



June 3, 2019

Dear Colleague:

The SHA 2020 Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology Committee invites you to join us in Boston, one of the oldest cities in the United States. The 2020 SHA Conference will be held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, in the heart of downtown. You will be steps away from excellent food and shopping at the Prudential Center and Newbury Street, as well as landmarks such as Boston Common, Fenway Park, and the Boston Public Library. Stay for the whole weekend to explore the city and nearby Cambridge. Check out the brownstones in Back Bay, the many historic burying grounds, and the gas-lit streets of Beacon Hill. Head to Faneuil Hall, Boston's central marketplace since 1742, and get a Sam Adams with your lobster roll.

Boston is known as the "birthplace of the American Revolution." Eighteenth-century U.S. history is woven into the fabric of the town: its cobbled streets, historic neighborhoods, and homes of well-known patriots, poets, and philosophers. The Old North Church and Paul Revere house are iconic stops along the Freedom Trail, which winds its way through the city (including the North End, where you must get a cannoli). This year's logo depicts the two lanterns hung in the window of Old North Church, prompting Paul Revere's famous midnight ride. Signaling "one if by land, two if by sea," these lanterns represent the material culture of revolution, and reflect the terrestrial and underwater components of our conference.

We invite our colleagues to contemplate the conference theme of "revolution" in its broadest terms of inclusivity and diversity. Revolution encapsulates a spirit that persists beyond colonial history to include rebellion, resistance, survivance, and commemoration. Archaeologists have explored Boston's diverse revolutionary acts and movements at sites such as the 1806 African Meeting House and the Malcolm X House. We hope that our broad theme inspires the membership to consider topics including Abolitionism, the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote, and civil rights. Also we hope that papers can capture some of the more recent methodological and theoretical revolutions happening in the field, both in terms of technological advancements and new intellectual avenues for interpreting the past.

Formed in 1967, the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) is the largest scholarly group concerned with the archaeology of the modern world (A.D. 1400-present). The main focus of the Society is the era since the beginning of European exploration. The SHA promotes scholarly research and dissemination of knowledge concerning historical archaeology. The Society is specifically concerned with the identification, excavation, interpretation, and conservation of sites and materials on land and underwater. Geographically, the SHA emphasizes the New World, but also includes European exploration and settlements in Africa, Asia, and Oceania.

In addition to the education presentations by archaeologists from around the world, the 2020 Conference will host a Book Room that will include exhibits of products, services, and publications from companies and other organizations in the archaeological community. The SHA welcomes exhibitors who share its mission and agree with its Ethics Principles (<https://sha.org/about-us/ethics-statement/>) and the SHA Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy (<https://sha.org/about-us/sha-sexual-harassment-discrimination-policy/>) at the 2020 Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, January 8-11, 2020 in Boston, Massachusetts.

**The 2020 Book Room hours are as follows:**

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**Wednesday, January 8**.....*Set-up:* 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
**Thursday, January 9**.....8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
**Friday, January 10**.....8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
**Saturday, January 11**.....8:30 am – 2:00 pm  
*Dismantle:* 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm



Each manned display will receive one (1) 6 foot skirted table and two (2) chairs. Unmanned tables will receive one (1) 6 foot skirted table. Each exhibit should be installed so as not to obstruct the view of, or interfere with, other exhibitors.

**The fees for the 2020 Book Room are as follows:**

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**Manned Tabletop Displays**

Companies/Publishers/For Profit Organizations.....\$575 per table  
(includes one full conference registration and one exhibitor staff registration\*)

University Presses/Sister Organizations/Museums/Government Agencies/Non-profits .....\$350 per table  
(includes one full conference registration and one exhibitor staff registration\*)

**Unmanned Browse Tables**

Companies/Publishers/For Profit Organizations .....\$275 per table

University Presses/Sister Organizations/Museums/Government Agencies/Non-profits.....\$175 per table

\* Please note that the exhibitor staff registration is intended for an individual who will be manning the Book Room table full-time. Exhibitor staff are not permitted to attend education sessions or present papers at the conference. **If you plan to attend sessions or present/participate in a session at the conference, you must have a full conference registration.** Exhibitor staff are invited to participate in complimentary social events at the Conference.

All interested vendors must complete an Exhibitor Contract and indicate their agreement with the SHA Ethics Principles (<https://sha.org/about-us/ethics-statement>) and the SHA Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy (<https://sha.org/about-us/sha-sexual-harassment-discrimination-policy/>). Please be aware that *space is limited* and will be assigned on a first come/first served basis, once a completed Exhibitor Contract and payment have been received. In the event your preferred space is unavailable, SHA staff will contact you to discuss alternate locations. Full payment must accompany your completed Exhibitor Contract to ensure processing.

A confirmation packet will be sent to all contracted exhibitors after November 11, 2019. This packet will include conference registration and exhibitor staff registration forms as well as shipping and electrical forms. **Registration forms must be completed and returned to the SHA office by November 25, 2019.**

**If you have any questions, please contact the SHA at (301) 972-9684:**

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Fax .....(866) 285-3512

E-mail.....hq@sha.org

SHA website.....www.sha.org

**SHA Student Paper Prize Donations**

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Each year, student members of the Society for Historical Archaeology, who plan to present papers at the Society's annual conference, are invited to submit their papers for consideration in the SHA's Student Paper Prize Competition. The winner of the Student Paper Prize is recognized at the Conference at the SHA's Annual Business Meeting and receives a prize from the Society.

For the 2020 Conference in Boston, the SHA wishes to present the winner of the Student Paper Prize Competition with a collection of books on historical archaeology. To this end, we are asking publishers to consider donating at least one book to the SHA for this prize. If you are able to donate a publication for the 2020 Student Paper Prize, please contact Karen Hutchison at the SHA at [hq@sha.org](mailto:hq@sha.org).



**EXHIBITOR CONTRACT** Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2019

Fax form with credit card information to: (866) 285-3512

Or mail payment/form to: SHA • 13017 Wisteria Drive #395 • Germantown, MD 20874

Questions: Contact the SHA at (301) 972-9684 or [hq@sha.org](mailto:hq@sha.org)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone *include country code* \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED**  
All exhibitors must indicated their agreement with the SHA Ethics Principles (<https://sha.org/about-us/ethics-statement>) and the SHA Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy (<https://sha.org/about-us/sha-sexual-harassment-discrimination-policy/>).

**I agree**

**PERSON(S) MANNING DISPLAY**

Complimentary Full Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Staff Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a short description of your organization (50 words or less) to be included in the 2020 Conference Program:

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**SPACE ASSIGNMENT: MANNED TABLES ONLY** — see attached floorplan. Please indicate your preferred location(s).

1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

	Per Table	# Tables	Total
<b>Manned Tabletop Displays</b>			
Companies/Publishers/For Profit Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> US \$575	#	\$
University Presses/Sister Organizations/Museums/Government Agencies/Non-profits	<input type="checkbox"/> US \$350	#	\$
<b>Unmanned Browse Tables</b>			
Companies/Publishers/For Profit Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> US \$275	#	\$
University Presses/Sister Organizations/Museums/Government Agencies/Non-Profits	<input type="checkbox"/> US \$175	#	\$
<b>Total</b>			

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check Enclosed – *made payable to SHA (US funds only)*  MasterCard  VISA  Amex

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cancellations must be received in writing by the SHA by Friday, November 1, 2019 and will be subject to a 25% cancellation fee. Cancellations received after Friday, November 1, 2019 will receive no refund.



# Sheraton Boston - Back Bay Ballroom (2nd floor)

