

Archaeology Lifelines

SMA Annual Conference **Draft Programme (subject to change)**

Amgueddfa Cymru-Museum Wales on 7th-8th of November 2024
and livestreamed
NATIONAL MUSEUM – CARDIFF CF10 3NP

Thursday 7th November 2024

Fieldtrip (optional)

10:30 - 12:00 **Saint Fagans National Museum of History (guided)**
NB delegates to make own travel arrangements.
[Plan Your Visit to St Fagans National Museum of History](#)

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch** (*own arrangements*)

Registration and Welcome

12:30 - 13:15 **Registration**

13:15 - 13:20 **Welcome** *Duncan Brown, Chair, SMA*

Session One: Showcasing the Archaeology of Wales

Chair: Sian Iles

13:20 - 13:45 **Archaeology at Amgueddfa Cymru – Museum Wales**
Steve Burrow, Deputy Head of Public History & Archaeology,
Amgueddfa Cymru

13:45 - 14:05 **Heneb – the Trust for Welsh Archaeology**
Richard Nicholls, CEO, Heneb

14:05 – 14:30 **Buckholt Wood Community Dig**
Katie Churchill, Archaeologist, Churchill Archaeology

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Session Two: Revealing Lifelines

Chair: TBC

- 14:35 - 15:00 **Exploring Past Lives through Metalwork Wear Analysis**
Andrea Dolfini, Professor of Archaeology, Newcastle University
- 15:00 – 15:25 **Re-creating a Roman Cavalry Helmet: Using 21st century techniques to reveal the secrets of a 2000-year-old object**
Helen Sharp, Curator (Archaeology), Leicestershire County Council Museums
- 15:25 – 15:50 **Use Lives and Past Lives: The Use Wear Analysis of Gold Bracteates as a Path Towards the Re-Humanisation of Past Individuals**
Olivia Russell, PhD Candidate, Newcastle University
- 15:50 – 16:10 **BREAK (complimentary refreshments)**

Session Three: Human Lifelines

Chair: Elsa Price

- 16:15 – 16:40 **Ancient Egypt at the Horniman Museum: A lifeline for archaeology in the anthropology collection**
Alice Williams, Research Fellow, UCL Institute for Archaeology
- 16:40 -17:05 **Buried in the Archive: Research, retention and reburial of unprovenanced human remains at Colchester Museums**
Jack Eggington, PhD Candidate, University of Reading and Glynn Davis, Senior Collections and Learning Curator, Colchester and Ipswich Museums
- 17:05 - 17:30 **Exploring Past Lives Through Archaeology**
Tom Booth, Senior Research Scientist, Frances Crick Institute

Keynote Address

- 17:45 – 18:15 **Dr Elizabeth Walker**
Amgueddfa Cymru

18:30 CLOSE & VACATE THE BUILDING

Conference Dinner

INCLUDED WITH CONFERENCE TICKET

- 19:30 – 22:00 **The Stable, Ty Admiral House, Bridge St, Cardiff CF10 2EHA**
A buffet package of sourdough pizzas, homemade dips and classic sides with a selection of craft larger, cider, house red & white wine or soft drinks provided.

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BUILDING OPENS AT 10:00 – PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY

Session Four: Community Lifelines

Chair: Elizabeth Montgomery

10:10 - 10:15

WELCOME

10:15 – 10:40 **Bridging the Social Isolation Gap with Collections Work and Engagement with Rural Populations: Shropshire Museums Archaeology Lab Volunteering Program**

Katie Miller, Collections Project Officer, Shropshire Museums Collection Centre

10:40 – 11:05 **Dig The Castle: the positive economic and social impact of a community excavation and the subsequent revitalisation of local identity through collective experience.**

Emily Wapshott, Commercial archaeologist, 'Archaeologists Engage'

11:05 - 11:20 **BREAK (complimentary refreshments)**

SMA AGM & AWARDS

Chair: Duncan Brown

11:20 – 11:35

AGM – Reports circulated in advance

11:35 – 11:40 **Annual Awards for Excellence**

11:40 – 11:55 **Temporary Exhibitions on Hadrian's Wall; the impact and effort**

Frances McIntosh, Curator of Hadrian's Wall and the North East, English Heritage

11:55 – 12:10 **SMA Funded Digitisation Project at the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, Shropshire**

Sarah Roberts, Archivist, the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust

12:10 – 12:40 **LUNCH (Buffet included in conference ticket)**

Session Five: Collections & Archive Lifelines

Chair: Elsa Price

12:45 – 13:10 **The Use of Archaeological Collections and Beyond**

Aisling Nash, Senior Project Officer, MSDS Heritage

13:10 – 13:35 **Resilience & Change: Local Authority Archaeology Services (and other 21st Century Challenges for Archaeology)**

Rob Lennox, Policy & Advocacy Manager, Chartered Institute for Archaeologists and Aisling Nash, Senior Project Officer, MSDS Heritage

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13:35 – 14:00 **A Spiderweb of Stakeholders: Building relationships and linking people together through the Northamptonshire ARC**

*Ben Donnelly-Symes, Archaeological Curator, Northamptonshire
Archaeological Resource Centre*

Session Six: Professional & Career Lifelines

Chair: Gail Boyle

14:00 – 14:25 **Emerging Voices: Early Career Professionals: Visions for Archaeology in a Challenging Sector**

*Anna Robson, Graduate Intern Archaeology and Bioscience Collection,
Durham University*

14:25 - 14:50 **Hosting an employability placement for students in a museum setting**

*Laura Miucci, Finds Liaison Officer (Cornwall), for Portable Antiquities Scheme,
and Archaeology Collections at Museum of Cornish Life, Helston.*

14:50 – 15:00 **MINI BREAK (Complimentary refreshments)**

15:00 – 15:45 **Panel discussion**

*Tamsin Russell, Workforce Development Lead, Museums Association
Angie Bolton, Curator of Archaeology, Oxfordshire Museums Service
Phil Pollard, Heritage Career Pathways Manager, Historic England
Sarahjayne Clements, Networking & Communications Officer,
Enabled Archaeology Foundation*

Session Seven: Documentary Lifelines

Chair: Kevin Booth

15:45 - 16:10 **Unlocking Old Windsor – Reviving an Old, Unpromising and Scattered Archive**

*Roland Smith, Assistant County Archaeologist, Wiltshire Council and
Gabor Thomas, Associate Professor in Early Medieval Archaeology,
University of Reading*

16:10 - 16:35 **All along the line: domestic rituals on Roman Watling Street**

Cameron Moffett, Curator (Collections), English Heritage

16:35 - 17:00 **'Making the Museum': Towards an archaeology of the lives of the makers of the Pitt Rivers Museum**

Beth Hodgett, Postdoctoral Researcher, Pitt Rivers Museum

CLOSE & VACATE BUILDING