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Dear Colleague:

SAA's 77th Annual Meeting is almost upon us. We are delighted to bring our meeting to the home of the blues and birthplace of rock 'n' roll! With potentially our largest number of submissions ever, the 2012 meeting promises to deliver a vibrantly rich scholarly program as well as a host of other activities.

The Opening session this year is the President's Forum: *Archaeology and the Media: A Symbiotic Relationship* (Co-sponsored by SAA and the National Geographic Society). As we all know, archaeology and the media have a special symbiotic relationship. Archaeological discoveries around the globe provide science journalists with a steady source of stories of wide public appeal. Archaeologists rely on the media to extend the reach of their work and its significance to a wider audience. On the other hand, the relationship between the media and archaeology is often fraught with miscommunication and lost opportunities. In the forum a panel of nationally prominent science journalists from *National Geographic* (print and TV), *Science* magazine, the *Washington Post*, and others will join with archaeologists with extensive experience in media relations to explore this complicated relationship and how to improve it. It will be a fascinating session. Don't miss it!

In addition to attending sessions, you can enhance your meeting experience by signing up for one of the plethora of activities being offered this year. There are a host of workshops (some free/some fee) on topics such as: using digital archiving, 3D scanning, CORONA satellite imagery, submerged cultural resources, and more! As for tours, visit the C.H. Nash Museum at the Chucalissa Archaeological Site, or take a historic walking tour with local legend Jimmy Ogle. You can even get in touch with your inner-King and rock on down to Graceland. Spots are limited, so don't delay!

Back by popular demand, the free CV/ Résumé review exclusively for students and post-docs will again be offered in Memphis! Also returning this year is the CRM Expo, sponsored by the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) and SAA. Check it out on Saturday afternoon! And drop by ArchaeologyLand! sponsored by SAA's Public Education Committee on Saturday morning.

You will find Memphis is a great city to visit. If you love music—Memphis is the true home of the American song book. It's where the blues of the Delta merged with the songs from Appalachia creating some of the best music ever made. Drop by Sun Records on Beale to see where much of it happened, and visit BB Kings Blues Club and the other venues on Beale where today you'll still hear amazing music.

From Beale Street to Graceland, from the National Civil Rights Museum to the Hollywood Café in Robinsonville, Memphis is sure to be a destination that has something for everyone. This vibrant city is rich in music, culture, and food! We're excited to bring the 77th Annual Meeting to Memphis, and I hope you can join us for what is sure to be a memorable meeting!

*Fred Limp, RPA, President*