

# Household Archaeology on the Northwest Coast

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**From the Preface:** Since the late 1970s, household archaeology has become a central methodology for archaeologists interested in the social, political and economic organization of chiefdoms and states...a key theoretical and methodological framework for research on the development of permanent social inequality and complexity...after more than a decade of sometimes very difficult work...[w]e wanted to begin answering a number of questions. What have we learned? What do we know that we want our colleagues to know? In what directions should we go now?...Finally, we wanted to demonstrate that household archaeology as a methodological and theoretical approach is very productive for understanding the evolution of social complexity, regardless of underlying economy.

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