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- Combining different skeletal collections from one town and time-period allows a much more in-depth analysis of life in this society than when osteoarchaeologists focus on just one collection.
- 2. People in the past have the unfortunate habit of leading lives too complicated to easily reconstruct using one osseous activity marker.
- 3. Entheses: the final frontier. At least for osteoarchaeologists.
- 4. Negative results are also results, and data are significant even if their correlation is not.
- 5. Entheseal change in nonadults can provide invaluable insights into past societies.
- 6. Combining new and established osteological methods is crucial when reconstructing the lives of people in the past.
- 7. The utility of entheseal change is directly dependent on the research question.
- 8. It's a dangerous business, starting a research project. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing how many articles you'll end up writing.
- 9. In 300 years of time and space, I haven't studied a single skeleton that wasn't important.
- 10. Men and women in the post-medieval Low Countries engaged in different yet equally strenuous physical tasks.