# 2025 Conference on Public Archaeology

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Hosted by:

Archaeology in the Community
Washington, DC

Final submission deadline is **February 10, 2025**

Advanced registration opens **March, 2025**

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## VENUE

The Conference on Public Archaeology will be held in Washington, DC at the Johns Hopkins University [Bloomberg Center](#) (555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001). The versatile and accessible learning spaces will house all sessions, providing one central venue in the heart of the capital. This places our meeting nearly on the National Mall, a short distance from the Smithsonian museums and with a direct view of the Capitol Building.

No conference hotel has been designated for this meeting, so participants are encouraged to book lodging of their choice near the Bloomberg Center or along Metro and Metrobus lines. While this allows participants to have many options based on budget and desired amenities, **it does require that participants book early!** The venue does not have dedicated parking, but there are many options for parking garages in the area. Be aware when planning lodging and transportation that DC is a popular tourist destination in the summer, and the National Mall will be particularly crowded.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The submission form will require the following information about yourself and your submission:
- Email
- Name
- Affiliation
- Title of presentation
- Abstract (1,000 characters max., about 150-200 words)
- Submission type

## TYPES OF PARTICIPATION SUBMISSIONS

**Roundtables/Panel Discussions**

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 1.5-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 video 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 up to 1.5 hours in length. Submissions must identify the chair and any additional facilitators. Facilitators *must* attend in person and register for the conference.

**Posters**

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 their scheduled time. Authors are also encouraged to include contact information on their posters so viewers can contact them with questions later. Poster authors *must* attend in person and register for the conference.

## GETTING TO WASHINGTON, DC

**Airports**

There are three airports servicing the metro Washington, DC area. The closest to the city is Washington National Airport (DCA), just across the Potomac River in Virginia. DCA has a dedicated Metro stop on the Yellow and Blue lines within the airport, and it is a short 20-minute ride to downtown. Dulles International Airport (IAD) is about 25 miles outside of the city in Virginia. It is connected to the Metro on the Silver line, and takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes to ride downtown. Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) is about 30 miles outside of DC, near Baltimore, Maryland. A shuttle from the airport connects to the MARC train station, which is the quickest way to take public transportation from Baltimore to DC. The ride from BWI to downtown DC is about 1.5 hours.

Sometimes roundtrip flights to DC will have you flying into one DC area airport and leaving out of a different one, and sometimes that is the less expensive option. Flights coming into BWI are also often cheaper, but it does put you farther outside of the city. Please take careful note of which airport is on your incoming and outgoing journey before booking.

**Getting Around DC**

DC is a highly walkable city, and there are plenty of options for getting around. Traffic can be heavy and unpredictable downtown, especially if there is an event or protest that results in road closures.There are paid parking garages near the Bloomberg Center, such as Colonial Parking and SP+ Parking.

Cabs can be flagged down on the street or you can hail one on your phone using the Curb app. You can also use Lyft and Uber mobile apps to get around. [Metro railway and Metrobuses](#) connect most of the city and the surrounding Virginia and Maryland suburbs. The [Metro rail map](#) is separated into different color lines (Red, Green, Yellow, Orange, Blue, and Silver). Buses and rail use [SmarTrip passes](#) to pay fare, which you can get as a plastic card or through a mobile wallet on your phone.

The Bloomberg Center is closest to the Archives-Navy Memorial Metro rail station on the Yellow/Green line, about 5 minutes away. The Gallery Place-Chinatown station (Green, Yellow and Red lines), Federal Triangle station (Blue, Orange and Silver lines), L'Enfant Plaza station (Orange, Blue, Silver, Green, and Yellow lines), and Judiciary Square station (Red Line) are all also within a 15-minute walk. The 32, 33, 36, 70, and P6 bus routes stop near the building.

**Safety**

Like any major city, traveling around DC requires a strong awareness of your surroundings. If you can avoid it, it is best not to walk alone at night if you are unfamiliar with the neighborhood.

On the National Mall, there are vendors who will try to scam unsuspecting tourists. The food trucks parked in that area, especially, are known for overcharging (beyond already-high DC prices). If you do not see prices displayed clearly, it is best to find a different vendor.

**Accessibility**

Archaeology in the Community is committed to providing a welcoming, accessible, and supportive environment for everyone. All meetings, activities, and events during the conference will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Any person requiring special accommodations is requested to inform us through the advanced registration form or contact us directly by emailing [copa@archaeologyincommunity.com](mailto:copa@archaeologyincommunity.com) as soon as possible.

## REGISTRATION

Advanced registration for the first Conference on Public Archaeology will go live in March 2025. 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 hardship: $35

**Have questions or need to get in touch with us?**
Contact Archaeology in the Community at [copa@archaeologyincommunity.com](mailto:copa@archaeologyincommunity.com) or call 202-525-1394.