



## **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 **Barry 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 McDermott 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 for Northern Ireland and Ulster Archaeological Society)

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

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

### **SESSSION 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 (Nop Lur), 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.**

**3.30-3.40** **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.**