Forum Abstract: Planning for Archaeological Digital Data Management

The National Science Foundation (NSF) mandates that proposals include a "data management plan." This requirement broadens research opportunities by making access to NSF-generated data easier. It also represents a challenge to grant seekers not familiar with the conceptual and technical issues of data sharing and long-term preservation. To help SAA members better understand NSF's requirement and how to address it, this forum will introduce guides to best practice in digital data management and two archaeological digital data management systems, the Digital Archaeological Record (tDAR), maintained by Digital Antiquity and Open Context, maintained by the Alexandria Archive Inst. / UC Berkeley.

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| Frank McManamon (Co- Organizer) | Digital Antiquity | Welcome and Introduction |
| Sarah Kansa (Co-Organizer; Chair) | Open Context | Comment on Topic; Session Procedures |
| John Yellen | National Science Foundation | Providing Access to and Preservation of Data through the NSF Archaeology Program |
| Julian Richards | University of York (UK) | The Archaeology Data Service (ADS) Experience and Best Practices for Digital Archaeological Data Archives |
| Eric Kansa (Co-Organizer) | Open Context | Open Context Data Publication and Preservation |
| Keith Kintigh | Arizona State University | The Digital Archaeological Record (tDAR) Data Access and Preservation |
| Joshua Wells | Arizona State University | Developing Technical Guidance for Archaeological Digital Data Archives |