

Plans are coming together for the Hamilton meeting with hybrid elements. Many thanks to all those who have submitted an abstract; we have some really great contributions and the program is shaping up nicely. We will post a preliminary program by September 7th.

We know that the uncertainties generated by COVID are a worry for many of you. In making our plans we have gone for options with the greatest flexibility and have extended the deadline for both in-person and virtual posters. The **new deadline for posters is 30th August 2021.**

In-person presenters will have the opportunity to upload a copy of their poster to Gather so it is available throughout the conference and can be seen by those attending virtually.

Some of those who have submitted virtual posters have let us know that they do hope to make it to Hamilton. We are working on a 'top-up' fee that can be paid to cover costs we incur at the Sheraton (such as the all-important coffee breaks). Be assured that the plans in place mean that those who upload posters to Gather will still be able to take part in the dedicated Q&A session for the poster session they were allocated to (via Zoom). We aim to time these sessions so those at the in-person events can attend without missing too much.

The Sheraton Hamilton hotel is working hard at mitigating the impact of COVID on proceedings. The regular cancellation policy is 48 hours, but at the moment this is down to 24 hours during COVID. So, anyone can cancel before 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty.

Staff at the Sheraton have also been working hard to ensure that the public spaces and guest rooms are as safe as possible. We have provided the information supplied on the HVAC system.

Guest rooms:

- Individual HVAC units
- Fresh air from guest hallways 24/7
- Exhaust thru 24/7 bathroom exhaust
- Filters changed quarterly

Plans for the hybrid Student Luncheon are underway! The theme of this year's luncheon is - "Precarious positions: A discussion on diversity and marginalization in Biological Anthropology". Invited panelists, students, and early career members will engage in an open discussion about experiences of precarity, diversity, and underrepresentation in biological anthropology.

Thank you all for the kindness and understanding you have shown so far. CAPA relies on room bookings at the conference hotel to ensure that we not charged extra fees for the un-sold block booked guest rooms. Support CAPA and book a room early (i.e., before the October 1st deadline)!

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Do ensure you obtain insurance and/or book flexible travel arrangements.

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