

Penn Museum International Research Conference Program

LANDSCAPES OF MOVEMENT:
TRAILS, PATHS, AND ROADS
IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

May 29-June 2, 2006

Preliminary Schedule – draft 3b

MONDAY MAY 29: DAY 1

[Travel day: participants arrive in Philadelphia, transfer to The Gables]

8:00 PM: Informal reception at The Gables

TUESDAY MAY 30: DAY 2

AM

[Breakfast at The Gables: transfer to Penn Museum, Classroom 2]

9:00 Introduction:

9:15 Opening Discussion

Participants will each have 10 minutes to briefly introduce their research and individual perspectives regarding the anthropology of trails, paths, and roads.

11:00 Break

11:15 Conceptual Issues

Conversation to focus on major interpretive issues regarding the study of trails, paths, and roads including definitions, chronology, and scale; the relationship of trails, paths, and roads to sites and landscapes, including issues of research design;; and the relevant theoretical frameworks within archaeology, anthropology, and social science (e.g., cultural evolution, practice theory, phenomenology, memory, semiotics, heterarchy-hierarchy, bottom up vs. top down approaches, historical ecology and other perspectives)

12:15 Lunch

1:30 Breakout Session 1: GIS and remote sensing in the archaeological study of trails, paths, and roads [Sheets, White, Ur. Walker]

2:30 Break

- 2:45 Material Issues
Discussion about labor, connectivity, energetics, engineering, management; maintenance, ownership, territoriality, boundaries, infrastructure, site formation processes, and physical signatures of trails, paths, and roads as anthropogenic features of landscapes and built environments.
- 4:00 Break
- 4:15 Discussion resumes
- 5:00 Discussant's summary comments [Earle]
- 5:30 Discussion concluded: transfer to The Gables
- 7:00 Dinner: Dahlak

WEDNESDAY MAY 31: DAY 3

AM

[Breakfast at The Gables: transfer to Penn Museum, Classroom 2]

- 9:00 Discussion of Papers, I: *group will provide detailed comments on papers from Erickson
Erickson and Walker
Ferguson et al
Fowler
Keller*
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Session resumes
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:30 Discussion: Political Issues
Discussion of social organization, management, political economy, access, power, control, resistance, and monumentality in relation to trails, paths, and roads.
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Session resumes
- 5:00 Discussant's summary comments [Preucel]

5:30 Discussion concluded: transfer to The Gables

7:00 Dinner (Leventhal/ Krasniewicz]

THURSDAY JUNE 1: DAY 4

AM

[Breakfast at The Gables]

9:00 Discussion of papers, II: *group will provide detailed comments on papers from*
Sheets
Snead
Ur
Zedeño
Darling
White

PM

12:00 Working Lunch: Breakout Session 2: applied roads/trails research and outreach
[Erickson, Ferguson, Zedeño]

1:30 Ideological Issues
Discussion of indigenous knowledge systems, worldview, cosmology, symbolism,
pilgrimage, procession, theater, experience, metaphor., memory, axis mundi,
body, movement, and aesthetics of trails, paths, and roads.

3:00 Break

3:15 Session resumes

5:00 Session Wrap up: summary remarks

5:30 Session ends

7:00 Dinner: Nan

FRIDAY JUNE 2: DAY 5

AM

For those with later flights, the morning will be devoted to data sharing: arrangements will be made for the projection of slides/images/maps, etc. In the afternoon Erickson and Snead will meet with Walda Metcalfe, of the Penn Museum Press, to discuss publication logistics.