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Dear Colleagues:

In 2021, the Society for American Archaeology will be back on the West Coast. Our 86th Annual Meeting will be held in San Francisco, CA, April 14–18.

In normal times, the SAA Call for Submissions for the 86th Annual Meeting would open on May 1, 2020. But since we had to cancel our meeting this year, and we know many of you would like to resubmit, we are opening the Call for Submissions for the 86th Annual Meeting today. Further, we anticipate that there will many others who would like to take advantage of the opportunity to be part of the 2021 program.

We are pleased to be returning to San Francisco in 2021. The meeting will be held at the Union Square Hilton in close proximity to cable cars, hundreds of restaurants, Chinatown, and other iconic San Francisco attractions. The top floor of the Union Square Hilton is the city's tallest skybar, and SAA is requesting a signature cocktail for our event. The San Francisco International Airport is on the BART train line, and it's an easy ride into downtown.

The Call for Submissions can be [accessed online](#) and serves as your guide to submitting abstracts and/or sessions for the annual meeting. All submissions must be made via the SAAweb online submission system.

The [web-based submissions system](#) is now open and will close **Thursday, September 10, 2020, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. Staff will be on hand to assist right up until the moment the system shuts down. *There is no grace period*, as all submissions are electronic. Nothing may be submitted or changed after the deadline.

As you may be aware, presenting at the annual meeting is a privilege of membership in SAA.

- Nonmembers submitting must join the Society by November 15, 2020.
- Current members submitting must renew their membership for 2021 before the close of the membership grace period, January 30, 2021.

Should either nonmembers or renewing members miss their respective renewal/join deadline, the Board of Directors will reject the submission. This action will supersede any action by the Program Committee. Once rejected by the Board, the pending submission cannot be reinstated. Also, please be aware that the deadlines are firm.

SAA is excited about the 86th Annual Meeting and the opportunity for participants and attendees to engage with one another and discuss their research. We will be sharing more details about the 86th Annual Meeting as plans come together and encourage you to submit your abstracts and sessions early.

We will continue to monitor and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak but believe there are reasons to be optimistic about our collective future. We look forward to seeing you in San Francisco next year!

Sincerely,

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President