**Estimating the Post-Mortem Interval: From Early Decomposition to Skeletonisation**

Event hosted by CIfA Forensic Archaeology Group

**Place:** University of Central Lancashire, Lancashire, UK, PR1 2HE; UCLan Foster Building

**Date:** Saturday 24th March 2018

**Start time:** 09:30

**Finish time:** 16:30

**Cost:** Free to CIfA members, £5 non-members (includes lunch)

**Book:** via Eventbrite (see <http://archaeologists.net/groups/forensic> where details will be posted when confirmed)

**Programme**

**Morning:** Presentations covering current trends in major areas of taphonomic practice: post-mortem interval (PMI) estimation, volatile organic compounds (VOC) estimation, actualistic whole-body modelling and taphonomic facilities, burial and post-mortem biomes, and osseous taphonomy. Followed by an open-round table discussion between academics, practitioners, end-users and regulators into standardisation of research and practice.

**Afternoon:** there will be a hands-on practical on PMI estimation in which attendees will be able to apply different methods to a single simulated case. This will comprise a short series of lectures on decomposition processes and chemistry, entomology and body scoring systems, and post-skeletonisation methods.

**Dr. Patrick Randolph-Quinney**, Reader in Biological Anthropology, University of Central Lancashire, is a biological anthropologist who focuses on forensic and palaeo-anthropology. His research focuses on human evolution, forensic human identification, forensic trauma analysis, and post-mortem processes (taphonomy), particularly the application of advanced biostatistics, 3D imaging methods and verifiable biomechanical approaches based on actualistic experimental modelling.

**For more details please visit the Eventbrite page where you can also book**

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