



# Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference

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## 2011 Student Paper Competitions

### Conference Details:

#### When:

March 17-20, 2011

#### Where:

Clarion Resort Fontainbleau Hotel  
10100 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City, Maryland 21842  
Reservations: 1-800-638-2100

#### Cost & Deadlines:

Abstracts for the student paper competition must be submitted and conference registration and membership application completed by **December 15, 2010**.

Registration for non-presenting students should be completed by February 15, 2011.

Student registration fee is \$30;  
student membership fee is \$25.

**In addition to registering for the conference, participants in the competition must be members of MAAC to present a paper.**

Online registration and membership information can be found at:  
[www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org](http://www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org)

### Submit Abstracts and Required Materials

To:

Josh Duncan, Chair  
MAAC Student Affairs Committee

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E-mail:  
[maacstudents2@gmail.com](mailto:maacstudents2@gmail.com)

Abstracts are to be submitted via e-mail in .doc format.

Students and recent graduates are invited to submit abstracts for twenty-minute, single-authored papers on any topic related to archaeology in the Mid-Atlantic United States. We offer two separate contests: one for *undergraduate students* and one for *graduate students*. Student presenters may be placed within the flow of the conference in appropriately themed sessions, included in a separate student session, or be part of an organized session if they have been invited to do so. Papers are evaluated by a panel of judges with diverse backgrounds in the field of archaeology, drawn from the MAAC membership. The papers are judged on content and presentation. Each participant has the opportunity to be paired with a mentor who has a similar focus in archaeology after the abstract has been accepted. The mentor serves as an advisor and editor on the paper before final presentation.

#### Who Can Enter?

Students currently enrolled in an academic program and recent graduates (those within 3 years of receiving a Bachelor's degree or one year of completing a thesis/dissertation) are eligible. Only *single author* papers will be considered.

#### Guidelines:

Judges base their decisions on the following criteria:

**Content** - Is the work well organized? Is a problem or research question presented and answered? Is the research question placed within a larger social, cultural, or economic context? Does the author use archaeological data and/or relevant theory to support the argument?

**Presentation** - Judges will consider the oral presentation (the presenter's ability to communicate to an audience) as well as the student's overall presentation of his or her research. They will also evaluate the use of audio-visual aids.

**Contribution to the field** - Judges will consider the originality of the research and overall the contribution or usefulness to the field of archaeology.

#### Awards:

The judges announce their decision at the Saturday night reception. Two grand prize winners -- one undergraduate and one graduate student -- each receive \$100 and a one-year membership in MAAC. The winners will also have their papers published in the *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology* (cash award will be held until the work is submitted, in final format, to the journal editor).

#### Submission Information:

The deadline for the paper title and abstract is **December 15, 2010**. In addition to the title and abstract (150 words or less), provide name, affiliation and/or degree program, mentor preference (optional), address, phone, email, audio-visual requirements, and proof of the paid conference registration and membership fees. Please submit all materials electronically to Josh Duncan at [maacstudents2@gmail.com](mailto:maacstudents2@gmail.com). **A copy of the paper is due to Josh at least one month prior to the conference (February 17, 2011).**

**MAAC has a tradition of offering student presenters a reimbursement for registration and membership fees when they arrive at the conference. Plans are underway for the 2011 reimbursement program, and you will be notified should we secure a sponsorship for you.**