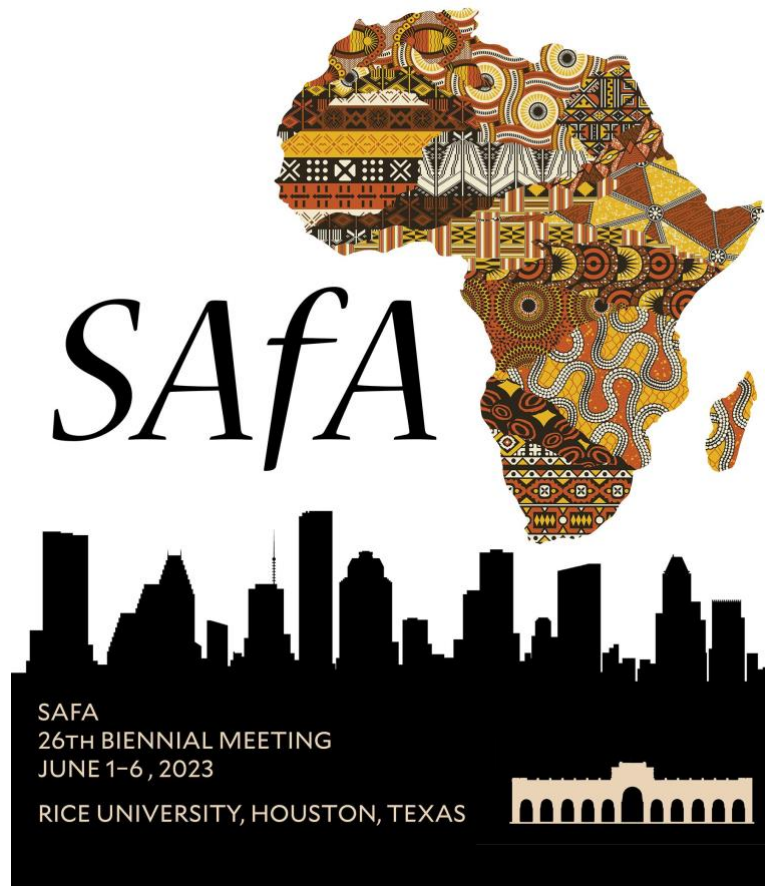


Fourth Circular – Registration



The SAfA 2023 Organizing Committee is pleased to announce that registration for the 26th biennial meeting has now opened.

[Conference Registration](https://signup.rice.edu/SAfA2023reg/)

If this link does not work, copy and paste this URL into your browser:
<https://signup.rice.edu/SAfA2023reg/>

If you plan to attend the conference in person, you must pay the fees indicated below. If you plan to attend the conference online, you will receive instructions closer to the conference date, to register on the ForagerOne Symposium website where the conference will be hosted.

Registration fees

Registration fees are for in-person attendees only. The cost of registration includes:

- Lunch at Rice University dining facilities each day of the conference
- Tea/coffee/refreshments for each day of the conference
- Attendance at SAfA Reception at the Moody Center for the Arts (June 4)
- Conference materials

Early Bird rates are available up to February 1, 2023.

As at previous SAfA conferences, fees are determined in relation to career stage and location as follows. All fees are payable in US dollars:

Registration type	Early Bird - until 1 Feb.	Feb. 1 - 1 May	On-Site
Member, resident outside Africa	195	220	245
Member, African resident in Africa	95	120	145
Student member, resident outside Africa	95	120	145
Student member, resident in Africa	70	85	120
Retired member, resident outside Africa	150	175	200
Non-member	250	300	350

Refund information

Registrants may request a refund for registration fees and Rice University accommodations/meals minus a \$25 administration fee **until April 1, 2023** by emailing safa2023conference@gmail.com.

After April 1, 2023, we cannot not issue any refunds except in the case of registrants who provide documentation that shows they cannot attend due to circumstances beyond their control, such as a visa denial, governmental travel advisory or prohibition, employer travel prohibition, or medical reason.

