

AmSARC Code of Ethics

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This code of ethics is meant to encourage AmSARC members to act in accordance with international ethical standards in fieldwork, including any code of ethics implemented or that will be issued in the future by the National Corporation for Antiquities and Museums. Violations of this policy may result in removal of AmSARC membership. This policy lays out the basic principles for AmSARC members to follow as a condition of membership in their professional activities concerning the people whose lives and materials we study, local communities, and research colleagues (including students).

- Show respect for all colleagues and students by fostering a supportive, professional, and safe environment, particularly in fieldwork settings. Harassment, hostility, discrimination, and bullying of any sort (based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, disability, national origin, religion, etc.) is not tolerated. Avoid exploitation of power positions. Credit all contributions to research and publication appropriately with co-authorship or acknowledgement. Provide training and mentoring for students and scholars. Ensure that team leaders and participants have appropriate training, facilities, and support for research.
- Work with local communities as a part of archaeological research in Sudan. Develop research plans in consultation with local communities and aim to build research projects in a way that will equally benefit foreign and Sudanese researchers and community members. Be attentive to impacts on living communities.
- Show respect for archaeological remains by studying them as part of an expressed research plan. Record data in ways that others can follow and replicate and provide open access to knowledge, documents, and materials to others. Disseminate results within a reasonable time frame for the scientific community and public audiences, including venues in Arabic. Retain data in a secure location. Adhere to all legal requirements.
- Work toward long-term conservation and protection of archaeological sites through public education and outreach, promoting archaeology in the local community, and engaging the local community with interpretations of the past. Avoid and discourage activities that place commercial value on archaeological objects, especially those not available for scientific study and public display.

Procedures:

If an AmSARC member would like to file a complaint regarding an individual who is behaving in ways that are inconsistent with the AmSARC Code of Ethics, a complaint should be sent to the Officers via amsarc2017@gmail.com. The officers will review and investigate the complaint; at the discretion of the officers, other Advisory Panel members may be included. If the complaint is deemed to violate the Code of Ethics, the offending party will be informed that they are no longer welcome as an AmSARC member.