



2025 CONFERENCE ON HISTORICAL AND UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY

JANUARY 8-11, 2025

NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT ▪ NEW ORLEANS, LA

June 3, 2024

Dear Colleague:

The SHA 2025 Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology Committee invites you to New Orleans, Louisiana, for the annual historical and underwater archaeology conference. The 2025 SHA conference will be held at the New Orleans Marriott on Canal Street, located at the edge of the historic Vieux Carré/French Quarter. The conference hotel’s ideal location at the edge of the city’s crown jewel provides direct access to a world-class gastronomic experience, an eclectic art scene, distinctive architecture, historic and culturally significant neighborhoods, diverse music, and exciting nightlife. Enjoy Frenchman Street in the Faubourg Marigny, where the locals hang out, or stroll through the French Market and enjoy beignets and coffee at Café Du Monde in the Vieux Carré. Arrive before the conference begins to ring in the new year, stay through the conference, and enjoy the first parades of the 2025 Mardi Gras season. Whether this will be your first time visiting or you have walked the city’s storied streets multiple times, all will agree that New Orleans is like no other city!

For thousands of years Native American peoples occupied the crescent-shaped landmass adjacent to the Mississippi River that would become New Orleans. When the French arrived in 1718, they encountered the Choctaw nation, who referred to this location along the river as “Bulbancha,” or the Land of Many Tongues, a direct reference to the multitribal nature of this location where fishing, hunting, and trading took place. The land mass was ideal for these purposes, because it is situated along a natural levee further elevated by the many middens created by discarded oyster shells and sediment deposits from thousands of years of occupation. Easy access to Lake Pontchartrain and proximity to the Gulf of Mexico made Bulbancha an attractive location for the eventual settlement of Europeans. Today, New Orleans maintains its multicultural identity with African American, Cajun, Creole, French, German, Spanish, Irish, Italian, Jewish, and Native American influences, defining it as one of the most historically and culturally important places in the United States.

Today, however, the historical, archaeological, and even cultural milieu of New Orleans is directly threatened by the ongoing global climate crisis with increasing average temperatures, rising sea levels, intensifying storms, extreme rain events, tornadoes, and other phenomena directly linked to anthropogenic influences on our planet’s climate. The SHA 2025 Conference Committee encourages the membership to explore the effects of climate change and the impacts on historic and underwater archaeological sites—a theme extending beyond New Orleans and the U.S. Gulf South. The presentation of research and discussion will further facilitate understanding of climate change and its impacts on historic places and landscapes, which may aid in enhancing the future resiliency of places like New Orleans for later generations to learn from and enjoy.

Formed in 1967, the Society for Historical Archaeology 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 the 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 presentations by archaeologists from around the world, the 2025 Conference will feature a Book Room with 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/>), the SHA Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy (<https://sha.org/about-us/sha-sexual-harassment-discrimination-policy/>), and the Conference Code of Conduct (<https://sha.org/conferences/>).

The 2025 Book Room will be in the Bissonet Room on the third floor of the Hotel. The Book Room hours are as follows:

- Wednesday, January 8, 2025.....*Set-up:* 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Thursday, January 9, 2025.....8:30 am – 5:00 pm
- Friday, January 10, 2025.....8:30 am – 5:00 pm
- Saturday, January 11, 2025.....8:30 am – 2:00 pm
- Dismantle:* 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm



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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 2025 Book Room are as follows:

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 registration does not include attendance at education sessions. **If you are presenting a paper at the conference, you cannot take an exhibitor staff registration.** Exhibitor staff are invited to participate in complimentary social events at the Conference.

All interested exhibitors must complete an Exhibitor Contract and indicate their agreement with the SHA Ethics Principles (<https://sha.org/about-us/ethics-statement/>), the SHA Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy (<https://sha.org/about-us/sha-sexual-harassment-discrimination-policy/>), and the Conference Code of Conduct (<https://sha.org/conferences/>). 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 8, 2024. 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 29, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please contact the SHA:

Phone.....(301) 972-9684
E-mail.....hq@sha.org



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EXHIBITOR CONTRACT Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2024

Email form with credit card information to: hq@sha.org

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

Questions: Contact SHA Headquarters at (301) 972-9684 or hq@sha.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization _____		Contact Name _____	
Address _____			
City _____	State _____	Postal Code _____	Country _____
Telephone <small>include country code</small> _____		Fax _____	E-mail _____

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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 2024 Conference Program:

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

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____ 4th choice _____

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

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, 2024 and will be subject to a 25% cancellation fee. Cancellations received after Friday, November 1, 2024 will receive no refund.



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