

**Society for Medieval  
Archaeology Conference**

**20-22 September 2013**

**University of Nottingham**



**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Transformations and  
Continuities in the  
Eleventh Century:  
Archaeology of the  
Norman Conquest**

The Society is holding a conference centred on the eleventh century, with a particular concern with Norman expansion. Speakers will be encouraged to address the problem of recognizing in archaeological terms the Norman Conquest of England, and of other parts of these islands, and some will hopefully compare Norman activities on this side of the channel with those on the continent, or focus on the archaeology of the Normans on the continent. The conference is expected to examine the full range of material culture: landscape, environment, settlements (rural and urban), buildings, fortifications, churches and religious houses, burial, sculpture, artefacts, pottery, dress and diet. It is expected that speakers may conclude in some cases that this was a period essentially of continuity, and that in other areas of enquiry they will identify changes, large and small. Can these developments be linked with the political and social upheavals that are traditionally associated with Norman expansionism? Or were there alternative dynamics at work? Comparison with other 'Conquests' might be appropriate. Speakers will no doubt disagree with one another, and they and those attending will be drawn into debates.

Proposal for papers (maximum length 30 minutes) should be sent to Victoria Bryant, by email to [VBryant@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:VBryant@worcestershire.gov.uk) or by post to The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3BP The proposal should take the form of a title, name of the speaker or speakers with affiliation(s) and a 100-word summary of contents, which, if accepted, will be used in the conference programme. A CV of no more than 50 words should also be appended. Those considering a proposal are welcome to contact either Victoria Bryant or Chris Dyer ([cd50@le.ac.uk](mailto:cd50@le.ac.uk)) informally before submission.

**Closing date for receipt of proposals, 1 February 2013.**

The papers proposed should not have been previously published. The Society plans, in the light of the papers delivered, to publish the proceedings of the conference. Bursaries will be available for postgraduate students, who should apply when the conference is publicized once the programme is finalized. Postgraduate students will be invited to exhibit posters. The Sunday afternoon will be free of official conference business, but rooms and facilities will be made available for any group connected with the interests of the society to meet. Anyone interested in taking up this idea should contact Dr Naomi Sykes at [naomi.sykes@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:naomi.sykes@nottingham.ac.uk)