



SOCIETY OF AFRICANIST ARCHAEOLOGISTS
24th BIENNIAL MEETING: BUILDING BRIDGES TO THE AFRICAN PAST

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.