



July 26, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

As announced, the 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial SAfA Meeting, organized by Professor Peter Mitchell and the Organizing Committee, will be conducted entirely online in the coming months of August and September. The meeting will begin with the Plenary Sessions and Business Meeting on Saturday and Sunday, August 14-15. This will be followed by 21 research symposia and roundtable sessions, and a student event carried out over various days between August 17 and September 28 (see schedule and abstracts attached here to this message).

All meeting events will be conducted using the Symposium by ForagerOne online conferencing platform. The Symposium platform provides the 25<sup>th</sup> SAfA Biennial Meeting with a number of features, including capacity for both synchronous live sessions on Zoom and space for submitting and viewing presentations asynchronously. Registration for the meeting is free, but all participants (whether you are presenting or just attending as a non-presenter) must register on the Symposium by ForagerOne website to access sessions and presentations. If you do not register on the Symposium by ForagerOne website, you will not be able to access the meetings. Also, if you are not a member of SAfA currently (or need to renew your SAfA membership), please do so prior to registering on Symposium. SAfA membership: <https://www.safarchaeology.org/Membership>

**There will NOT be any registration fee to pay for the conference itself.**

The Symposium meeting site is under construction currently and will be available a week before the conference begins on August 14. However, we encourage you to register on Symposium by ForagerOne as soon as possible, using the following link:

<https://symposium.foragerone.com/safa-2021-biennial-meeting/signup>

The Symposium platform will provide Zoom links to individual sessions, both plenary and research, as well as the SAfA business meeting. If you do not already have Zoom software installed on the device you will be using to attend any of the sessions, you will need to download it. It is available as a mobile app for Android or OS phones, as well as for computers.

For those members who are scheduled to serve on Plenary Session Panels, present research, or serve as a chair in the research symposia or roundtable sessions, you will receive instructions in a separate email message from the [safawebmaster@safarchaeology.org](mailto:safawebmaster@safarchaeology.org) email account in the coming few days concerning how to submit presentations and navigate the Symposium platform.

We look forward to seeing all of you online at the SAfA 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting!

With best wishes,

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