



# South American Archaeology

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Handbook of South American Archaeology Helaine Silverman, William Isbell, 2008-04-06 Perhaps the contributions of South American archaeology to the larger field of world archaeology have been inadequately recognized. If so, this is probably because there have been relatively few archaeologists working in South America outside of Peru, and recent advances in knowledge in other parts of the continent are only beginning to enter larger archaeological discourse. Many ideas of and about South American archaeology held by scholars from outside the area are going to change irrevocably with the appearance of the present volume. Not only does the *Handbook of South American Archaeology* (HSA) provide immense and broad information about ancient South America, the volume also showcases the contributions made by South Americans to social theory. Moreover, one of the merits of this volume is that about half the authors (30) are South Americans, and the bibliographies in their chapters will be especially useful guides to Spanish and Portuguese literature as well as to the latest research. It is inevitable that the HSA will be compared with the multi-volume *Handbook of South American Indians* (HSAI) with its detailed descriptions of indigenous peoples of South America that was organized and edited by Julian Steward. Although there are heroic archaeological essays in the HSAI by the likes of Junius Bird, Gordon Willey, John Rowe, and John Murra, Steward states frankly in his introduction to Volume Two that archaeology is included by way of background to the ethnographic chapters.

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South American Contributions to World Archaeology Mariano Bonomo, Sonia Archila, 2021-11-08 This book focuses on South American archaeology and its contributions to the broader global archaeological discussion in theory, methods, and new interpretations of the archaeological record. These include discussions on human peopling and colonization of the continent, domestication of plants, and emergence of complex societies. This volume covers a wide variety of sub-disciplines in archaeology, including archaeobotany, zooarchaeology,

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completed with the object both of pointing out the missing links in the chain of evidence and of stimulating further research by calling attention to the results already achieved Again much of the literature is scattered broadcast in the pages of scientific journals and therefore escapes the notice of the general reader while the fact that a large proportion of it is in German Spanish or Portuguese renders it inaccessible to many would be students Thanks to the labours of Sir Clements Markham backed by the Hakluyt Society many of the early chroniclers have now been translated into English but there exist numbers of more recent treatises all of great value written by investigators in South America which are not likely to find a translator This country has taken little part in recent years in the scientific exploration of the South American continent Expeditions from Germany France Sweden and the United States have been productive of the most valuable results but this rich field for archaeological enterprise has been strangely neglected by England About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work Forgotten Books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy In rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition We do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

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