More info on how to submit can be found here: https://forms.gle/vVf2HNGe5fNwUze67

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