Grave Concerns: Death, Landscape, and Locality in Medieval Society

13th to the 15th July 2018

FRIDAY 13 JULY

17.00 – 19.00pm Registration, Durham Cathedral Cloister

18.00 – 19.00pm Free private view of the Open Treasure exhibition at Durham Cathedral

19.00 – 20.00pm Keynote Lecture 1

Bonnie Effros (University of Liverpool)
New eyes on ancient cemeteries? Merovingian mortuary archaeology in the age of Inrap

20.00 – 21.00pm Wine Reception

SATURDAY 14 JULY

Rosemary Cramp Lecture Theatre, Calman Learning Centre, Durham University Science Site

8.40 – 9.00am Late Registration

9.00 – 9.15am Welcome and Introduction
Sarah Semple (Durham University)

9.15 – 10.15am Session 1: Re-thinking Cremation

Gareth Perry (University of Sheffield)
Ceramic hinterlands: establishing the ‘catchment areas’ of Early Anglo-Saxon cremation cemeteries

Femke Lippok (Leiden University)
The pyre and the grave: reconsidering early medieval cremation burials on the continent
10.15 – 10.45am  
Coffee

10.45am – 12.15pm  
**Session 2: Early Medieval Cemeteries: Place, Space and Context**

Jean Soulat (LandArc – Craham UMR 6273)  
*A Merovingian cemetery at Vicq, Yvelines, France: more than 40 years of research (1976–2016)*

Adrián Maldonado (University of Glasgow)  
*Re-animating unfurnished burials: stone cists and log coffins in early medieval northern Britain*

Dries Tys (Free University of Brussels)  
*Resilient burial landscapes versus the triumph of Christianisation: continuity and change in the burial landscape of northern Francia in the 7th-11th centuries*

12.15 – 1.15pm  
Lunch

1.15 – 3.15pm  
**Session 3: Monumentality and Memory**

Jure Šućur (University of Zadar)  
*Reusing tumuli as burial sites in Dalmatia: when and how*

Juliette Mitchell (University of Aberdeen)  
*Landscapes of the dead: the setting of Pictish barrow cemeteries*

Anouk Busset (University of Glasgow)  
*Carving early Christianity: stone monuments as creation of liturgical movement in the landscape?*

Andrew Johnson (Manx National Heritage)  
*Fingerposts to faith: movement in a landscape of carved stone crosses*

3.15 – 3.45pm  
Coffee

3.45 – 5.15pm  
**Session 4: Medieval Life and Death**

Roos van Oosten & Rachel Schats (Leiden University)  
*Urban graveyards in the Low Countries: burial research in comparative perspective*

Mary Lewis (University of Reading)  
*Health, work and the adolescent in medieval England (AD 900-1550): the osteological evidence*
Catriona McKenzie (University of Exeter)
*Death and burial in Gaelic medieval Ireland*

**6.00 – 7.00pm**  
**Keynote Lecture 2**  
Roberta Gilchrist (University of Reading)  
*Unleashing heterodoxy: an anthropological agenda for later medieval burial archaeology*

**7.00 – 8.30pm**  
Wine Reception and Poster Session, Calman Learning Centre, Durham University Science Site

**SUNDAY 15 JULY**

**Rosemary Cramp Lecture Theatre, Calman Learning Centre, Durham University Science Site**

**9.30 – 10.30am**  
**Session 5: Re-dating Anglo-Saxon Cemeteries**  
John Hines (Cardiff University)  
*The burial grounds at RAF Lakenheath, Eriswell, Suffolk: the chronological evidence*

John Naylor (Ashmolean Museum) & Chris Scull (UCL/Cardiff University)  
*The use of gold coinage in Early Anglo-Saxon burials*

**10.30 – 11.00am**  
Coffee

**11.00am – 12.00pm**  
**Session 6: Burial in the Viking World**  
Ann Sølvia Jacobsen (Durham University), Símun V. Arge (National Museum of the Faroe Islands) & Karen Milek (Durham University)  
*Landscape agency, mental maps, and the siting of Viking Age burials in the North Atlantic region*

Caroline Paterson & Stephen Harrison (University of Glasgow)  
*The pagan Norse graves of Scotland: burial, landscape and diversity*

**12.00 – 1.00pm**  
**Keynote Lecture 3**  
Duncan Sayer (University of Central Lancashire)  
*The semantics of Early Anglo-Saxon cemetery space*

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