



ULSTER
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DISCOVERY 2023!

SEVENTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES IN ULSTER

**Organised by the Ulster Archaeological Society and the Centre for Community
Archaeology at Queen's University Belfast**

Friday 17th November and Saturday 18th November 2023

Programme

Friday evening, 17th November 2023

Common Room, Elmwood Building, QUB & Lecture Theatre (Room OG-029), Elmwood Building, QUB

6.00-6.30 **Conference Registration.**

6.30 **Conference Launch and Wine Reception.**

7.00-7.30 **Book launch: *Ballynahatty: Excavations in a Neolithic Monumental Landscape***
by **Barrie Hartwell, Sarah Gormley, Catriona Brogan & Caroline Malone.** Oxford
(Oxbow Books).

7.30-8.15 **Keynote Address: Dr Alison Sheridan** (National Museums Scotland).
Putting Ballynahatty in its broader Neolithic context.

Saturday, 18th November 2023

Lecture Theatre (Room OG-029), Elmwood Building, QUB

9.00-9.30 **Conference Registration.**

9.30-9.40 **Conference Welcome: Professor Eileen Murphy** (Deputy Head of the School of Natural and Built Environment and Co-Director of the Centre for Community Archaeology, Queen's University Belfast) & **Anne MacDermott MBE** (President of the Ulster Archaeological Society)

SESSION 1: SURVEY

Chaired by **Lisa White**

9.40-10.00 **Brian Sloan** (Centre for Community Archaeology, QUB and Ulster Archaeological Society)

A Tale of Two Monasteries in County Down.

10.00-10.20 **Louise Moffett** (Queen's University Belfast)

Late Medieval Churches in the North of Ireland: The Physical Remains.

10.20-10.40 **Malachy Conway** (National Trust and Ulster Archaeological Society)

Fieldwork carried out by the UAS Field Survey Group in 2022-2023.

10.40-11.20 **Morning Tea/ Coffee break.**

SESSION 2: RESEARCH

Chaired by **Pat O'Neill**

11.20-11.40 **Dr Patrick Gleeson** (Queen's University Belfast)

Re-discovering Emain Macha: ritual, religion and kingship in Later Prehistoric and Medieval Ireland.

11.40-12.00 **Kate Robb** (John Cronin & Associates) & **Camilla Brännström** (John Cronin & Associates)

Earthen Monuments: Challenges, Trials and Future Thinking from Rathcroghan, Co. Roscommon.

12.00-12.20 **Dr Kangkang Li** (Queen's University Belfast)
The Bronze Age population in eastern Tarim Basin (Lop Nur), Northwest China, and their subsistence environment.

12.20-12.40 **Q & A for morning session.**

12.40-1.40 **Lunch**

SESSION 3: EXCAVATIONS

Chaired by **Stephen Gilmore**

1.40-2.00 **Stuart Alexander** (Northern Archaeological Consultancy Ltd) & **Dr James O'Neill** (Ulidia Heritage Services)
A Case of Shot: Battlefield Archaeology at Charlemont, County Armagh.

2.00-2.20 **Professor Audrey Horning** (William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia USA and Queen's University Belfast)
Exploring the Irish Diaspora: Archaeological investigations at the Keyes site, Lowell, Massachusetts.

2.20-2.40 **Katy McMonagle** (Northern Archaeological Consultancy Ltd)
Digging Deeper into Kilmocholmóg.

SESSION 4: MATERIAL CULTURE

Chaired by **Courtney Mundt**

2.40-3.00 **Dr Rena Maguire** (University College Dublin)
Driver's Seat: new evidence for horse drawn vehicles in Late Iron Age Ulster.

3.00-3.20 **Ryan Montgomery** (Queen's University Belfast)
Investigating the Role of Dogs in Prehistoric and Medieval Ireland.

3.20-3.40 **Clair Richardson** (Queen's University Belfast)
The Evolution of Stone-Lined Graves: An Early Medieval Irish Perspective.

3.40-4.20 **Afternoon Tea/ Coffee break**

SESSION 5: HERITAGE MATTERS

Chaired by **Dr Colm Donnelly**

- 4.20-4.40** **Professor Eileen Murphy** (Queen's University Belfast)
Reflections on the EAA 2023 conference held in Queen's University Belfast.
- 4.40-5.00** **Bronagh Murray** (Historic Environment Division, Department for Communities)
Archaeology 2030: A Strategic Approach for Northern Ireland- an update.
- 5.00-5.20** **Dr Laura Patrick** (Royal Irish Regiment Benevolent Fund)
The Regimental Museums of Northern Ireland: Who, What, When, Where, Why?
- 5.20-5.40** **Q & A for afternoon session**
- 5.40** **Conference concludes**