Grave Concerns: The Ethics of the Dead

The 2nd Annual Laurier Brantford Conference



The Carnegie Building, Brantford Ontario

Thursday November 29

7:00 - 9:00: *Wine and Cheese Reception*, Carnegie Building (registration table open 7:00 - 8:00)

Friday November 30

8:30 - 9:15: Registration

9:15 - 10:45: Session A

"The Quick and the Dead: The Reuse of Animal and Human Tissue and Its Implications"

1) "Death Unto Life: Thinking the Sacred/Profane Nexus Through the Recycled Body" - Jim Cosgrave, Trent University

2) "Liminal Lazarus" - Mary Murray, Massey University, New Zealand

3) "Recycling the Body: From Death to Life" -Robert Feagan, Wilfrid Laurier University

10:45 - 11:00: Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30: Session B

"If I Should Die...: Best Practices in the Canadian Funeral Industry?"

1) "Subjects, Cases, Remains: The Representation of the Dead in Funeral Industry Periodicals" -Ivan Emke, Memorial University

2) "The Front and Backstage of a Funeral Service" - Nancy Aitken, Lakeridge Health Corporation

3) "Prior Stated Funeral Wishes: The Survivor's Dilemma" - Peter Allatt, University of Toronto

4) "See that My Grave Is Kept Clean" - Stephen Haller, Wilfrid Laurier University 12:30 - 1:30: Luncheon and Welcome to Delegates from Rowland Smith, Vice President, Academic, Wilfrid Laurier University

1:30 - 3:00: Session C

"Lest We Forget: Remembrance Across Cultures and Eras"

1) "Life Among the Dead in Medieval Europe" -Judith Potter, SUNY - New Paltz, NY

2) "Dead and Royal Burial of a King (fon) in Wimbum Land of the Western Grassfields of Cameroon" - Simon Ngenge, FALSS University of Yaounde, Cameroon

 3) "Remembering the Dead: The Democratization of Grief in the 20th Century" - Peter Farrugia, Wilfrid Laurier University

3:00 - 3:15 Coffee Break

3:15 - 4:45 Session D

"Relics and Rituals: Cultural Encounters or Cultural Appropriation?"

1) "Remains on View: The Politics of Exhibiting African Reliquary Art" - Jessica Levin, Harvard University

2) "The Ethics of Dealing with the Dead in Lesotho" - Mary N. Ntabeni and Martha M. Shale, Lesotho

3) "Dead and Undead: Comparing Halloween and *Dia de Muertos*" - Nicholas Rogers, York University

4) Commentator: David McNab, Trent University

6:00 - 7:00: Access to Woodland Cultural Centre historical exhibits (for banquet attendees only)

7:00 - 9:00: Banquet at the Centre, followed by performance by the Kanata Dancers

Saturday, December 1

9:30 - 10:20: Video Presentation: *The Mystery of the First Americans*

10:20 - 10:30: Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30: Session E

"Treatment of Skeletal Remains: Kennewick Man and His Attendant Controversies"

Keynote Speakers:

Jim Chatters, President and Founder, Applied Paleoscience

David Newhouse, Chair, Native Studies, Trent University

12:30 - 1:30 Luncheon

1:30 - 3:00: Session F

"Ancient Skeletal Remains: Case Studies of Interest"

1) "What to Do with the Remains of Other Peoples' Ancestors: The Repatriation and Reburial Issues Seen from a Danish Perspective" -Mille Gabriel, University of Copenhagen

2) "The Repatriation/ Reburial Issue: A Manitoba Experience" - Todd Garlie, University of Winnipeg; Chris Meiklejohn, University of Winnipeg; Rob Hoppa, University of Manitoba; Kevin Brownlee, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Citizenship, Manitoba

3) "Coast Salish and Sto:lo Attitudes Towards Death" - Kathy McKay, University of Victoria

4) Commentator: Michael Doxtater, Wilfrid Laurier University

3:00 - 3:15: Coffee Break

3:15 - 4:45: Session G

"Ancient Skeletal Remains: Ethical Principles"

1) "The Ethical Ownership of the Products of Antiquity" - Joe Velaidum, McMaster University

2) "Archaeology at the Crossroads: Dodging the Slippery Path" - David Slattery, Nipissing University

3) "Archaeology *versus* Aboriginals on Skeletal Remains: Is There a Middle Way?" - Leo Groarke, Wilfrid Laurier University

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Regular:	\$75.00
Students:	\$10.00

The cost of the banquet on November 30 is *not* included in registration. Please add \$30 if you plan to attend.

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