



New Researchers in Maritime History Conference McCance 301, University of Strathclyde, 22-23 March 2024

The British Commission for Maritime History (BCMh), in association with the University of Strathclyde, is delighted to welcome you to for the twenty-ninth conference for new researchers. This annual conference organised by BCMh is supported by the Society for Nautical Research.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/KEAa12CKDBFdraB7>

Friday, 22 March 2024

Note that for those arriving earlier on Friday, there will be an opportunity to undertake a tour of the new City of Empire display at Kelvingrove Museum in the afternoon. More details TBC.

17:00 – 17:45: Registration and reception, McCance 301, University of Strathclyde

17:45: Welcome, Dr Helen Doe, Chair, British Commission for Maritime History

18.00: Keynote Lecture: Prof Alison Cathcart, Professor of Early Modern Scottish and Archipelagic History at the University of Stirling, “The ‘scattered isles in the polar ocean’: Scotland and the sea in the (long) sixteenth century.”

19.45: Conference Dinner (Details TBC)

Saturday, 23 March 2023

8:00 – 9:00: Registration

9:00: Conference Coordinator’s Welcome, Dr James Davey/Dr David Wilson

9:15 – 10:45 Session One: ROUTES AND RESOURCES

Robert MacLean (University of Glasgow Archives & Special Collections), ‘The Glasgow Soaperie Company’s role in Mediterranean and Atlantic Trade’.

Sabrina Fröhlich & Kamil Muratov (Helmut-Schmidt University/ University of the Federal Armed Forces, Hamburg), ‘No wood, no ships’: The Royal Navy’s Timber Problem from a Diplomatic and Craftsmanship Perspective

Guy Collender (University of Portsmouth), 'From a ditch to a global waterway: How the metamorphosis of the Clyde influenced port development from London to Manchester and Chicago to Calcutta'.

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee

11.15 – 12.45 Session Two: WOMEN AND THE SEA

Hannah Gibbons (University of Exeter), 'Maritime Matriarchs: women, credit, goods and services in the dockland communities of eighteenth-century London'.

Grace McNutt, (Dalhousie University), 'The Failure of Victorian Domesticity? Emily J. Spicer and the Making of Home at Sea, in Port, and on Shore, 1888-89'.

Zara Money (University of Portsmouth), 'In service of the sea: Women's maritime roles in late-nineteenth to early-twentieth century Britain'.

12.45 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 Presentation of awards

13.45 – 14.45 Session Four ENCOUNTERS AT SEA

Laura Birkinshaw (University of Hull), 'Disease transmission and inhibition during the transatlantic slave trade'.

Alexandra Ward (University of Leeds), 'Living in "Constant and Immediate Proximity to the Dead": "Liberated African" Health On Board Emigration Vessels, 1840 – 1872'.

14.45 – 15.15 Coffee

15:15 – 16.45 Session Three: THE SEA AND IDENTITY

Hannah Bradbury-Crowther (National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth), 'HMS Madagascar: Tackling the controversial history behind the figurehead'.

Muskaan Gandhi (National Museum of the Royal Navy, Hartlepool), 'HMS Trincomalee: Encounters with the First Nations People of the Pacific'.

