

Yale Peabody Museum Human Remains Research Terms and Conditions

All research involving human remains within the Yale Peabody Museum (YPM) collections is subject to the following terms and conditions.

- Smoking, eating, drinking, and chewing gum are prohibited in study and collections spaces.
- Researchers are expected to follow all emergency procedures, follow proper safety procedures, and wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment when necessary.
- Researchers are expected to follow proper handling procedures when working with skeletal remains. All accidental damage must be reported to the YPM collections staff. Researchers are not allowed to mark or write on any of the remains in the collection.
- Researchers are expected to supply their own equipment (e.g., calipers, measuring tape) to implement their data collection protocol. Depending on the project, there may be facilities at Yale that have the necessary equipment – it is the responsibility of the researcher to arrange use of this equipment ahead of time. *The YPM Division of Anthropology workroom has a photography station that may be made available upon request.*
- Researchers must provide the YPM with a copy of ALL data collected from the materials under study. This includes but it is not limited to scans, measurements, images, scores, and written observations.
- All data and related images/scans collected from the YPM materials will be made available to other researchers upon request after a period of 5 years.
- Researchers must provide digital copies of all publications, presentations, etc. associated with the research involving the YPM collections.
- Researchers must acknowledge the Yale Peabody Museum in all publications/presentations involving data collected from YPM collections.
- Data acquired from YPM collections are not to be used for commercial purposes under any circumstances unless permission is expressly given by the Director of the Yale Peabody Museum.

All research involving Destructive Sampling is subject to these additional terms and conditions:

- Decisions regarding which skeletal elements are available for sampling will be made by staff of the YPM.
- All elements must be thoroughly documented prior to destructive sampling. The YPM will determine the level of documentation required (e.g., photographs, CT scans, microCT scans, etc.) based on each request. Researchers are expected to cover any costs associated with the required documentation.
- Any costs associated with sampling will be the responsibility of the researcher.

- Samples of remains from the YPM collections or DNA extracted from these samples cannot be transferred to any party not included in the approved research proposal without express consent from the YPM Human Remains Advisory Panel.
- Samples must only be used for the purposes stated in the application and research proposal.
- Any extant material and residual samples must be returned to the Yale Peabody Museum upon completion of the study.
- The results of analyses involving destructive sampling (e.g., aDNA extraction, radiocarbon dating, or isotope analysis) using samples taken from the YPM skeletal collections must be made available to the YPM.