thors argue that the analysis of gene-frequency diversity in America is rather more consistent with an earlier Amerind entry (15,000 to 30,000 years ago) than many American archeologists are ready to acknowledge.

The book contains three appendixes. The first two provide allele frequencies for the 42 populations used in the global analysis, and for the 491 populations in the full database. Appendix 3 lists the primary sources from which the gene frequency data were obtained.

There is much to relish and much to challenge in this volume. Many will question the use of specific analytical methods (choice of distance statistic, tree-construction method, and synthetic map surface construction methods) or be frustrated at the ambiguities of sample pooling or the limitations of the analyses presented. For many, the lack of clear-cut criteria upon which a number of analytical decisions, such as the deletion of samples due to admixture, were made will be troubling. Similarly, "when points for calculating variogram curves were too few, the variogram was omitted from the gene maps" (p. 124). The criteria employed to make this judgment are not obvious, nor is the rationale for producing a map from what may be presumed to be very sparse and irregularly distributed observations.

These reservations, however, are modest. This is an impressive display of synthesis and analysis. Arguments regarding methods and approaches will be trivial if the original data are made available to other researchers as is implied in chapter 1. This is the most comprehensive treatment of human genetic variation available. If it provokes many to challenge its conclusions and hypotheses with increasingly sophisticated analyses, and I believe it will, it will likely play an important role in future research in anthropological genetics. It is especially appropriate that such a complete summary of the classical blood-group, serum-protein, and enzyme markers appears now, as we are rapidly generating the next generation of human genetic diversity data at the nucleotide level. Many of the deficiencies to be found in this volume are the deficiencies of data collection, of standardization, and ultimately of comparability. As the authors clearly note, we should learn from these deficiencies and coordinate, to a much greater degree than in the past, the nature of the genetic data now being accumulated on DNA markers. This is a lesson worth learning, and one that is clearly presented here.

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