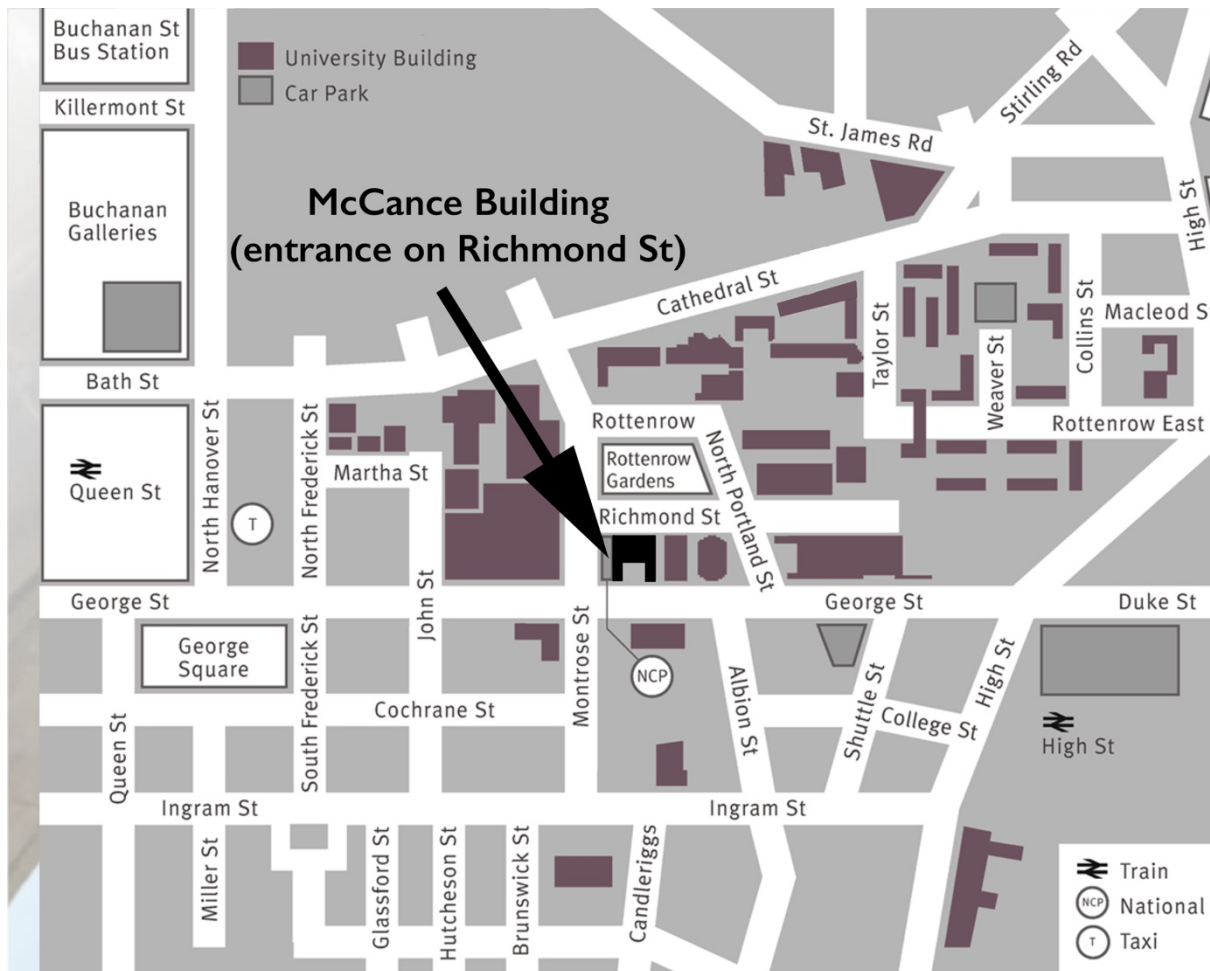
Jane Stewart (The Courtauld Institute, University of London), 'Elizabethan Sea Burial: the Monument to Sir James Hales in Canterbury Cathedral'

16.45: Closing remarks

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Conference will be held in the McCance Building, Room MC 301. The McCance Building is entered via Richmond Street (see map below). There will be signs directing you to the room upon entering.



[Click here to see an interactive map of the University of Strathclyde and McCance Building](#)

VISITING AND STAYING IN GLASGOW

The University of Strathclyde is situated in Glasgow City Centre, near George Square and the Merchant City.

Information on Glasgow City Centre and the Merchant City area can be found here:

<https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/neighbourhoods/city-centre/>

<https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/neighbourhoods/city-centre/merchant-city>

ACCOMODATION

There are a number of hotels in the Merchant City and the university is a short walk from most City Centre locations.

These hotels are particularly well-placed and usually offer reasonable rates:

Premier Inn Glasgow City Centre (George Square) hotel

187 George Street, Glasgow,
G1 1YU

<http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/scotland/strathclyde/glasgow/glasgow-city-centre-george-square.html>

The Merchant City Inn

52 Virginia St
City Centre
Glasgow
G1 1TY

<http://www.merchantcityinn.com>

Mercure Glasgow City Hotel

201 Ingram Street
Glasgow
G1 1DQ

<https://www.mercureglasgow.co.uk/>

There are a number of other hotels available in the nearby vicinity:

<https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/findahotel>

Another option is AirBnB with a number of rooms available near the university. Search 'Glasgow Merchant City': www.airbnb.com

CITY INFORMATION

You can use the following link for information on Glasgow including how to get here, accommodation, and things to do: <https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/visiting>

Tours: <https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/things-to-do/tours>

What's On: <https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/whats-on>

Delegate Offers (including discounts for airport transfers):

<https://glasgowconventionbureau.com/plan-your-meeting/meeting-planners-toolkit/delegate-offers/>

There's also more information and resources available here: <https://glasgowconventionbureau.com/plan-your-meeting/meeting-planners-toolkit/>

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about visiting and staying in Glasgow then please do not hesitate to contact David Wilson on david.wilson.101@strath.ac.uk