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the Roman frontier since 2023.*

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## Back to the desks and the books

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### What's on the horizon?

#### **The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne: PGR Conference**

The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne is hosting their first-ever postgraduate research seminar at Newcastle University on **Saturday, September 7th, from 9:45-1 pm GMT.**

Panelists and papers include:

- Kerri Armstrong, 'The Women of Durham, Newcastle and York Gaol, 1853-1887'
- Charlotte Emily Crawshaw, 'Learning through Letters: The Distance Education of Matthew Montagu through the Correspondence of Elizabeth Montagu'
- Damian Rudge, 'A Chaîne Opératoire of Lead used in the Military Bath House at Red House, Corbridge'
- Daniel Riddell, 'Quaysiders: The Collegial Conflict of Nineteenth Century Merchants and Shipbrokers in Newcastle-upon-Tyne'
- Olivia Colborn, 'Discovering Modernism in Newcastle's Literary and Philosophical Society, 1910-1939'
- Abby Hammond, 'tbc'

- June Watson, 'Health Tourism: The Northumbrian Aristocracy in Madeira 1810-1812'

The event is **FREE** for members and non-members. If you are interested, please reserve your tickets through their website.

[Reserve Tickets Here](#)

## Meet Up at Limes Congress!

The frontiers are converging in Batumi, Georgia for the 26th Limes Congress. We hope to see you there and look forward to hearing about your research, your plans, your goals, your dreams...

It will be a full schedule, but we'd like to make connections from the very start.



## FIND US - Monday 9 September

After the last session on the first day of papers ( **Monday 9 September** ), newsletter co-organizer Catherine Teitz will spend half an hour near the conference registration area and look for Frontier ECRs. Hopefully all sessions will end at roughly the same time and we can have a chat, make connections, revive the WhatsApp group that lead to this newsletter, and then whoever wishes can go discuss the day's findings over a cool drink.

If you're at the conference, please join in! And if you can't find us, reach out to Catherine by email ([cteitz@uni-mainz.de](mailto:cteitz@uni-mainz.de))

## Call for papers



### The University of Liverpool calls for papers for its Progress Seminar Series for Archaeology, Classics, and Egyptology

This series allows postgraduates and early career scholars to engage with peers and to present their research.

The presentations may focus on any aspect of the ancient world and/or its reception and must range from 20-40 minutes.

Dates available to present:

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th  
November 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th  
December 4th and 11th

Application deadline is **15th September at 5 pm UK time**

If you are interested in presenting at this seminar series, please email [liv.ace.wip@gmail.com](mailto:liv.ace.wip@gmail.com) with the required information:

1. Attach the abstract of your proposed presentation. (must not exceed 200 words)
2. State whether you currently intend to present in person or online.
3. Offer us as possible as many potential dates as possible to maximize our ability to offer you a spot. (see dates above)
4. Include a biography that we can use to introduce you.
5. Attach a couple images of images that we can use to publicise your presentation.

[Email to Apply](#)



### CFP: Roman Finds Group Conference 'Recent Research on Roman Finds from the North-West Provinces'

We invite ECRs from the Roman Frontiers to give a short paper at the Roman Finds Group conference 'Recent Research on Roman Finds from the North-West Provinces'. This will be a free to attend online event on Friday 8th November, with a wide-reaching theme including speakers from the UK, France, Netherlands and Germany. We'd love to hear from ECRs in particular who'd like to share their work and research on Roman finds.

The conference will be held via Zoom, with the option to speak live or by sending a pre-recording video. Talks should be 15-20 minutes and can be on either singular objects/groups of finds from a Roman northwest province, or a wider focus on finds from across the northwest Empire.

If you would like to contribute, or know more about the conference, please contact conference organisers Katie Mountain [kmountain@pre-construct.com](mailto:kmountain@pre-construct.com) and Stephen Wadeson [williamswadeson73@gmail.com](mailto:williamswadeson73@gmail.com).

[Visit the website](#)



# Call for Papers

# ECHOES OF CHANGE

International Conference  
15th to 17th May 2025  
Marburg, Germany

Marburg Centre for the Ancient World  
Research Training Group 2844  
"Staging of Religious Atmosphere in Ancient  
Cultures"

## Exploring the Dynamics of Religious Atmospheres

Phillips University of Marburg, Germany, is calling for papers for May 2025.

The conference is focusing on the dynamics of religious atmospheres through interdisciplinary lenses. They welcome contributions from all disciplines, including but not limited to Ancient History, Ancient Near Eastern (Western Asian) Studies, Archaeology, Biblical Studies, Classical Philology, History of Pharmacy and Medicine, Indo-European Linguistics, Religious studies, Roman Law, Anthropology, Psychology, and Philosophy. All contributions will be eligible for publication in the Conference Proceedings. They strongly encourage young researchers to present their work.

Contributions may address, but are not limited to the following questions:

- What are the preconditions in establishing religious atmospheres?
- What are the whos, whens, wheres, whys and hows contributing to changes in religious atmospheres?

How is change perceived? What are the consequences of that change?

- How are religious atmospheres curated? What are conditions for the successful staging of religious atmospheres?
- How and why do religious atmospheres fail and how is that failure perceived?
- What remains of a religious atmosphere once a specific cult has declined? What are reactions to such a decline?

Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and can be emailed to [grk2844.conference@uni-marburg.de](mailto:grk2844.conference@uni-marburg.de)

Click the button for more details regarding the paper requirements and questions.

[Further Details](#)



## Archaeological Institute of America

### Call for Papers, Posters, Workshop, Lightning Rounds, and Roundtables!

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is still accepting papers, posters, workshops, and lightning rounds for the **2025 Annual Conference, which will be held from January 2nd to 5th in Philadelphia, PA, USA.**

- **Wednesday, November 1, 2024:** This deadline is applicable to all Lightning Session and Roundtable submissions.

For specific submission forms, how to submit, and funding opportunities, click the button below.

## Researcher of the Month

### Al McCluskey



Hi, I'm a Newcastle student doing a PhD researching strategic theory and practice, Iron Age diaspora networks between Ireland and Central Britain, and their influence in the evolution of the Roman Frontier in Britain. As a former field archaeologist returning to the academic discipline after a military career, I'm passionate about strategy as an 'everyday, everyperson' phenomenon which has the potential to help us restore agency to indigenous cultures in this process and gain a better understanding of the frontiers as a result.

As an Early (second) Career Researcher, I'm also passionate about life-long learning and the benefits of a supportive, inclusive 'safe-to-fail' learning environment for junior members any community. Drop me a line or grab me in person at Limes XXVI.....before the other 'middle-aged white men' burn me as a heretic!

Contact Al at [a.mccluskey2@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:a.mccluskey2@newcastle.ac.uk)



We already have 130 members, but we know there is more of you! We challenge you to forward this newsletter to one fellow Roman frontiers Lover: can we reach 150 members by the end of the summer?

Sign up for the newsletter



#### WHO ARE OUR READERS?

We want YOU to be **researcher of the month!**

In this newsletter, we highlight places, projects, and people of the Roman Frontiers ECR Network. Tell us about yourself, and you might just feature in the April news! By showcasing your work here, you might hear from other ECRs with similar interests.

Tell us about your work!



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