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Dear MAC Members:

The 2007 Midwest Archaeological Conference, October 5 - 7, will feature an experimental multi-session symposium focusing on Oneota Studies. Robert J. Jeske, Kathleen M. Foley Winkler, and Seth A. Schneider from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee are organizing the symposium. The title is *Oneota Forum in Five Sessions*. There will be five sessions through out the duration of the conference based around common themes in Oneota studies. The format for each session is that each presenter will give a 15 minute presentation concerning an important aspect of each theme within broad regions. After a 10 to 15 minute break following the presenters a moderated one-hour conversation will take place and is open to all participants.

The conversation portion of each session will allow participants to raise questions and provide information concerning the topics of the session. To be sure that everyone who has something to say has time to say it, five minutes will be allowed for participants to comment and present data. Those participants that have images and graphs to help make a point during their five minutes should prepare a short PowerPoint presentation or slides. PowerPoint presentations on a flashstick (jumpdrive) or CD / slides should be brought to the moderator before the session begins or during the 10 – 15 minute intermission. Multiple projectors will be available to facilitate the ease of making comparisons between different data sets. These slides / mini-PowerPoints are not intended to be separate papers, but simply visual aids to help in conversation and to make comparisons.

If you are planning on presenting a paper on an Oneota topic at the conference, we would like you to instead come to these sessions with your data and engage in the moderated forum that will follow the five presenters. We believe that these five sessions will provide a flexible format that will allow sharing of information and collegial debate and discussion that goes beyond the normal symposium format. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

The sessions and presenters are listed below.

Session:

Oneota Origins:

Presenters:

David Benn

Mark Bruhy

Robert Boszhardt

Thomas Emerson

Guy Gibbon

Robert McCullough

Ceramics:

Lynn Alex and John Doershuk

James Brown

Sean Dunham and Michael Hambacher

George Holley

Roland Rodell

Subsistence/Settlement:	Constance Arzigian Katherine Egan-Bruhy Steven Kuehn Ronald Schirmer Greg Walz
Mortuary Behavior:	Mark Dudzik Kristin Hedman and Kjersti Emerson Jodie O’Gorman Shirley Schermer and Robin Lillie Michael Strezewski
Oneota/Historic Connections	Colin Betts Robert Hall Dale Henning Patricia Richards Robert Sasso

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