The SAfA 2023 Organizing Committee is pleased to issue a call for abstracts for papers and posters for the 26th SAfA conference at Rice University in Houston, Texas, USA, 1-6 June 2023. Abstract submissions are due by 1 November, 2022.

Previously circulated information on SAfA 2023
The first circular contained information on the basic conference schedule, roles available and maximum number of roles for participants, and information on soliciting attestation letters for United States visa applications. The second circular contained information on proposing an organized session or roundtable, and that deadline has now passed. It also contained information on other activities at the conference.

Please visit the conference website to review these earlier circulars and other information:
  English: https://safarchaeology.org/safa-2023
  français: https://safarchaeology.org/safa-2023-fr

Paper and poster abstracts
If you would like to present an individual paper or poster at SAfA 2023, please submit an abstract for consideration by the Organizing Committee. You must use this form. You may fill out the form in English or in French, and papers and posters may be presented in either language. If the link does not work, copy and paste the following URL into your browser: https://forms.gle/xpNXUne11X8mvfYk8
If you have been invited to give a paper in an organized symposium, you will indicate this on the form. Symposium organizers have been notified of the acceptance of their proposals. Individual papers not linked to a particular symposium will be organized into appropriate sessions by the Organizing Committee. Individual posters will be placed into a poster session.

If you have been invited to participate in a roundtable, or you have been asked to be a discussant in an organized symposium, then you do not need to submit an abstract.

As previously communicated, the conference offers two options to present your paper or poster: in person in Houston, or remotely online. We ask you to please indicate your planned mode of presentation at this time, when you submit your abstract, with the understanding that this may change due to travel or pandemic restrictions. Students who wish for their work to be considered for the SAfA student paper and poster awards will be equally eligible whether they present in person or online.

Abstracts are due by 1 November, and notifications of the Organizing Committee’s decision will be made by 30 November. Please note that the deadline to submit a travel grant application is 1 December. You may therefore submit a travel grant application before knowing if your abstract has been accepted. Information on travel grant applications, which are organized by the SAfA Executive Board, will be provided on the SAfA website in advance of the deadline.

Before beginning the form, please have ready:
- Title, abstract (<1000 characters including spaces), and up to 5 keywords for your poster or paper.
- First and last names of author(s). There is no maximum number of authors, but the lead author should be the person presenting the paper or poster at the conference.

**SAfA membership: a precondition of paper submission**
Membership of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists is a precondition of presenting a paper or poster, chairing a symposium or roundtable, or acting as a discussant at SAfA 2023. You MUST therefore confirm that you are a member of the Society when submitting your paper’s abstract. Membership of SAfA, which is free for African residents, can be effected via the SAfA website at [https://safarchaeology.org/Membership](https://safarchaeology.org/Membership)

**A reminder about roles:**
To maximize participation, each participant will be allowed to take on up to three of the following roles:
- Presenter of a poster or paper. Each participant is limited to being lead author/presenter on ONE paper or poster.
- Symposium or roundtable (co-)chair. Participants may chair more than one session.
- Symposium discussant. Participants may be a discussant in more than one session.
For example, a participant may be lead author/presenter of one paper, and co-chair two symposia.

For papers and posters, there is no limit to the number of additional (non-presenting) coauthors. We do not consider participation in a roundtable as a 'presenter', so this will not count toward your three-role maximum participation.
Upcoming deadlines

1 November  Deadline for paper/poster abstract submissions; travel grant applications open
1 December  Deadline for travel grant applications; Fourth circular: registration opens
1 January   Travel grant awardees notified
1 February  Deadline for early bird registration
1 May       Advance registration closes

Contact information

Conference website:
    English: https://safarchaeology.org/safa-2023
    français: https://safarchaeology.org/safa-2023-fr

Conference email: safa2023conference@gmail.com

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