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Summary

My primary area of research is the archaeology of the British Bronze Age. I am particularly interested in the treatment of the human body and concepts of the self; depositional practices and what these reveal about the meanings and values ascribed to objects; and the relationship between space and society including domestic architecture and the changing organisation of landscape. I co-organise the Bronze Age Forum, which holds biannual conferences on the British and Irish Bronze Age. I have a longstanding interest in archaeological theory, particularly relational ontologies and phenomenological approaches to archaeological landscapes, and I am an editor of *Archaeological Dialogues*. I have a developing research interest in historical archaeology, including Victorian and Edwardian public parks as landscapes of improvement in which normative models of class, gender and colonial identities were constructed. I have recently published an edited volume on the material and visual culture of the 1916 Rising in Ireland, arising out of my work on the archaeology of internment from 1916-1923.

Biography

I completed my BA and PhD in Archaeology at the University of Cambridge, where I also held a Junior Research Fellowship at Clare Hall. Before joining Archaeology and Anthropology at Bristol, I was a Senior Lecturer in the School of Archaeology, University College Dublin. My primary area of research is the archaeology of the British Bronze Age. I am particularly interested in the treatment of the human body and concepts of the self; depositional practices and what these reveal about the meanings and values ascribed to objects; and the relationship between space and society including domestic architecture and the changing organisation of landscape. I co-organise the Bronze Age Forum, which holds biannual conferences on the British and Irish Bronze Age, and edit *PAST*, the newsletter of the Prehistoric Society. I have a longstanding interest in archaeological theory, particularly relational ontologies and phenomenological approaches to archaeological landscapes, and I am a member of the editorial board of *Archaeological Dialogues*. I have a developing research interest in historical archaeology, including Victorian and Edwardian public parks as landscapes of improvement in which normative models of class, gender and colonial identities were constructed. I am also currently editing a volume on the material and visual culture of the 1916 Rising in Ireland, arising out of my recent work on internment camp craftwork from 1916-1923.

Keywords

- British Bronze Age
- funerary archaeology
- settlements and landscapes
- ritual and ideology
- material culture studies
- archaeological theory
- Victorian and Edwardian public parks
- the archaeology of the 1916 Rising

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