



**PROGRAM**

**Program of the 15th biennial meeting  
of the Society of Africanist  
Archaeologists, Cambridge, UK, July  
12-15, 2000**

**Wednesday July 12, 2000**

**Session 1: Recent Research on the  
Early and Middle Stone Ages.**

**Chaired by J. Sterner.**

Laura Bishop, T. W. Plummer, P. W. Ditchfield and J. Ferraro. Oldowan Hominid Activities at Kanjera South, Western Kenya.

Diane Holmes. The Discovery of a Human Cranium from a Middle Palaeolithic level at: the Cave Site of Dar es Soltan I in Morocco.

Sally McBrearty and Christian Tryon. Resolving the Acheulean to the Middle Stone Age Transition through Tephrostratigraphy in the Kapthurin Formation, Kenya.

Elena Garcea, Barbara Barich and Carlo Giraudi. The Aterian in the Jebel Gharbi, Tripolitania, Libya: new data for the study of the Aterian in Libya.

Pierre Vermeersch. El Abadiya, an Upper Palaeolithic Site in Upper Egypt.

Els Cornelissen. The Lithic Industry of the Katanda Sites (90, 000 BP, Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo).

**Session 2: Diachronic Surveys.**

**Chaired by G. Abunga.**

Bruce Dickson. The Mukogodo Hills Project: studying the relationship between palaeoclimate and human prehistory during the late Quaternary in central Kenya.

Barbara Barich and Fekri A. Hassan. Hidden Valley Playa at Farafra and the Archaeology of the Egyptian Western Desert.

Abdel Rahman Ali Mohamed. Recent Fieldwork around the Fourth Cataract (Sudan).

Kevin Macdonald. Archaeological Reconnaissance in the Dhar Nema Region, Mauritania.

Annette Schmidt: Recent Archaeological Fieldwork in Dia, Mali.

**Session 3: Recent Research on the  
Middle and Late Stone Ages.**

**Chaired by G. Pwiti.**

Christopher Henshilwood. Blombos Cave: An update on the 1999-2000 excavations.

Zenobia Jacobs and Stephan Woodburne. Dating the Archaeological and Environmental Units from Blombos Cave.

Judith Sealy, Karen van Nierkerk and Cedric Poggenpoel. Dating Programme and Analysis of Marine Food Remains from Blombos Cave: a progress report.

Pamela Willoughby. The Middle and Later Stone Age in Southwestern Tanzania.

John Barthelme. A Later Stone Age Site from the Lake Magadi Basin, Kenya.

Sibel Barut Kusimba and M. Chapruka Kusimba. Later Stone Age Archaeology at Tsavo, Kenya.

Carolyn Thorp. Research in Progress on the Later Stone Age in Northern and Southeastern Zimbabwe.

**Session 4: The Late Iron Age and  
Historic periods in the central Bilad el-  
Sudan. Convened and chaired by  
Detlef Gronenborn.**

Scott MacEachern. Settlements, Horses and Political Complexity around the Mandara Mountains.

Kimberley Jones. The Archaeology of Duolo, Northern Cameroon, 1992-96.

Nic David. The Hammam Yaji Years: state-stateless relationships viewed from the hills.

Gerhard Kosack. Ethnicity and the Slave Mode of Production in the northern Mandaras.

Judy Sterner. Predatory Relationships between Muslim Fulbe and Montagnards (Northeastern Nigeria and Northern Cameroon): their potential significance for archaeology.

Detlef Gronenborn. The mai-mabuji System in SE Borno.

Timothy Insoll. The Origins of Timbuktu.

Christoph Pelzer. Archaeological Excavations in Northeastern Burkina Faso and the Niger Bend in the Middle Ages: balancing different kinds of facts and imagination.

Richard Kuba. Cultural Contacts between the Savanna and the Forest: trade along the river Niger.

Andrea Reikat. Yennenga's House and other Places of origin of the Mosi Empire.

**Session 5: Hearth and Home in Eastern Africa, c. 500 BC - AD 1700. Convened and chaired by Paul Lane.**

Richard Helm. Settlement and Subsistence Change in the Coastal Hinterland of Kenya.

Jeffrey Fleisher. Establishing the Countryside Perspective in Swahili Archaeology, AD 800-1500.

Mark Horton. The Origins of the Swahili House.

Adria LaViolette. Pujini as a Place Lived: domestic life in a fifteenth sixteenth-century Swahili palace.

Bertram Mapunda. The Forgotten Homes of the Chiefs.

Andrew Reid. Household Space and Discard Patterns at Ntusi, Uganda.

Ruth Young and Jill Thompson. Plant Exploitation in Iron Age Uganda.

Paul Lane. Hearth and Home in the Iron Age of Eastern Africa: ethnographic models, historical linguistics and the archaeological evidence.