SAfA Membership

To present a paper or poster at SAfA 2023 you **MUST** be a member of SAfA and that membership must be renewed or taken out before the conference starts. If you are not registered by the conference, you will be charged the balance of the Non-member rate. You may become a member at <https://safarchaeology.org/Membership>.

All online attendees must be SAfA members in order to access the conference.

Note that a substantial part of membership dues is used to support the SAfA Student Travel Fund and to help bring more young scholars to SAfA's meetings.

Conference Gala Dinner, Friday June 2, 2023

On registering you will also have the opportunity to sign up and pay for attendance at the gala dinner on the evening of Friday, June 2 at Cohen House, the faculty club at Rice University. The dinner, inclusive of wine/beer/drinks, costs \$50 for all students (regardless of residency) and African members resident in Africa, and \$100 for all other SAfA members (and non-members).

Excursions

Opportunities to register and pay for an organised excursion after the conference will also be available at a later date.

Travel Grants

The closing date for all applications for travel grants has now passed, and decisions will be sent to applicants in January. Please contact the SAfA Travel Grant Committee (travelgrants@safarchaeology.org) for more information.

Visas

If you require a visa for entry to the United States and need an attestation letter, please fill out this form:

[Attestation request in English](#)

[Demande d'attestation en français](#)

Accommodation

On campus accommodation is available in one of Rice's newest residential colleges, and can be booked through the university:

[Register for on campus accommodation and meals](#)

If this link does not work, copy and paste this URL into your browser:

<https://signup.rice.edu/SAfA2023accom/>

There are many single rooms with ensuite bathrooms, as well as rooms with shared bath. Each room includes a bed with linens, a dresser, cabinet, and desk/chair. The price includes breakfast in the college dining facilities.

Single room per day	\$68
Dinner per day	\$14

There are several hotels near Rice within easy walking distance or with shuttle service. Rates may change (they reflect prices quoted on Booking.com for June 2023 and may exclude 17% tax), they have not been negotiated by SAfA and SAfA does not handle hotel reservations:

Hotel ZaZa Museum District	from \$250/night
Westin Houston Medical Center	from \$170/night
Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center	from \$176/night
SureStay Plus Hotel by Best Western Houston Medical Center	from \$140/night
Houston Marriott Medical Center	from \$200/night
DoubleTree by Hilton Houston Medical Center	from \$180/night
InterContinental Houston Medical Center	from \$380/night

Other hotel possibilities are available; please use the following link to compare rates for the dates you need accommodation:

<https://campustravel.com/university/rice-university>

There are also many possible housing options around Rice University through [Airbnb](#).

Meals

Meals are available at the on-campus dining facilities associated with the residential colleges. Rice's AFC (American Culinary Federation)-certified chefs cater to everyone including those with any allergy or dietary restrictions. Options for different dietary needs are clearly marked on each dish. Gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian, and allergen-free offerings are always available. A full salad bar is available for lunch and dinner along with pizza during lunch and burgers during dinner, in addition to a selection of chef-prepared main dishes.

Breakfast: Breakfast is included in the Rice University room prices, and includes a buffet-style breakfast at the dining facilities.

Lunch: Daily lunch will be included in the registration fees for all those attending the conference in person.

Dinner: Dinners at the dining facilities must be paid for at the time of registration and cost \$14 per meal.

Preliminary schedule

Thursday, June 1: Student Day

Friday, June 2: Morning plenary talks
Afternoon sessions
Gala dinner at Cohen House

Saturday, June 3: Morning and early afternoon sessions
Afternoon excursion to Varner-Hogg Plantation

Sunday, June 4: Morning and afternoon sessions
Evening reception at Moody Center for the Arts

Monday, June 5: Morning SAfA General Business meeting
Afternoon sessions

Tuesday, June 6: Optional excursion

Preliminary program

The Organizing Committee is developing the preliminary program and it will be made available on the conference website as soon as possible. This will give symposium and roundtable abstracts and paper/poster titles. A fuller program will be developed closer to the date of the conference and will include all paper and poster abstracts. Please look on the conference website <https://safarchaeology.org/safa-2023> for further information.

We look forward to seeing you in Houston!

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