

**Item number:** 00236**Smiling-Face Figurine**

Found near rivers Blanco and Papaloapan, this type of figurines were modeled and molded. By the expression of their faces have been called "smiling." Are very characteristic for its expressiveness. They have been found near Tierra Blanca, Veracruz, on sites like Nopila, Dicha Tuerta and El Zapotal. Sometimes they have been associated with secondary burials, so one would think that these happy faces are paradoxically associated with death. Apparently the tradition of representing the laughter in the sculpture is given from the beginning of the Classic to the Postclassic, but only in this central region of Veracruz.

**Type of object:** Figurine**Raw material:** Clay**Culture:** South Central Veracruz**Temporality:** Classic 300 - 900 AD**Measurements****Length:** 4.3 cm.**Width:** 11.5 cm.**Height:** 13.2 cm.**Diameter:** N/A**Origin****State:** Veracruz de Ignacio de la Llave**Municipality:** Soledad de Doblado**Current location:** Gallery 3**Image**