**Thursday 13 July, 2000**

**Session 6: Early Cultivation and Herding. Chaired by N. Katanekwa.**

Savino Di Lernia, Mario Cremachi, Roberto Castelli, Giorgio Grassi, Francesca Merighi and Luca Trombino. Environmental Changes and Settlement Systems in the mid-Holocene Palaeo-oasis of the Wadi Tan ezzuft (Libyan Sahara): preliminary results of an intensive survey.

Victor Fernandez and Jordi Juan-Tresserans. New Data on Intensive Plant Processing and Beer Brewing in the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods of Central Sudan.

Serena Giuliani. Some Considerations about the Pan-Grave culture.

Diane Gifford-Gonzalez. Why does the Stone Age last so long in some parts of Africa?

Darla Dale. The Kansyore: variation in Later Stone Age Hunter-gatherers in East Africa.

Francis Korkor. Inter-site Variability between Kintampo 'Neolithic' Complex Sites in Ghana.

Joanna Casey. The Value of Stone in the Kintampo Complex (LSA, 3000-4000 BP) in northern Ghana.

Cathy d'Andrea, M. Klee and Joanna Casey. Kintampo Subsistence: archaeological evidence from Northern Ghana.

Ralf Vogelsang. Early Evidence for Domesticated Animals and Pottery in Kaokoland, Namibia.

**Session 7. Early Civilization in Northern Ethiopia / Eritrea. Chaired by Graham Connah.**

Niall Finneran. The Archaeology of Landscape in Ethiopia: progress and prospects.

Peter Schmidt. Excavating Symbolism in Eritrea: overturning paradigms and rooting out the blah, blah.

Kathryn Bard. The BU/IUO Excavations at Bieta Giyorgis (Aksum), Ethiopia: results of the 1993-98 field seasons.

Rodolfo Fattovich. The Chronology of Aksum (Ethiopia): recent evidence from the IUO/BU excavations at Bieta Giyorgis.

David Phillipson. The Age and Significance of the Aksum Stelae Park.

Tekle Hagon. Archaeological Excavations at the Original Location of Stela 2: Axum, Ethiopia.

Andrea Manzo. Skeumorphy in Aksumite pottery? remarks on the origins and meanings of some ceramic types.

Laurel Phillipson. A Technical and Stylistic Consideration of Aksumite ivory working.

Jacke Phillips. Shire, West of Aksum.

**Session 8. Human settlement and palaeoenvironmental evidence in West Africa, convened by Eric Huysecom and chaired by Ousman Sow.**

Alain Gally, Gregoire de Ceuninck and Anne Mayor. The Dogon Ceramic Traditions: contributions to an ethnoarcheological study.

Prancesco Raeli. An Early Holocene Factory Site at Ounjougou (Mali).

Aline Robert and S. Soriano. Preliminary Results on the Settlement of the Dogon Country during the Early and Middle Stone Age.

Eric Huysecom and Sylvain Ozainne. The Neolithic Populations of the Third and Second Millennia BC in the Dogon Country (Mali).

Alex Downing and Ousman Sow. A Protohistoric Occupation on the Dogon Plateau.

Koen Deforce, Hughes Doutrelepon, Bans Beeckman and Emile Roche. Preliminary Results of Palaeobotanical Analyses: Ounjougou 4000 years ago.

**Session 9. Recent Research on the Early Iron Age. Chaired by Ali Osman.**

Ekpo Eyo. Was there a Bantu Migration into West Africa? - some light from recent excavations in Calabar, Cross River State of Nigeria.

Francesca Merighi. Funerary Practices and Megalithic Architecture in the late Prehistory of Wadi Tanezzuff (Libyan Sahara).

Pierre de Maret and Olivier P. Gosselain. The 'Ceramics and Society' Project 1994-1999: results and perspectives.

Graham Connah and S.G.H. Daniels. Mining the Archives: a pottery sequence for Borno, Nigeria.

Kairn Klieman. The Introduction of iron in the Congo Panhandle: evidence for its impact on farming and forest-specialist communities.

John Robertson. A Brief Review of the Early Iron Age in Zambia.

Nicholas Katanekwa. Linguistics and Iron Age archaeology in Zambia.

Haskel Greenfield. Intra-settlement Spatial Organization of Early Iron Age Societies in Southern Africa: a view from Ndongondwane, South Africa.

Paul Sinclair and Anneli Ekblom. Results of 1995 and 1999 Archaeological Fieldwork Seasons at Chibuene, South-central Mozambique.

**Session 10. Recent Research on Ethnoarchaeology. Chaired by Aron Mazel.**

Randi Barndon. Ethnoarchaeology, Pangwa Iron Smelting and the Quest for the Exotic.

Charles Bollong. Source Clay Characterization, Pottery Production and Ceramic Distribution in the Upper Seacow Valley, Cape Province, South Africa.

Fiona Marshall. An Ethoarchaeological Study of the Use of Wild and Cultivated Leafy Green Vegetables by Piik ap Oom Okiek of the Western Mau Escarpment, Kenya.

