



# NYS Archaeological Association

## Spring 2021 Lecture Series

Presents:

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## Dating Iroquoia:

Radiocarbon chronology-building and relational histories of coalescence, conflict, and confederacy-formation for Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee ancestors

Chronologies fundamentally underpin all other aspects of archaeological thought. When our timeframes shift, so too does the interpretive scaffolding upon which we build our explanations for how past events unfolded. This talk will detail the results to date of the Dating Iroquoia project. It will review some of the most significant implications of our revised radiocarbon chronology for understanding processes of Iroquoian cultural development, including the timing of coalescence and conflict and the onset of the historical enmity between Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee communities and nations. The results of this project demonstrate not only the utility of radiocarbon dating and Bayesian chronological modelling for refining archaeological chronologies, but also for identifying variability and centering Indigenous agency in relational histories of societal development and change in North American archaeology.

