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Pre-Columbian Symposium
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Function and Meaning in Classic Maya Architecture

Stephen Houston, organizer

The 1994 Pre-Columbian symposium focuses on Classic Maya architecture -- what it meant, how it was built and used, and what it tells us about the organization of Maya sites. Indigenous perspectives on Classic buildings and the influence ritual and metaphor had on architectural design will receive special emphasis, as will presentations of new archaeological data.

The symposium features an interdisciplinary group of scholars drawing on epigraphy, iconography, ethnography, lexicography, and archaeology. Recent advances in epigraphy and iconography allow unprecedented insights into the function and meaning of Classic buildings, while archaeological excavation complements such interpretations with a more comprehensive view that includes non-elite architecture. Together, these approaches will provide up-to-date syntheses of themes, variety, and meaning in Classic Maya buildings.

The symposium is open to all scholars and advanced graduate students. If you wish to attend, please complete the enclosed registration card and return it with the \$35 registration fee (\$25 for graduate students). This covers admission to the scholarly sessions and the Saturday evening cocktail party. Lunch is offered on Saturday by prior subscription, at \$15 payable in advance with the registration fee. Deadline for registration is September 12, but you are urged to respond as soon as possible as the maximum number of participants is 200, accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. Information on area hotels and restaurants will be sent to you when your registration is confirmed.

This notice is being sent to all those on the Pre-Columbian Studies mailing list, but other interested scholars are welcome. Please bring this notice to the attention of appropriate colleagues and students. They may use a duplicate of the enclosed card to register, or they may write for further copies of these forms.

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