Goals of the Conference

The Southern Southwest Archaeological Conference (SSWAC) is a new conference aimed at highlighting current archaeological research in the Southern Southwest United States and Northwest Mexico. We aim to hold this conference every other year, each time in a different location around the region. This will allow participants to explore the history of various localities through site visits and other activities while also showcasing new and innovative research from throughout the region. Alongside sharing research, goals for the conference include building community and facilitating collaboration among those interested in the archaeology of the region.

Rather than putting a hard boundary around what constitutes the Southern Southwest US and Northwest Mexico, SSWAC aims simply to shift emphasis and attention southward to a broad region that often receives less attention than it merits. We aim to be inclusive and encourage all interested parties to participate in exploring new research within this area.

Conference Location
Pueblo Grande Museum & Archaeological Park
4619 E Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85034
(602) 495-0901
https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/arts-culture-history/pueblo-grande
**Registration**
Presenter and attendee registrations are being processed through the SSWAC website [https://sswac.org](https://sswac.org). Early registration is crucial to help ensure a successful conference. Please contact [sswacinfo@gmail.com](mailto:sswacinfo@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Call for Volunteers**
We are looking for a few student volunteers to help with the conference in exchange for complimentary registration. If you or a student you know would be interested, email us at sswacinfo@gmail.com for further information.

**Sponsorships**
We welcome individual and institutional donations in support of SSWAC through [https://sswac.org/donate/](https://sswac.org/donate/). Email sswacinfo@gmail.com if you are interested in donating to SSWAC or have further questions. Thank you to those who have already agreed to donate!

**Lodging Information**
Two hotels have agreed to offer a number of rooms to conference attendees at discounted rates. Both hotels are conveniently located near the 44th St. & Washington light rail stop. Please note that discounted-rate rooms are limited, and reservations must be made by December 12.

**Aloft Phoenix-Airport**
4450 E. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85034
+1 (602) 275-6300

A small number of double queen and single king rooms are available for reservation 1/10, 1/11, and 1/12 at Aloft Phoenix-Airport, located directly across the street from Pueblo Grande Museum. **The cutoff date for reservations at Aloft Phoenix-Airport is December 12, 2018.**

SSWAC Attendee Reservation Link: [https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1810175728&key=33063C25](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1810175728&key=33063C25)

Rate: Single king/Double queen at $149/night
Phone: Reservations at +1 (888) 236-2427 by mentioning affiliation with Southern Southwest Archaeological Conference
Radisson Hotel Phoenix-Airport
427 N. 44th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85008
+1 (602) 220-4400

Twenty double queen and single king rooms are available for reservation 1/11 and 1/12 at Radisson Hotel Phoenix-Airport, located down the street from Pueblo Grande Museum. The cutoff date for reservations at Radisson Hotel Phoenix-Airport is December 12, 2018.

SSWAC Attendee Reservation Link:  

Promo Code: SSWAC  
Rate: Single king/Double queen at $99/night (add $10 for included breakfast)  
Phone: Reservations at +1 (602) 220-4400 using promo code or mention affiliation with Southern Southwest Archaeological Conference

Tours and Museum Access
Guided tours will be given at four locations as part of the Saturday afternoon program.

- Pueblo Grande Platform Mound
- Park of the Four Waters
- Mesa Grande Platform Mound
- South Mountain

Tour times and additional information will be made available on the SSWAC website. The Park of Four Waters will be limited to a single tour and space is limited. A sign-up sheet for this tour will be available at the conference registration/check-in table.

Conference attendees will receive free admission to the Pueblo Grande Museum and the Arizona Museum of Natural History during the weekend of the conference (January 11-13) by showing conference name badges at the front desk. The Arizona Museum of Natural History is located in Mesa, Arizona (53 N. Macdonald, Mesa, AZ 85201 (480) 644-2230), just a short walk from the Center & Main Street light rail stop.
Conference Schedule

Friday Afternoon

11:00 am  Registration Opens
1:00 pm  Welcome by Pueblo Grande Museum and SSWAC planning committee
1:20 pm  Peter Jimenez Betts
The Early Postclassic Period Mesoamerican World-System and its Connections to the Southwest/Northwest: 900-1200 CE
1:40 pm  Joseph S. Crary and Stephen Germick
Finding the Right Time: The PreClassic Abandonment of the Lower Verde Valley
2:00 pm  Douglas R. Mitchell, Jonathan B. Mabry, Natalia Martinez Taguena, and Gary Huckleberry
The Puerto Peñasco Archaeology and Paleoenvironment Project: Seasonality, Subsistence, Identity and Exchange Along the Northern Gulf of California
2:20 pm  Deni J. Seymour
Land of the Buzzard Clan and their Mobile Neighbors: Exploring the Protohistoric in the Southern Southwest
2:40 pm  Break
3:00 pm  Júpiter Martínez
Doing archaeology on the large Southwest in the northwest México: challenges and differences between two nations
3:20 pm  Brian Medchill
Understanding Prehistoric Disk Beads in the Phoenix Basin through a Ethnohistorical and Ethnographic Perspective
3:40 pm  John Langan
Recent Excavations in the Eastern Papaguéría
4:20 pm  J. Homer Thiel
Trade during the Spanish era in southern Arizona
4:40 pm  Poster Viewing and Break
6:00 pm  Randall McGuire
Keynote talk

Reception will follow the keynote talk
Posters:

David Abbott, Caitlin Wichlacz, and J. Scott Wood
Demarcating Spheres of Interaction in the Uplands of Central Arizona with Electron Microprobe Analyses of Phyllite-Tempered Pottery

Sean G. Dolan, Emiliano Gallaga, and M. Steven Shackley
Archaic Period Obsidian Procurement in the Casas Grandes Region, Chihuahua, Mexico

Mark Hackbarth
Preliminary Analysis Results of Red Mountain and Vahki Phase Grog-temper Ceramics from Pueblo Patricio, AZ T:12:70(ASM)

Chris Loendorf, Craig Fertelmes, Kyle Woodson, Alycia Hayes, Katherine Shaum, Dominic Henry, and Iraida Rodriguez
New Insights into Turkey Domestication in the Mimbres Valley using Mitochondrial DNA Analysis

Jared E. Renaud
Developing a Condition Monitoring Plan for Archeological Sites at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Saturday Morning

10:00 am  Patrick D. Lyons
The Davis Ranch Site: A Kayenta Enclave Among the Hohokam of the San Pedro River Valley

10:20 am  Alexandra Covert
From Water to Land: Analysis of Prehistoric Shell from Wupatki Pueblo

10:40 am  Sean G. Dolan and Andrew T. Ozga
New Insights into Turkey Domestication in the Mimbres Valley using Mitochondrial DNA Analysis

11:00 am  Sharing Research in the Southern Southwest and Northern Mexico: What’s Next?

11:30 am  Lunch (on your own) and travel to tours

1:00 pm  Tours

SSWAC Planning Committee
Chris Caseldine, Katherine Dungan, Chris Schwartz, and Caitlin Wichlacz
If you have any comments or questions feel free to reach out to us at sswacinfo@gmail.com.