The Material Body: 1500-1900: A Conference of Archaeologists and Historians

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Wednesday 4th July

Registration & coffee 10.15 - 10.45am

10.45 - 12pm

Keynote

Jelena Bekvalac (Museum of London)
Revealing past lives and “Getting to know you, Getting to know all about you”

12 - 1.15pm

Body as material culture

Sian Anthony (Lund)
The persistence of bodies in flexible grave plots

Calista Burnett (York)
Unbalanced Embodiment Through Memory: Agency Employed onto NW Coast Artefacts

Christian Meyer (OsteoARC, Goslar), Petra Held, Jens Brauer, Holger Rode, Kurt W. Alt
Stories of Dukes, Decapitations, and Dissections: Interweaving Information from Historical Documents and Osteobiographies for Selected 16th Century Burials from the Franciscan Monastery Church of Wittenberg, Germany

1.15 - 2pm Lunch

2 - 3.15pm

Bodily display

‘Rather much like desecrating’: The embodiment of indigenous skulls as science, profit, and entertainment

Daphna Oren-Magidor (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Female Bodies Made Material: Ivory Anatomical Dolls and the Secrets of Women

Tania Kausmally (Ossa Freelance)
A tale of the discarded and the treasured – Osteological and historical analysis of an 18th century private anatomy school in London

3.15 - 4.30pm

Bodily practices
Robert Hartle (Museum of London Archaeology)
‘The Corporation of Corpse-stealers’: evidence of bodysnatching in early 18th century London

Matthew McCormack (Northampton)
Towards an embodied history of shoes

Karen Harvey (Birmingham)
Mismatch: Skeletons and the Historical Record

4.30 - 4.45pm Coffee

5 - 6.15pm

Keynote
Mary Fissell (Johns Hopkins) and Elizabeth Craig-Atkins (Sheffield)
Marking Maternity

7.30pm Conference Dinner (at a local restaurant)

Day 2 – Thursday 5th July

9am Coffee

9.30 - 10.45am

Health in the city

Heidi Dawson-Hobbis (Winchester)
Victorian Bristolians: a study in life and death

Sophie Newman (Sheffield), Katie Keefe, Malin Holst, Anwen Caffell, Rebecca Gowland
Growing Old in the Industrial Age: ageing, health, and social identity in elderly females (18th-19th C)

Valasia Strati (Sheffield)
Unearthing the Victorian Working Class: the bioarchaeology of St Hilda’s Church skeletal assemblage from South Shields (Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

10.45 - 11am Coffee

11 - 12.15pm

Keynote
Madeleine Mant (Memorial)
Slips, Trips, Falls, and Brawls: Fractured Bodies in Eighteenth-Century London

12.15-1.15pm Lunch

1.15-2.45pm
Plastic bodies

**Catriona Fisk** (University of Technology, Sydney)
Material Culture and the Maternal Body: Dress Objects as a Window on Embodied Lives

**Rebecca Gibson** (New Hampshire)
Methodological Challenges in Skeletal Reconstruction from Post-Medieval Mortuary Material: Examining Corseted Rib Cages Using Sand Trays

**Sarah Goldsmith** (Leicester)
Striving, Measuring, Weighing, Recording: Thinking about the Corporeal Nature of Eighteenth-and Nineteenth-Century Elite Men’s Bodies

**Erna Johannesdottir** (Bristol)
Dental Modification Practices in 19th century Sub Saharan Africa

3-3.15pm Coffee

3.15 - 4.45pm

**Keynote**
**David Turner (Swansea)**
'Disability and the Material Body in the Industrial Revolution: Cultural Historical and Bioarchaeological Perspectives'

5pm Conference Close