

## **Announcing the publication of the inaugural volume in the Thai Archaeology Series !**

Thai Archaeology Monograph Series, edited by Joyce C. White

### **Ban Chiang, A Prehistoric Village Site in Northeast Thailand I: The Human Skeletal Remains**

by Michael Pietrusewsky and Michele Toomay Douglas

The inaugural volume in the Thai Archaeology Monograph Series describes in detail the human skeletal remains from Ban Chiang in northeast Thailand. The skeletal material spans a period from 2100 B.C. to A.D. 200 and includes pre-metal, Bronze Age, and Iron Age deposits from a series of prehistoric societies.

The history of *Homo sapiens* in Asia has long been a topic of interest among scholars investigating human biology. This study, which is based on one of the larger, comprehensively analyzed skeletal series ever excavated in the region, makes fundamental contributions to understanding human settlement in eastern Asia.

The volume includes detailed summaries of metric and non-metric variation recorded in teeth, skulls, and the rest of the skeleton, and evidence of disease of the Ban Chiang people. These data are used to examine a number of questions. Where did the people of Ban Chiang come from? Did more intensified agriculture influence the health of the people? How do the people of Ban Chiang compare to the inhabitants of other ancient site in Thailand and to the modern peoples of Thailand and neighboring regions?

Contrary to other groups experiencing similar transitions elsewhere in the world no clear evidence for a decline in health over time is noted in the Ban Chiang skeletal series, suggesting continuity in a broad-based subsistence strategy even in the face of intensifying agriculture. The skeletal evidence further suggests a rigorous physical lifestyle with little evidence for infectious disease or interpersonal violence.

*Michael Pietrusewsky is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu. Michele Toomay Douglas is a consultant in human skeletal biology and bioarchaeology. Joyce C. White is Senior Research Scientist at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia.*

0-924171-92-8 493 pp., 114 figures, 81 tables. Cloth, with CD-ROM \$100.00

## ORDER FORM

Please send me *Ban Chiang, A Prehistoric Village Site in Northeast Thailand. I: The Human Skeletal Remains*, by Michael Pietrusewsky and Michele Toomay Douglas.

\_\_\_\_ copies @ \$100 = \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPPING/HANDLING: \$4 first book, \$.75 each addtl. copy. Outside  
North America: \$5.50 first book, \$1.25 each addtl. copy surface mail \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SALES TAX: PA residents add 6% sales tax;  
Phila. residents add 7%; Allegheny Co. residents add 7% \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Order from the University of Pennsylvania Press

Orders taken at: P.O. Box 4836, Hampden Station, Baltimore, MD 21211

Fax: 410-516-6998, toll free: 800-445-9880

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed       MasterCard    Visa       Discover    AmEx

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Card no. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_