

The Museum as a Resource

SMA Annual Conference Programme

University of Nottingham Museum (NG7 2RD) and live-streamed
Thursday 15 and Friday 16 September 2022

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Thursday 15 September 2022

Fieldtrip

10:00 - 12:00 **Tour of the City of Caves**
(meet at the main entrance at the bottom of the
Garner's Hill Steps next to Nottingham Contemporary
- NG1 1HF)
Scott Lomax (Nottingham City Council)

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch (make own arrangements)**

Registration and Welcome

13:30 - 13:50 **Registration**

13:50 - 14:00 **Welcome**
Duncan Brown (Chair, SMA)

Session One: The Local Scene

Chair: Jenni Butterworth, Host: TBC

14:00 - 14:30 **Introduction to the University of Nottingham Museum**
Clare Pickersgill (University of Nottingham Museum)

14:30 - 15:00 **The Northamptonshire Archaeological Resource Centre:
The first year of opening**
*Ben Donnelly-Symes
(Northamptonshire Archaeological Resource Centre)*

15:00 - 16:00 **Break (refreshments provided) and tour of galleries**

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Session Two: In the Stores

Chair: Gail Boyle, Host: Jenni Butterworth

- 16:00 - 16:30 **32,000 Records and Counting:
MAA's Stores Move Project**
Imogen Gunn & Lily Stancliffe (Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (MAA), University of Cambridge)
- 16:30 - 16:45 **Sent to (and from) Coventry: a collections review**
Ali Wells (Herbert Art Gallery & Museum)
- 16:45 - 17:15 **Quantifying the Use of Museum
Archaeological Collections (Prerecord)**
Aisling Nash (MSDS Marine/MSDS Heritage)

Annual Awards for Excellence and Keynote

Chair: Duncan Brown, Host: Gail Boyle

- 17:15 - 17:45 **Presentation of awards**
- 17:45 - 18:30 **Whose Resource Is It Anyway? Some Random Reflections
on the Who, What, Where, When And Why Of The Resource
Roles Of Museum Archaeology**
Mark Hall (Culture Perth & Kinross)

Conference Dinner

- 18:45 – 21:00 **Pavilion Café, University Campus
(included in conference ticket)**

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Session Three: Working Together

Chair: Martha Jasko-Lawrence, Host: TBC

- 09:30 - 10:00 **Uncovering Roman Carlisle: Volunteers Excavating
Carlisle's Roman Bathhouse**
Dr Dot Boughton (Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery Trust)
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Hidden Heritage: museum collections,
local communities and place-making in Nottingham**
Dr Chris King & Dr Charlotte May (University of Nottingham)
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Medieval Chester Retold: Using our collections
to breathe new life into an old story.**
Elizabeth Montgomery (West Cheshire Museums)
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Break (refreshments provided)**

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Session Four: Rediscovery

Chair: Kat Baxter, Host: TBC

- 11:30 - 12:00 **On the Edge of Sharp Practice: Dagger Discoveries at Bristol Museums (Prerecord)**
Emma Bentley (University of Edinburgh)
- 12:00 - 12:30 **The expected and unexpected benefits of letting student researchers into your museum collections**
Naomi Aliza Rubinstein (University of Liverpool)
- 12:30 - 13:00 **Brought to Light: the Remarkable Bateman Collection**
Martha Jasko-Lawrence (Sheffield Museums)
Sharon Blakey (Freelance Collections Researcher)
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch (provided) and tour of galleries**

Session Five: Quick-Fire Round

Chair: Elsa Price, Host: TBC

- 14:00 - 14:15 **The Lockdown Opened Museums Up for Us**
Rachel Ephgrave, Linda Hending (Gloucestershire M.E. / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Friendship Group)
& *Angie Bolton (Oxfordshire Museums Service)*
- 14:15 - 14:30 **Call it a piece of horse harness! (Prerecord)**
Sally Mitchell (Museum of the Horse)
- 14:30 - 14:45 **Reference Service in the Digital Era: An action plan (Prerecord)**
Sureshkrishnan R (Independent Researcher)
- 14:45 - 15:00 **Skin in the Game: A Partnership with the Museum of Leathercraft to elucidate the Leather Industry of the Long Nineteenth Century**
Stuart Henderson (University of Cambridge) &
Dr Graham Lampard (Museum of Leathercraft)
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Break (refreshments provided)**

Session Six: Being Resourceful

Chair: TBC, Host: TBC

- 15:30 - 16:00 **Defining a Resource: the Ossuary at St Peters Church, Barton**
Kevin Booth (English Heritage)
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Unlocking the Potential of Archaeological Archives: a mini manifesto**
Gail Boyle (Bristol Culture)
- 16:30 - 17:00 **Summing Up and Close**
Duncan Brown (Chair, SMA)