

CALL FOR PAPERS

CNEHA 2025

Ahead of the Curve: Innovations in Archaeological Theory and Practice

Hotel West & Main

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46 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA

November 6-9, 2025

Located along the banks of a curve in the Schuylkill River approximately 13 miles west of Philadelphia, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania has a rich and diverse history. Colloquially known as “Conshy,” the region was originally inhabited by the Lenape. By the middle of the 19th century, Conshohocken was a burgeoning industrial town owing to its location encompassing many natural resources and an expanding infrastructure of rails and roads connecting the town to surrounding markets. As Conshohocken grew, immigrants from Ireland, Poland, Italy and other countries moved to the borough. Today, Conshohocken is home to many global corporations. Our host hotel, Hotel West and Main, a converted 19th-century fire house, embodies the reimagination of the town.

Based on Conshohocken’s history, the 2025 conference theme is innovation in archaeological theory and practice. The conference committee welcomes papers and posters whose scholarship shapes and advances our understanding of the past through innovative theoretical frameworks, methodological approaches, and technological advancements. Suggested topics include:

- New theoretical approaches in historical archaeology
- Interdisciplinary approaches to historical archaeology
- Innovations in methodology and techniques
- Application of new and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence
- Public archaeology and community engagement
- Archaeology of the Revolutionary Era
- Industrial archaeology
- Material culture and social dynamics
- The ethics and politics of the past

Organized paper sessions, panel discussions, individual papers, and posters should reflect these themes and their relationship to the historical Northeast. Organized sessions or panels should submit an abstract of no more than 250 words that emphasizes the theme of the session and the number of anticipated participants. Individual abstracts should be no more than 150 words that outline the purpose of the research and its significance. Paper presentations will be limited to 20 minutes with Q & A to follow each session. Canadian presenters who do not wish to enter into the U.S. for the conference will have the option of giving a pre-recorded presentation or having a colleague read their paper on their behalf. Due to limited conference room availability, late abstract submissions may not be accepted.

All lead author(s) must be current members of CNEHA and must register for the conference. Additional conference information regarding registration, venue, tours, book room and more will follow.

Please email your abstract to 2025CNEHA@gmail.com and specify if you are part of an organized session or an individual paper submission. If part of an organized session, please specify the session organizer’s name and session title. Abstracts are due by August 31st.