

First Conference on Public Archaeology

September 22-23, 2023



Hosted by:

Florida Public Archaeology Network
University of West Florida
Pensacola, FL

Final submission deadline is **April 30, 2023**

Registration opens **June 1, 2023**

The first Conference on Public Archaeology will be hosted by the Florida Public Archaeology Network, a program of the University of West Florida, and is intended to provide a dedicated space for public-minded archaeologists and cultural heritage practitioners to share their experiences and expertise. Over two days, we plan to host a series of workshops, panels, round-tables, and special events geared toward addressing some of the most pressing issues in the discipline.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

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VENUE

The first Conference on Public Archaeology will be held in historic Pensacola, Florida, on the University of West Florida's Downtown Campus. Meeting spaces include the classrooms in UWF Historic Trust's Bowden Building (120 Church St., Pensacola, FL 32502), the Florida Public Archaeology Network's Coordinating Center classroom (207 E Main St., Pensacola, FL 32502), and UWF Historic Trust's Museum of Commerce (201 Zaragoza St., Pensacola, FL). All meeting spaces are within walking distance of each other, as well as within walking distance of several hotels, restaurants, and local shops.

No conference hotel has been designated for this meeting, so participants are encouraged to book lodging of their choice in and around Palafox Street. While this allows participants to have many options based on budget and desired amenities, **it does require that participants book early!** There is ample parking downtown, either at very little cost or free. If possible, however, we encourage you to find lodging within walking distance of Palafox Street to take full advantage of this beautiful, historic city.

Hotels near the downtown Pensacola area include:

[Sole Inn and Suites](#)

[New World Inn](#)

[Pensacola Victorian Bed and Breakfast](#)

[Holiday Inn Express Pensacola Downtown](#)

[Courtyard by Marriott Pensacola Downtown](#)

[Hilton Garden Inn Pensacola Downtown](#)

[Lily Hall](#)

TYPES OF PARTICIPATION SUBMISSIONS AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Roundtables/Panels

Designed to foster discussion and hear a variety of perspectives around a topic to be addressed by invited speakers, roundtables and panels can be between one and two hours in length. Selected submissions will be given a two-hour block of time during the conference. Submissions must identify the chair(s) and all participants/panelists. Chairs and in-person participants/panelists *must* register for the conference. If participants/panelists are unable to attend in-person, a hybrid format may be possible to allow participation. In these cases, organizers must indicate that conferencing technologies are needed on their participation submission. Conference organizers will do their best to accommodate all requests, but equipment limitations may not allow for a large number of concurrent hybrid roundtables/panels.

Workshops

Intended to provide guidance and education on specific topics relevant to public archaeology, workshops can be between one and two hours in length. Selected submissions will be given a two-hour block of time during the conference. Submissions must identify the chair and any additional facilitators. Chairs *must* attend in person and register for the conference. If additional facilitators are unable to attend in-person, a hybrid format may be possible to allow participation. In these cases, organizers must indicate that conferencing technologies are needed on their participation submission. Any additional requests for technology and other resources must similarly be requested at the time of submission. Conference organizers will do their best to accommodate all requests.

Posters

A poster session will be held during the conference's Opening Reception at the Voices of Pensacola Multicultural Center on the evening of September 22, 2023, from 5:30-7:30pm. Posters must not exceed 36"x48" and should illustrate ongoing or completed research, projects, or activities. Bulletin boards and pins will be provided. Authors are expected to set up their own displays and be present at their displays during the Opening Reception. Authors are also encouraged to include contact information on their posters and leave business cards next to their poster so viewers can contact them with questions later. Poster authors *must* attend in person and register for the conference.

GETTING TO PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Airport

Pensacola International Airport (PNS) is located approximately 15 minutes from the conference meeting spaces. Most major U.S. airlines fly to and from the Pensacola International Airport; direct flights are typically limited to larger cities and aviation hubs.

Ground Transportation

If flying to Pensacola, the Pensacola International Airport has several car rental agencies, including Enterprise, Budget, Avis. Taxis and ride shares are also available; a typical ride from the airport to downtown Pensacola is between \$15-\$20.

Transportation during the conference

All conference meeting spaces are within short walking distance of one another (<0.3 miles). For those driving to the conference location each day, several large parking lots with little or no cost are located nearby. The conference map will have additional information on locations and parking.

Accessibility

The Florida Public Archaeology Network, a program of the University of West Florida, is committed to providing a welcoming, accessible, and supportive environment for people with disabilities. All meetings, activities, and events during the conference will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations is requested to advise UWF by contacting the ADA Program Office 850.474.2694, 711 (TTY), visit uwf.edu/ADAForEvents or email ada@uwf.edu at least two (2) business days prior to the event.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the first Conference on Public Archaeology will go live on June 1, 2023.

The Conference Committee is not defining the parameters of the following registration rates as we believe it will allow individuals to participate as they are able.

Registration for professionals - \$100

Registration for students, community stakeholders, and those with financial need - \$35

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE EVENTS

“Archaeology on Tap” feat. Diving with a Purpose’s Jay Haigler

September 21, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Odd Colony Brewery, 260 N Palafox St, Pensacola, FL 32502

"Public Archaeology: Where Are We Going?" Conference Keynote by Dr. Barbara J. Little

September 22, 2023 @ 8:30am

UWF Historic Trust Museum of Commerce, 201 Zaragoza St, Pensacola, FL 32502

Opening Reception and Poster Session

September 22, 2023 @ 5:30pm-7:30pm

UWF Historic Trust Museum of Commerce, 201 Zaragoza St, Pensacola, FL 32502

Conference of Public Archaeology Future Planning Session (open to all)

September 23, 2023 @ 4:30pm

Voices of Pensacola Multicultural Center, 117 E Government St, Pensacola, FL 32502

Have questions or need to get in touch with us?

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