

Explore, Share, Create: The Joy of Museum Archaeology

**Annual Conference 2020 to be held virtually
Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November 2020**

Call for Papers

The Society for Museum Archaeology is seeking proposals for contributions to its 2020 conference: 'Explore, Share, Create: The Joy of Museum Archaeology'. This year for the first time the conference will be held virtually. Attendance at the conference will be free but we will be inviting donations from attendees to support any costs and our wider work.

2020 has been a year of change. The Covid-19 pandemic, Black Lives Matter movement and ongoing climate crisis have all impacted on our lives. Lockdown, furlough, working at home, home-schooling and social distancing became new realities. Societal inequalities have been exaggerated with different people experiencing the year very differently depending on their circumstances. Yet 2020 has also been an opportunity to rethink how we do things and break away from the status quo.

We want to use our 2020 conference to celebrate exploring, sharing and creating in the field of museum archaeology. Ideas might include but should not be limited to:

- Furlough projects;
- The use of online technologies;
- The rise of sector support groups;
- Anti-racism and decolonialisation;
- Environmental sustainability.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who wants to make a contribution in one of the following formats:

- **Virtual Workshop**

We are looking to host up to three workshops of no more than two hours each in length via Zoom. The workshops will take place on the afternoons of Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 November 2020 between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Full details of the workshop will need to be submitted to the SMA by Friday 30 October 2020 so that any necessary practical arrangements can be made.

- **Virtual Tour**

We are looking to host one virtual tour of a site or museum of no more than 45 minutes. The tour would need to be prerecorded and submitted to the SMA by Friday 30 October 2020. The workshop will be broadcast via Zoom on Friday 13 November 2020 between 9:00am and 10:00am. The creator of the tour will need to be available on Friday 13 November 2020 to do a live introduction and to interact with viewers.

- **Twitter Conference Paper**

We are looking to host up to 12 Twitter conference papers. Papers are to be presented in the form of a thread of up to 15 280-character tweets each accompanied by images or other media. The Twitter conference will take place on Thursday 13 November 2020 between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Each contributor will be allocated a timeslot of 15 minutes over which to deliver their tweets.

- **Zoom Conference Paper**

We are looking to host up to nine Zoom conference papers of no more than 25 minutes each in length. Papers will need to be prerecorded and submitted to the SMA by Friday 30 October 2020. The Zoom conference will take place on the afternoon of Friday 13 November between 10:00am and 5:30pm. Speakers will need to be present during the slot in which their paper is broadcast to answer any questions from viewers.

How-to guides and technical support for each format will be provided to aid contributors.

Please submit proposals for virtual workshops, tours or papers by filling out the form below and emailing it to Amal Khreisheh (SMA Training Officer) **by Wednesday 30 September 2020** (amal.khreisheh@swheritage.org.uk).

If you have any queries or would like to talk through an idea before submitting a proposal, please contact Amal Khreisheh (amal.khreisheh@swheritage.org.uk).

Proposal form for Society for Museum Archaeology Annual Conference 2020

Name(s):

Organisation:

Contact Details:

These will be used to correspond about the conference.

- Email Address:
- Telephone Number:

Social Media:

Only add if you are willing for these details to be shared.

- Facebook:
- Instagram:
- Twitter:

Format:

Please indicate which format you are proposing from the following list:

- Workshop of up to two hours by Zoom;
- Virtual tour of a site or museum of up to 45 minutes in length by Zoom;
- Twitter conference paper presented in up to 15 tweets over 15 minutes;
- Zoom conference paper of up to 25 minutes.

Title of tour/workshop/paper:

Abstract (300 words maximum):

Please show clearly how your proposed contribution relates to the theme of museum archaeology.

Biography (100 words maximum):

Please email proposals to amal.khreisheh@swheritage.org.uk
by Wednesday 30 September 2020.