

## Call For Papers

### Penn Cultural Heritage Center Annual Meeting on Community Archaeology and Heritage

#### CONCEPTUALIZING COMMUNITY

#### WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER STEPHEN SILLIMAN

CONFERENCE DATE: MARCH 30 2019

HOST: PENN CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

CONFERENCE LOCATION: PENN MUSEUM, PHILADELPHIA , PENNSYLVANIA, USA

The Penn Cultural Heritage Center invites proposals for papers from graduate students and other researchers working in the disciplines of archaeology and/or cultural heritage for the Penn Cultural Heritage Center Annual Meeting on Community Archaeology. The topic for this year's conference is "Conceptualizing Community" in Heritage.

One of the major challenges in Community Archaeology and Heritage is defining and prioritizing stakeholder participation; in essence, who and what counts as community? Is community archaeology the same as public archaeology? Is engaged research the same as collaborative? How do certain needs fueled by heritage intersect and contradict, and what is the role of the researcher in these entanglements? We seek scholars who are developing innovative approaches to the theory and practice of Community Archaeology and Heritage broadly defined, addressing questions such as: what are the goals of Community Archaeology and Heritage projects, and for whom? What are some of the implicit power dynamics in the act of defining community, and how are and should these be negotiated?

Presenters should draw from their own research and experiences in areas such as community archaeology, public heritage, museums, etc, grounding their questions in how communities could be defined in theory by positioning how communities have been defined in practice.

Proposals should include a title and an abstract of no more than 200 words and a short bio of the author. Presenters should prepare for 20 minute-long presentations (15 minutes for presenting with 5 minutes of questions and discussion). Early career graduate students and early career researchers are encouraged to apply.

Send all material to [heritage@pennmuseum.org](mailto:heritage@pennmuseum.org) with the subject heading CHC Conference Abstract: APPLICANT NAME. Please include your affiliation in the body of the email. Deadline for abstract submissions is February 1, 2019. Applicants will be notified of their status by mid February.

\*Please note that we will be unable to cover expenses related to the conference, such as room and board or travel.

*By positioning communities in a leading role, the Penn Cultural Heritage Center reframes the preservation of cultural heritage within a context of social, political, and economic development. We demonstrate and disseminate our strategy through field projects, research, engagement in public policy, and public programs that emphasize the centrality of community priorities for successful outcomes. For more information go to <https://www.penn.museum/sites/chc/>.*

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