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## **From the Stone Age to the Drone Age: Archaeologists gather to discuss the past at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology**

San Francisco Venue for Society of American Archaeology Meeting

**Washington, D.C.** – Vikings, drones, anarchy, and prehistoric games are only some of the topics scheduled for the 80th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, April 15-19, at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square, San Francisco.

“Orderly Anarchy in Prehistoric California,” the President's Forum, will open Wednesday evening. Sponsored by the Society for California Archaeology, the session will include scholars from inside and outside California discussing and evaluating Robert Bettinger’s case for socio-political evolution in indigenous California.

Paper and poster sessions covering the full range of human endeavor, including material culture, rock art, nutritional archaeology, and household rituals will fill out the conference days and evenings. Papers will cover the world from North and South America to Asia, the Pacific Islands, Europe, and Africa.

Examples of sessions include “Nose to Tail: An Interdisciplinary Look at Dogs in the Past,” “Not Just Blogging Archaeology: Media and Social Media’s Influence on Archaeology” and “Spanish to the Silicon: The Diversity of San Francisco Historical Archaeology.” Other sessions will cover the discovery of Transbay Man, forensic archaeology, hunter gatherers, and queer archaeology, and will showcase the

use of geographic information systems, new excavation practices, and new data handling methods.

Over 100 booths will fill the sold out exhibit hall, making it the exceptional one-stop opportunity for attendees to find the latest publications, software, field equipment, technology, data and analytic services, and other archaeological necessities.

The press is invited to attend this conference. Please preregister by calling Brianna Kelley, coordinator, Communications, at 202-559-7383 or by email at [brianna\\_kelley@saa.org](mailto:brianna_kelley@saa.org). The Final Program will be available online in mid-March, and can be viewed at [www.saa.org/annualmeeting](http://www.saa.org/annualmeeting). The Preliminary Program, available online now, can be viewed at <http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/PreliminaryProgram/tabid/187/Default.aspx>.

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Press office information: From Wednesday, April 15, through Saturday April 18, the Press Office, located in Yosemite Coat Room of the Hilton San Francisco Union Square, will be open from 9 am to 5 pm. On Sunday, April 19, it will open from 9 am to 12 noon. The press officer will be Brianna Kelley, who can be reached at [brianna\\_kelley@saa.org](mailto:brianna_kelley@saa.org).

*The Society for American Archaeology is an international organization dedicated to the research, interpretation, and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas. With more than 7,300 members, the Society represents professional, student, and avocational archaeologists working in a variety of settings, including government agencies, colleges and universities, museums, and the private sector. SAA's Annual Meeting attracts more than 4,000 archaeologists from around the world. For more information on the Society for American Archaeology and its Annual Meeting, visit its website at [www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org).*