

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 lager, cider, house red & white wine or soft drinks provided.*

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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*

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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**