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Spring has always been the moment when new life begins and the old year passes away, with both joy and regrets. At SCIAA, we are moving into the beginning of the new and extraordinary phase of life marked by new leadership, new directions, and a new home. I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Charles Cobb will be joining us as the new Director of SCIAA in July 2007. Dr. Cobb has long been a leader in the profession as an outstanding Southeastern and Midwestern archaeologist, as Chair of the Department of Anthropology at the State University of New York at Binghamton, as President of the New York State Archaeological Council, and as an adjunct of the Center for Archaeological Investigations. Prof. Cobb has worked in cultural resource management as a Senior Archaeologist with Garrow and Associates, a large CRM firm in Atlanta, and he has taught CRM courses at SUNY for many years.

Dr. Cobb has had a distinguished career as a research archaeologist, publishing three major books, and more than 30 articles in major journals. In addition he has been very active in funded research as well, receiving three major grants from the National Science Foundation as well as funding from the National Geographic Society and the Smithsonian Institution. He comes here to be both a director and a research leader for the Institute, and he will have a joint appointment as Professor of Archaeology in the

Department of Anthropology. His work with the Department of Anthropology will significantly strengthen both SCIAA and the department as we move to make the new Ph.D program in anthropology a major training ground for those archaeologists who will transform South Carolina archaeology in the next century.

Dr. Cobb is excited about coming to South Carolina and will be visiting several times during the spring in order to consult with our staff and friends in the community so we can begin to put together our initiatives for the future. There will be several occasions for you to meet with him this spring, and I hope you will take the time to meet him and share your vision for SCIAA with him.

At SCIAA, we are beginning the process of preparing for our move into our new headquarters and if that sounds tentative, it isn't—it is just that the move will be a gigantic



Thorne Compton, SCIAA Director