

Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference Student Poster Award

MAAC encourages students to share their work through the creation of posters as well as presented papers. Awards will be presented to undergraduate and graduate students to recognize excellence in the presentation of archaeological research through a poster. The award is designed to encourage the dissemination of archaeological research through graphics, text, and discussions with those who view the posters, and to recognize the excellence in the dissemination of knowledge through this medium.

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 posters will be considered for the award, though this requirement should not deter two or more students from presenting posters at the conference. Be sure to identify yourself as an undergraduate or graduate student when registering. Judges will review the papers at the conference.

Poster Guidelines

Posters should be suitable in size and material for display on easels. The title and author of the poster should be displayed. A one-page handout that amplifies the arguments in the poster or presents additional information is acceptable. Since a major advantage of poster presentations is sustained interaction with the audience, presenters should plan to spend as much of the allotted time as possible with their poster.

Judges are asked to base their decisions on the following criteria:

Content - Is the presentation well organized? Is a problem or research question presented and answered by the student? Does the student use archaeological data and/or relevant theory to support the argument? Is the research question placed within a larger social, cultural, or economic context? Are appropriate sources used to support the argument?

Presentation - Judges will consider the combined effects of graphics and text on the presentation of the research to an audience characterized by varying levels of interest in the overall topic and in the details of the research.

Contribution to the field - Judges will consider the originality of the research, as well as overall the contribution or usefulness to the field of archaeology

Presenters should consult Frasier Neiman's Poster Primer in Vol. 12, No. 1 of the *SAA Bulletin* for guidance on the preparation of posters:

http://www.archaeological.org/pdfs/annualconference/SAA_Bulletin_12%281%29_Poster_Primer_A5S.pdf