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The Society for American Archaeology's Committee on the History of Archaeology met as an Advanced Seminar on Documenting the History of Archaeology at the School of American Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from 14-18 July 1990. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Committee's scope, responsibilities, and objectives, and to formulate a detailed and manageable plan of its activities over the next seven years.

The Committee on the History of Archaeology explicitly recognizes the vital importance of the historiography of archaeology for contemporary research practice, viewing it as a means of promoting a critical understanding of its processes, products, and consequences, both within and beyond the profession. The Committee thus seeks to encourage and facilitate all aspects of research into the history of archaeology in the Americas (in accordance with the scope of the SAA), by identifying, preserving, and making accessible all relevant source materials. Because many of these source materials are widely dispersed, difficult to access, and in many cases, as yet unidentified, priority will be given to the ultimate creation of a machine-readable database to be managed by a central coordinating office. The feasibility of extending this project to other anthropological subfields is also being considered.

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