

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

PROGRAMME

LR3, Arts Building, Edgbaston Campus
University of Birmingham

Day 1 – Wednesday 4th July

Registration & coffee 10.15 - 10.55am

10.55 Welcome and Introduction

11am - 12pm

Keynote

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

12 - 1pm

Body as material culture

Sian Anthony (Lund)

The persistence of bodies in flexible grave plots

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Stories of Dukes, Decapitations, and Dissections: Interweaving Information from Historical Documents and Osteobiographies for Selected 16th Century Burials from the Franciscan Monastery Church of Wittenberg, Germany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 - 1.45pm Lunch

1.45 - 3.15pm

Bodily display

Shawn C. Rowlands (Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard)

‘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 - 3.30pm Coffee

3.30-4.30

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

4.30-4.45pm Coffee

4.45 - 6pm

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

9.15am Coffee

9.45 - 11am

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)

11 - 11.15am Coffee

11.15 - 12.30pm

Keynote

Madeleine Mant (Memorial)

Slips, Trips, Falls, and Brawls: Fractured Bodies in Eighteenth-Century London

12.30 - 1.15pm Lunch

1.15 - 3pm

Plastic bodies

Rebecca Gibson (New Hampshire)

Methodological Challenges in Skeletal Reconstruction from Post-Medieval Mortuary

Material: Examining Corseted Rib Cages Using Sand Trays

Catriona Fisk (University of Technology Sydney)

Material Culture and the Maternal Body: Dress Objects as a Window on Embodied Lives

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 - 3.30pm Coffee

3.30 - 4.45pm

Keynote

David Turner (Swansea)

'Disability and the Material Body in the Industrial Revolution: Cultural Historical and Bioarchaeological Perspectives'

5pm Closing discussion and Conference Close