Dear Andeanists,
There are several Andean archaeology papers and posters at the Archaeological Sciences of the Americas Symposium, to be held at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, October 5-6, 2012. See the Program Schedule and Book of Abstracts at the following web links.

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/anthro/asas2012/program_schedule
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/anthro/asas2012/abstracts

Also, Dr. Ryan Williams will give the Keynote Lecture on Saturday, Oct. 6, 6:45pm. Open to the public. *Migration, Trade and Human-Environment Interactions through the lens of Archaeological Science*

We look forward to seeing you here in Nashville!

Register online: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/anthro/asas2012/registration

Abstract for Dr. William's lecture:

Ryan Williams draws on two decades of archaeological field research in the Andes to address the role archaeological science has played in our understanding of the Ancient American past. He illustrates how the expansion of scientific techniques in archaeology have revolutionized the way we address questions of critical importance to society. Among the most important of those questions are how has urban migration changed society, what creates stable trading systems conducive to economic growth, and how does society's impact on the environment affect long term vulnerability. Williams' collaborative and interdisciplinary research on these topics, especially his work on the Wari and Tiwanaku (600-1000 AD) frontier in Peru and Bolivia, provides a number of rich examples of the ways in which geophysical prospection, compositional analysis, and geographic models are creating a more nuanced archaeology. Williams argues that the marriage of science and archaeology is building a more accurate and more relevant view of our past and our future.

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