Preliminary Program

Sunday 17 June
Student Day (morning & early afternoon) will include professionalization workshops and seminars on topics such as grant proposal preparation and article publication.
Diaspora Day, a public event for Toronto’s Diaspora Community, will begin ~2.30 pm.
Participants in the main SAfA conference should plan to arrive in the afternoon or early evening and pick up conference materials at the venue; they are also welcome to attend Diaspora Day.

Monday 18 June (morning)
Four symposia will run from 8.30 am to noon:
PA06 – Rethinking the place of ‘global’ commodities in the African past: Towards a continental dialogue
RL05 – Late Quaternary hunter-gatherer stone artifact technological variability in northern and eastern Africa
ME05 – Old problems, new perspectives: Technologies, methodologies, and techniques
ME08 – The ethnoarchaeology of craft, technology, trade and social networks

Monday 18 June (afternoon)
The Plenary Session will run from 1.30-4.00 pm. After a tea break, six Breakout Panels will facilitate discussion of challenges and solutions in cultural heritage management in Africa from 4.30-5.30 pm. The Opening Reception will take place at 5.30 pm.

Tuesday 19 June (morning)
Four symposia will run from 8.30 am to 1 pm:
PA01 – Boundaries and blurred lines: Technological change and behavioural evolution in the African Plio-Pleistocene
PA02 – Integrated archaeological and palaeoenvironmental records (Part 1)
PA04 – Moving beyond “mosaics”: Building high resolution models for the spread of food production in Africa
RL01 – Archaeology of Oyo Empire: Metropolitan and regional perspectives

Tuesday 19 June (afternoon)
Four symposia will run from 2.30 to 5.30 pm:
PA02 – Integrated archaeological and palaeoenvironmental records (Part 2)
PA03 – Life by the water: Stone Age archaeology along African coasts, lakeshores, and rivers
RL03 – Archaeological research in the ancient Kongo kingdom’s capital and in its northern provinces, the combined results
ME03 – Recent developments in the archaeology and ethnoarchaeology of ceramics in Africa
Wednesday 20 June (morning)
Four symposia will start at 8.30 am:
RL02 – New light on Nigeria’s past: Re-assessing past discoveries and renewing approaches in the archaeology of Nigeria (8.30 am to 12.45 pm)
RL06 – Land-cover and land-use in Holocene Africa: Integrating diverse data for past and future projections (8.30 am to 10.30 am)
RL07 – The Pleistocene and Holocene archaeological records from the interior of southern Africa (Part 1) (8.30 am to 12.30 pm)
ME02 – African archaeology and genetics: Moving from multidisciplinary to interdisciplinary (8.30 am to 12.30 pm)
One symposium will run from 10.45 am to 12.30 pm, and continue in the afternoon:
PA07 – African cities across time and space (Part 1)

Wednesday 20 June (afternoon & evening)
Four symposia will run from 2.00 to ~5.30 pm:
PA07 – African cities across time and space (Part 2)
PA10 – Connecting past and present: Oral traditions, landscapes, and community archaeology
RL07 – The Pleistocene and Holocene archaeological records from the interior of southern Africa (Part 2)
ME01 – Archaeometallurgy, societies, and evolution in Africa: Methodology, chronology & technical traditions
The Conference Banquet will begin ~6 pm.

Thursday 21 June (morning)
Five symposia will run from 8.30 am to ~12.30 pm:
PA05 – Monumentalities in Africa: Diverse forms, contexts and designs (Part 1)
PA08 – Rethinking the practice of historical archaeology in Africa (Part 1)
PA09 – Relational ontologies meet African archaeology: Questioning the nature of nature and being a being in the past
RL04 – Egypt & the wider world (Part 1)
ME04 – Archaeometry in the service of African archaeology (Part 1)

Thursday 21 June (afternoon & evening)
Five symposia will run from 2.00 to ~4.00 pm:
PA05 – Monumentalities in Africa: Diverse forms, contexts and designs (Part 2)
PA08 – Rethinking the practice of historical archaeology in Africa (Part 2)
RL04 – Egypt & the wider world (Part 2)
ME03 – Beyond words and things: archaeology and historical linguistics
ME04 – Archaeometry in the service of African archaeology (Part 2)
The Business Meeting will run from ~4.15 to 5.30 pm.
A Closing Reception will begin ~6.00 pm (venue to be announced).

Friday 22 June (all day)
An optional post-conference excursion (with separate fee payable on the registration website) will take participants to Niagara Falls & nearby attractions.