



# ARCHAEOLOGY AT MULTIPLE SCALES

An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference  
Sponsored by the University of Michigan Collaborative Archaeology Workgroup  
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As a discipline, archaeology is faced with a particular problem of scale. Archaeological inquiry is carried out at various social scales (i.e. households to empires), temporal scales (i.e. days to millennia), and spatial scales (i.e. deposits to landscapes) and utilizes multiple scales of data resolution (i.e. objects to regions). This conference will provide an opportunity for junior researchers to present innovative research and provide a forum for discussing the methodological and interpretative problems and potentials with different, and sometimes concurrent, scalar approaches to the human past.

We are calling for papers of 20 minutes in length which deal with issues of scale in archaeology. Papers will be presented in panels with other graduate students working on similar themes or approaches across multiple scales. While this list is not exhaustive and other innovative topics are certainly welcome, some suggestions for panel topics include:

*Death and Dying — Boundaries and Interaction — Production and Consumption — Agency and Identity — Typology and Classification — Performance and Display — Wining and Dining*

Presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion of the relationship of scale to the papers and each panel's central theme. Presentations should explicitly discuss aspects of scale (though the manner in which it is incorporated is open). All fields of archaeology (anthropological, classical, area studies, etc.) are welcome. To facilitate a 'workshopping' atmosphere and to promote informed discussions, participants are asked to submit a paper copy of their presentation one week before the conference (March 18th). Pre-circulated papers should be of presentation text length only (approximately 10-12 double-spaced pages); polished written copies are not expected.

**Abstracts of no longer than 200 words should be submitted by February 4th.**

**Please submit abstracts to [CAW-2011@umich.edu](mailto:CAW-2011@umich.edu).**

Although travel stipends will not be available for this conference, accommodations (with Michigan archaeology graduate students) for Friday and/or Saturday night(s) will be arranged upon request. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided on the day of the conference.

The Collaborative Archaeology Workgroup (CAW) is a group of graduate students from multiple departments at the University of Michigan (including Anthropology and Classical Art and Archaeology) who share an interest in archaeological research, theory, and methods. We are dedicated to promoting interdisciplinary research and facilitating the exchange of information among all students interested in studying the past through archaeological techniques.

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