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Heritage as Reconciliation

A winter school exploring heritage practice in contested societies.

Monday 15 January -Friday 19 January, 2018.

Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle, Northern Ireland.

Theme 2: Listening and Learning: community-engaged approaches to archaeology & heritage.

Convenor: Prof Audrey Horning

Overview

Drawing on international perspectives, this session explores ways in which archaeological practice can contribute meaningfully to community development, sustainability, and conflict transformation through inclusive practice. Discussions of direct relevance to heritage practice in Northern Ireland will consider how to balance ethical responsibilities to communities in the present as well as to the people of the past, especially when contemporary understandings may deviate from what archaeological evidence reveals. Critical to engaged archaeology is the ability to listen. Confirmed speakers include Professor Peter Schmidt, University of Florida, author of the 2017 volume *Community-Based Heritage in Africa: Unveiling Local Research and Development Initiatives*. Professor Schmidt is the 2016 recipient of the Peter Ucko Award from the World Archaeological Congress which recognized his dedication to the welfare of archaeology in Africa and the decolonization of African archaeological practice for over 40 years.

Further speaker bios to follow



Prof Audrey Horning

Audrey is an anthropologically trained archaeologist whose research centres on comparative colonialism and the relationship between archaeology and contemporary identity. She has directed archaeological excavations with integral public-engagement components at Jamestown, Virginia; on Plantation-period sites in Northern Ireland; at the Slievemore Deserted Village, Achill Island, Co Mayo; and in the Virginia Blue Ridge. Her research address the ethics of engagement and future directions in historical archaeology and community archaeology amongst other interests.



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Prof Peter Schmidt

Peter Schmidt is Professor of Anthropology and African Studies at the University of Florida and Extraordinary Professor of Anthropology at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. He has conducted archaeological, ethnographic, and heritage research in Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Gabon, and Eritrea. He is co-founder of the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies at the University of Dar es Salaam, the Department of Archaeology of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Asmara, Eritrea, and the Human Rights and Peace Institute at Makerere University, Uganda. He has held teaching posts at these institutions as well as Brown University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology at Kelaniya University, Sri Lanka. His most recent books are *Community Archaeology and Heritage in Africa: Decolonizing Practice* (Routledge 2016), edited with Innocent Pikirayi, and *Community-Based Heritage in Africa: Unveiling Local Development and Research Initiatives* (Routledge 2017).



Mazen Iwaisi

Mazen is a PhD candidate at Queen's University-Belfast, his research study - Landscape Archaeology as Politicised Space in Palestine - is an interdisciplinary project binding together politics and archaeology. Mazen has been involved in several archaeological surveys, excavations, and landscape archaeology projects in Palestine and the Eastern Mediterranean. His research focuses on identifying the structural mechanisms that influence the decision-making of state and non-state agents in archaeological activities in Palestine on the issues of selection, governance, and power.