

## **SOCIETY OF AFRICANIST ARCHAEOLOGISTS**

### **25th BIENNIAL MEETING: AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGY — A 20:20 VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

#### **Announcement of new dates for face-to-face conference events in 2021**

While the Covid Matters Committee (CMC) is researching possible adjustments to the 25th Biennial Meeting so that some online events can take place this year, there is an urgent need for the Organizing Committee to reserve access to venue space for face-to-face events in 2021. Because many other conferences and educational events are already scheduled at Oxford and because many other events planned for 2020 are also having to shift their dates to 2021, access to venue space is extremely limited and reservations must be made immediately.

It is therefore with great pleasure that the SAfA 2020 Organizing Committee announces that the face-to-face components of the rescheduled 25th SAfA conference will take place at **St Hugh's College, University of Oxford**, from **15 to 20 August 2021**. Student Day activities will take place on Sunday 15 August and excursions on Friday 20 August.

We are aware that these dates may not be ideal for everyone, but are restricted in terms of the availability of facilities and accommodation. We therefore hope to see as many SAfA members as possible joining us in Oxford next August and wish you and your families all the best until then.

Further information on the rescheduled conference will be posted on this site and to the SAfA Listserv when available. Information will also be made available by the CMC Committee as soon as possible after completion of a survey of the SAfA membership regarding plans for interim online events in September 2020.

#### **Grants for travel and registration**

The evaluation of all travel grant applications (for students and non-students) was completed at the end of March. These awards will remain valid for attending face-to-face events in 2021. Please note that the Organizing Committee is not able to open a second call for travel grant applications with respect to coming to Oxford in 2021.

#### **Contact**

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We look forward to seeing you all in Oxford next August.

With our best wishes

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