

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- University of Edinburgh 2013-present. Phd candidate researching the archaeological and osteological evidence for violence in early medieval Scottish skeletal remains.
 - University of Sheffield 1987-1989. Master of Arts in Palaeopathology and Funerary Archaeology.
 - University of Glasgow 1983-1987. Master of Arts Honours (Second Class Upper Division) in Archaeology.
 - St Thomas Aquinas School 1978-1983. Eight Ordinary Grade (five A, two B, one C) and four Higher Grade (one A, two B, one C) qualifications.
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Professional memberships and affiliations

- I am a full member of the Chartered Institute of field Archaeologists (MCIfA)
 - Member of the British Association of Biological Anthropology and Osteoarchaeology (BABAO).
 - Secretary of the Advisory Panel on the Archaeology of Burials in England (APABE) 2012-2016. Currently panel member.
 - Member of Archaeology Scotland
 - Member of Council for British Archaeology
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Employment History

Self-employed Burial Archaeologist and Osteologist 10/08 to present

I became self-employed in October 2008. My work since then has focussed almost exclusively on a wide range of osteological projects.

- National Museum of Scotland with Dr Alison Sheridan and Dr Elena Kranioti: re-analysis of human remains from Cuween chambered tomb, Orkney; re-analysis of early Bronze Age remains from Cousland, Midlothian
- Polyphonic Murders: in collaboration with Edinburgh University (Dr Elena Kranioti)
- Re-analysis of Beaker burial from Achavanich
- Highland Archaeology Services Ltd: osteological analysis and reporting on cremated and inhumed remains from Dornoch Quarry, and Tornagrain, Inverness

- Associate Consultant, Wessex Archaeology, May 2015-present. Projects include analysis of medieval remains from Wakefield Cathedral, post-medieval skeletal assemblage from Halifax and provision of specialist advice for High Speed 2 Rail Link.
- York Archaeological Trust, mentoring of early-career osteologist, analysis of medieval leper cemetery from Peterborough.
- Senior editor and abstractor, CBA, British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography, April 2013-March 2016.
- Headland Archaeology, analysis and reporting on post-medieval coffin fittings from Blackburn
- CFA Archaeology, analysis of post-medieval skeletal assemblage.
- Consultant on a 10th-century mass burial pit from Weymouth, Dorset. Full excavation of the burial pit which contained 50 decapitated adult males of 10th century AD date. Production of post-excavation assessment. Analysis of human remains. Detailed reporting on sharp force trauma to skulls. Publication.
- Contributed to feature on the Weymouth Vikings for Swedish Television, Science. Broadcast in March 2012.
- Contributed to National Geographic documentary 'Viking Apocalypse'. Broadcast in February 2012.
- Contributed to Time Team Viking Special shown on Channel 4 in November 2010.
- Analysis and publication of late Bronze Age cremations from Venlo and early Roman cremations from Lomm, Netherlands.
- Revision and editing of the report on the human bone assemblage from the second phase of excavation at Lankhills Roman cemetery, Winchester for publication.
- Excavation and post-excavation analysis of a prehistoric cemetery in Demouville, Normandy, France.
- Provision of confidential advice relating to post-medieval burial in advance of legal proceedings (Expert witness).
- Acting Head of Heritage Burial Services, Oxford Archaeology, August 2010-February 2011
- Excavation of early Christian Chapel site at Baliscate, Mull

Contracts Manager, GUARD 10/05 to 10/08

As Contracts Manager at GUARD I was responsible for producing pre-qualification documents and tenders for a range of large infrastructure projects, most notably the Advance Archaeological Works for the M74 completion through Glasgow. Other successful bids included Water Row, Govan and the Human Remains Call-off Contract for Historic Scotland.

A list of key tasks appears below.

- Key role in winning new work
- Undertaking continuous reviews of projects
- Progress report production and publication schedule for final reports
- Line management of project managers.
- Pre-submission liaison with clients; preparation of tenders and research designs; co-ordination of overall bidding strategy
- Liaison with client and monitoring bodies during fieldwork & reporting on projects, delegating to project managers/project directors where appropriate

- Overseeing all aspects of projects, including administration, timetable and budget; overseeing project management of all projects and providing line management for the project managers.
- Conducting reviews of completed projects to determine operational and financial performance, adherence to project design, budgets etc
- Implementation of quality control for project work, including analysis and reporting, and the fulfilment of project designs within budget and according to timetables, and ensuring the implementation of all Health & Safety policies and plans.
- Teaching undergraduates and postgraduates within the archaeology department of the university.

Head of Heritage Burial Services, OA 6/00 to 10/05

I created and managed the department which comprised up to eight osteologists. I successfully won and managed a variety of burial archaeology projects from excavation through to publication. Major projects included an Iron Age chariot from Ferrybridge, West Yorkshire, the Roman cemetery at Lankhills, Winchester and the post-medieval crypt at St George's Church, Bloomsbury, London.

My principal tasks in the role are listed below.

- Preparation of tenders
- Client negotiation
- Preparation of Written Schemes of Investigation and Project Designs
- Preparation of Risk Assessments and Method Statements
- Preparation of desk-based assessments
- Responsible for devising innovative methodologies, particularly in relation to post-medieval burial strategies, sampling etc.
- Management and monitoring of archaeological fieldwork (evaluation, excavation and watching briefs).
- Budget tracking (Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Project)
- Liaison with external bodies involved in the development and implementation of projects
- Post-excavation assessment and analysis
- Editing, copy editing and proof reading
- Training individuals within the organisation in post-excavation skills
- Lecturer and teacher on a variety of extra-mural courses at the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education. I also taught undergraduates at the University of Leicester.
- Provision of specialist advice to various groups.
- Human bone consultant to Thames Valley Police Force
- Member of Archaeology Working Party for the Council for the Care of churches producing draft guidelines on the treatment of human remains (published in 2005 as 'Guidance for Best Practice for Treatment of Human Remains Excavated from Christian Burial Grounds in England').
- Frequent television and radio appearances
- Regular lectures to archaeological groups and the general public
- Commitment to open days and volunteer involvement
- Marketing
- Production of web content

Project Manager, Senior Research Officer, Osteologist, Finds Specialist 6/90 to 5/00

In the 10 years prior to the creation of the department I performed a wide range of tasks. These included excavation, desk based assessment, osteology, stratigraphic analysis and reporting, identification and analysis of various artefact categories, specialising in Anglo-Saxon material and post-medieval coffin fittings.