



## Archaeological Perspectives on Slavery, Trade, and Colonialism

Connecting Continents: Archaeological Perspectives on Slavery, Trade  
and Colonialism

Society for American Archaeology

&

European Association of Archaeologists

Joint Thematic Meeting

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**Curaçao, 5-7 November 2015**

**For the first time ever, SAA and EAA have organized a joint meeting that will bring together scholars on a tightly focused high caliber thematic meeting. For our inaugural meeting, we have chosen a theme of great interest to archaeologists on both sides of the Atlantic: *slavery, trade and colonialism*.**

Given this theme and the background of the sponsoring organizations, the Caribbean was a logical region to hold the meeting. Curacao, a country rich in cultural heritage devoted to the conference theme, will be the meeting locale. The island offers an ideal conference setting, the Marriott Curaçao Resort and Emerald Casino, and numerous opportunities to visit firsthand archaeological sites, museums, and restored historical buildings devoted to the conference themes.

The meeting format will be a mix of plenary sessions in which topics and speakers will be selected and open presentations on current and on-going research. Limited posters-type presentations will be presented using a digital media format (i.e., LCD projector, TV, or similar medium). The meeting will take place 5-7 November 2015.

### **Meeting Objectives**

Slavery and colonialism are topics of great interest to American and European archaeologists. Scholars generally tend to work within the theoretical and methodological confines in which they were trained. Consequently, these topics are treated quite differently in different countries. Our objective is to break down these barriers by inviting leading scholars to present, debate, and discuss various theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches to these topics using examples from

throughout the world and not restricted to Europe, Africa or the Americas. We equally welcome examples from different periods in time, such as perspectives that can be offered from the classical world and others.

By using plenary sessions in which all meeting registrants participate (i.e., no simultaneous sessions), we will provide the time required by leading scholars to fully articulate their views as well as the time needed by the entire congress to debate and discuss the various points of view. We also have left time for meeting participants to present the results of their current research, thereby ensuring that those attending this meeting will leave with the most up to date findings in the field of slavery and colonialism. By targeting the meeting to between 200 and 250 participants, we will supply the intimate atmosphere needed to exchange views and network with colleagues in the same field.

### **Opening Keynote(s):**

Kathleen A. Deagan, Distinguished Research Curator Emerita, Florida Museum of Natural History, USA

"Colonialism, Slavery and Trade: a (North) Americanist Perspective"

Corinne L. Hofman, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University, Netherlands

"The Nexus1492 project, New World Encounters in a Globalizing World"

Tom Gilbert, Centre for GeoGenetics, Copenhagen Denmark

Hannes Schroeder, Centre for GeoGenetics, Copenhagen Denmark

"The Eurotast Project, Exploring the History, Archaeology and New Genetics of the Transatlantic Slave Trade"

Roberto Valcárcel Rojas, Departamento Centro Oriental de Arqueología, Holguín, Cuba

"The Caribbean and the Indigenous Slavery in the New World"

### **Schedule:**

Wednesday:	Arrival and Registration
Wednesday evening	Welcome Reception
Thursday morning	Plenary session
Thursday afternoon	Plenary session
Friday morning	Plenary session
Friday afternoon	Excursion(s) to points of interest on the island
Saturday morning	Plenary session
Saturday afternoon	Plenary session
Saturday evening	Closing dinner on the beach

The archaeological and anthropological museum NAAM on Curaçao will be responsible for organizing excursion(s) that will be priced separately. Its deputy director Claudia Kraan MA participates in the scientific committee.

## Scientific Committee

Willem J.H. Willems, Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden U., the Netherlands (SAA, EAA), *Chair*  
Whitney L. Battle-Baptiste, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA (SAA)  
Fraser D. Neiman, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, USA (SAA)  
Paul Lane, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala Universitet, Sweden (EAA)  
J. Cameron Monroe, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA (SAA)  
Claudia Kraan, National Archaeological - Anthropological Memory Management, Curaçao (NAAM)

The scientific committee is responsible for evaluating proposals for papers and sessions, for organizing individual papers into relevant sessions, and for soliciting papers or sessions. It will coordinate the excursions with NAAM.

The four keynotes will have sufficient time to explore a subject and to be thoroughly discussed with the audience (45 minutes + discussion). The length of all other papers will depend on the total number admitted, but will be a minimum of 15 minutes including discussion. If interest is sufficient, Saturday morning will be an open session with short presentations (5-10 min.) focused on current and on-going research.

### Rates\*

SAA/EAA Member	\$159
SAA/EAA Discount*	\$89
SAA/EAA Retired Discount*	\$89
SAA/EAA Student	\$99
SAA/EAA Student Discount*	\$69
SAA Associate Member	\$129
SAA Associate Member Discount*	\$89
SAA Joint Standard/EAA Family	\$159
SAA Joint Discount/EAA Family Discount*	\$89
SAA/EAA Non-member †	\$209
SAA/EAA Non-member Discount*†	\$139
SAA/EAA Non-member Student †	\$149
SAA/EAA Non-member Student Discount*†	\$99

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\*EAA Discounts: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, F.Y.R. Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, and Ukraine are discounted.

†For those attendees who are neither members of SAA nor EAA, the registration for this meeting includes a 2016 one-year membership in SAA with *Advances in Archaeological Practice* pre-selected as your primary journal and a 2016 one year membership in EAA with *European Journal of Archaeology*.

### **How to Submit an Abstract**

To submit an abstract for consideration by the Scientific Committee, please email the abstract, title, and author name(s) and affiliation(s) to: [saa-aaa2015@saa.org](mailto:saa-aaa2015@saa.org) by **February 2, 2015**. Abstracts should not exceed 200 words.

To present at the meeting in Curaçao, you must be a member of either SAA or EAA in 2015.

### **Dates and Deadlines**

February 2, 2015 – Deadline for receipt of Proposals for papers and sessions.

March 17, 2015 – Notification by Scientific Committee regarding proposals.

May 1, 2015 – Registration Opens (online at [www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org)).