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Forensic Archaeology Special Interest Group (FASIG)

Newsletter

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Dear FASIG members,

Welcome to the first FASIG newsletter of 2021!

The newsletter functions to update members on the committee's work behind the scenes and dates to add to your diary for upcoming events. Contributions to the newsletter from members are also welcomed and encouraged.

Meet the Committee

Karl Harrison BA (Hons), MSc, PhD, DSc, FSA, MCIfA
(Chair)

Karl is a director of Alecto Forensic Services and a Reader at Cranfield University. He worked as a Crime Scene Investigator and Manager before focusing on forensic archaeology. Karl has reported forensic archaeology in UK major crime investigations for the past twenty years.

Alexandria Young MA (Hons), MSc, PhD, ACIfA, MCSFS, FRAI (Cert FA-III)
(Secretary)

Alexandria is a freelance forensic archaeologist and forensic anthropologist. She has provided expert advice to the National Crime Agency for the last 11 years. Alexandria earned her MA (Hons) at the University of Glasgow, MSc at UCL, and PhD at Bournemouth University with a research focus in forensic taphonomy and search methods. Since her PhD, she has also lectured at Kingston University and the College of Policing, as well as worked in STEM outreach.

Laura Evis BA (Hons), PGCert, PGDip, MSc, PhD
(Co-opted Treasurer; Ordinary Committee Member)

Laura is a specialist in the development, testing and application of bioarchaeological techniques for the purpose of providing assistance to archaeological and medico-legal investigations. She has worked in both the academic and commercial archaeological sectors since 2009. She is the Director of the Forensic Anthropology MSc programme and the Archaeology with Forensic Science BSc programme at the University of Exeter. She also works with other external organisations including Cotswold Archaeology, the Egyptian Journal of Forensic Sciences and Blake Emergency Services.

Alastair Vannan MCIfA
(Ordinary Committee Member)

Alastair is the Scientific Lead for Forensic Archaeology at Cellmark Forensic Services. He also oversees all archaeological casework and is responsible for the training and mentoring of forensic archaeologists, as well as research and innovation. He is the Co-Chair of the Forensic Archaeology Expert Register and Panel (FAERP).

Anna Chaussée BA (Hons), PGCert, MSc, MCSFS, SFHEA
(Ordinary Committee Member)

Anna is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Winchester and she is the Founding Director of the Cold Case Unit at the university. Anna has conducted forensic archaeological case work since 2008 and has provided training in forensic archaeological awareness to police forces across the south of England. Her research interests are in the linguistic and archaeological understanding of concealment in forensic settings.

Samantha Tipper BA (Hons), PGCert, MSc, PhD
(Ordinary Committee Member)

Sam is a senior lecturer and program lead in forensic science at the University of Lincoln. She has a PhD in archaeology from Durham University and an MSc in Biomedical and forensic studies from the University of Manchester. She is a biological and forensic anthropologist with experience working in both the commercial and academic sectors in human osteology, paleopathology, forensic anthropology and archaeology. She is also the director of the annual Sudan studies interdisciplinary research conference.

Sabrina Ki BA (Hons), MSc
(Ordinary Committee Member)

Sabrina is a recent graduate and arts and heritage volunteer. She has an MSc in Bioarchaeology and Forensic Anthropology from the University of Exeter and a BA in Anthropology and Archaeology from Durham University. She is interested in outreach, social bioarchaeology, mortuary and gender studies amongst other areas.

Peter Schofield BA (Hons), MCIfA
(Ordinary Committee Member)

Peter is a forensic reporting scientist at Cellmark Forensic Services. He is a member of the Forensic Archaeology Expert Register and Panel and has reported forensic archaeological aspects of criminal cases for three and a half years.

Keep in Touch

The committee has been busy improving the ways that we communicate with our members. We are pleased to announce that in addition to our Twitter account (@ClfA_FASIG) we now have a FASIG Discord server. The FASIG Discord has various channels that provide useful resources, event announcements, and provides members a direct channel to speak to the committee and wider group. FASIG will also be using Discord as our digital platform for many events like our upcoming Virtual Poster Conference (**8th-9th March 2021**). Discord is free to sign up and join. If you are interested in joining please follow this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZJp06hw0ZU-sOJ2IIQMOuG_J6U1IlpVGv2t4IAEf-jJURUFNOTNUUVBVVFBQQ09BNjZVSUk0TkVKTi4u.

Committee Activities

The committee and Expert Register and Panel are currently undertaking a review of the Specialist competence matrix and Standards and Guidance documents. We are interested in feedback from members about these documents, in particular the Specialist competence matrix.

The committee are keen to plan more events going forward that are beneficial to our members so please watch this space and sign up for Discord to stay updated.

Upcoming Events

FASIG is pleased to announce their 1st Annual Virtual Poster Conference, showcasing the multidisciplinary nature of Forensic Archaeology. The online conference will be held on Discord from **Monday 8th March to Tuesday 9th March 2021**. Register here

<https://www.archaeologists.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=142>

Posters are welcomed from all related fields of forensic archaeology, especially adjunct subjects. The deadline for poster submission is **Friday 26th February 2021**. Poster submissions should be submitted to the Forensic Archaeology SIG via email: fasigcomm17@gmail.com making sure that your submission file does not exceed 8MB.