Kathleen Ryan. Coping through Cattle: human survival in semi-arid environments.

Neil Norman. Through the Medium of the Vessel: using ethnoarchaeology to distinguish ritual characteristics of Fon pottery in southern Benin.

Elizabeth Hildebrand. Differences Between Domestic and Forest-Growing Enset in Southwest Ethiopia: implications for early plant husbandry and domestication processes.

John Sutton. Sorghum Fields of Iron Age Africa: current knowledge and Ignorance.

Diane Lyons and Cathy d'Andrea. An Ethnoarchaeological Study of Griddle Cooking Technologies in Highland Ethiopia.

Randi Haaland. Furnace and Pot: why is the Wollaita iron smelter a big-pot maker?

**Session 11. Recent Research on the Late Iron Age. Chaired by David Kiyaga-Mulindwa.**

Amelie Berger. Site Location, Natural Resources and Food: an ethnobotanical and zoological study of Anosy (southeast Madagascar), AD 1000 to the present.

Isaya Onjala. Spatial Distribution and Settlement Systems of the Stone Structures of Southwestern Kenya.

Paul Mupira. Local Traditions and the Archaeological Landscape in Nyanga District (NE Zimbabwe).

Intisar Soghouran Elzein. The Archaeology of Islam in the Middle Nile Valley: a review.

Stefan Pradines. The 'New' Great Mosque of Gedi.

Yaw Bredwa-Mensah. Preliminary Report on Archaeological Investigations at Frederick Minde, Osu, Accra, Ghana.

Kodzo Gavua. The Katamansu Battlefield, Ghana

Kenneth Kelly. Historical Archaeology in Coastal Benin. Savi and its place in the Atlantic trade

**Session 12. Patterns of the later prehistory of the West African Sahel. Convened and chaired by Peter Breunig.**

Peter Breunig. From Stone to Metal: patterns of the later prehistory of the West African sahel.

Birgitt Wiesmuller. Later Stone Age and Iron Age Continuity: The Chad basin as an exception?

Maya Hallier. A New Way of Life: Iron Age sites of northern Burkina Faso.

Stephanie Kahlheber. Innovation and Constancy: the vegetal food supply in the Iron Age of northern Burkina Faso.

Sonja Magnavita and Christoph Pelzer. Tombs of Kissi: archaeological evidence of early trade contacts in northern Burkina Faso.

Katharina Neumann. Africa Behindhand? The late development of agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa.

Roger Blench. Trees on the march: evidence for the dispersal of economic trees in African prehistory.

**Session 13. Sacred landscapes and related papers. Convened and chaired by Tertia Barnett.**

Tertia Barnett. Alternative Identities: transitional rock art in northern Africa.

David Edwards and Ali Osman. A Spirit of Place: Nubian identities and landscapes.

Anders Lindhal. Living on a Kopje - interaction between man and landscape.

Tore Saetersdal. Rocks, Rain and Ancestors.

Aron Mazel and A. L. Watchman. Dating the Natal Drakensberg Rock Paintings.

Benjamin Smith. Northern Sotho Art: the last chapter in the history of the art of South Africa.

Tania Tribe. Early Solomonic Ethiopian Monasticism and the Sacred Topography of Northern Ethiopia (Fourteenth-Sixteenth Centuries).

**Saturday July 15, 2000**

**Session 14. Papers on Conservation, Theory and Methodology. Chaired by Ekpo Eyo.**

Neama A. Kareem Ahmad. Technology and Behaviour.

Christopher Ehret. Linguistic Maps and Archaeological Maps.

Patrick Darling. Does Size Matter? - the case of Nigeria's visible archaeology.

**Session 15. Sun, Sweat and Trowels: Recent PhD Fieldwork in Africa. Convened and chaired by Amy Lawson and Jeff Fleisher**

Amy Lawson. Shot from a Cannon: archaeological adventures in the Gambia.

Kent Fowler. Techniques and Conceptions of Ceramic Manufacture during the Early Iron Age.

Fumiko Ohinata. Archaeology of iron-using Farming Community sites in Swaziland

Anne Haour. Recent Research at Kufan Kanawa, Central Niger.

Charles Mather. Ethnoarchaeological Research on Shrines in Northern Ghana.

**Session 16. Dam African archaeology. Convened and chaired by Steven Brandt.**

Merrick Posnansky. The Volta Basin Research Project in Ghana 1963-70 and other West Africa Dam Projects: learning from the experience.

Innocent Pikirayi. The Batoka Hydroelectric Dam on the Middle Zambezi River: the impact of its construction on archaeological resources and implications for cultural heritage.

Peter Mitchell. Archaeology and the Lesotho Highlands Water Project.

Steven Brandt. The Gilgel Gibe Hydroelectric Project, Ethiopia: a World Bank project: gone wrong.

Donald Chikumbi. Challenges Facing Heritage Organizations in Africa in the Third Millennium.

**Closing Session: Plenary Meeting of SAFA.**