

# Archaeology and Heritage in West Africa: Building links and capacity through Thurstan Shaw's legacy

A series of events in memory of the late Professor Thurstan Shaw  
Cambridge 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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## Outline Programme

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

*Afternoon*

**Event: "Discovery and Encounter" the West African collections at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (MAA)**

**Time:** Two sessions: 2pm and 3.30pm

**Venue:** Keyser Room, Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

**By invitation to West African guests only**

*Teas and juices available in the McDonald Institute*

**Event: Tours of the McDonald Institute Laboratories and the Haddon Library**

**Time:** 2pm-4pm

**Venue:** Meet at McDonald Institute, University of Cambridge

*Evening*

**Event: Welcome reception**

**Time:** 5pm till 8pm

**Venue:** McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research

**Welcoming addresses by:**

Professor Graeme Barker, Director, McDonald Institute

Professor Lord Renfrew, Director emeritus, McDonald Institute

Mallam Yusuf Abdallah Usman, the Director General of the National Commission for Museums and Monuments in Nigeria

*Also Dr Kelcey Wilson-Lee from University of Cambridge Development Office will discuss funding initiatives which link Cambridge and Africa*

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

*All day*

**Events: Practical Workshop on Heritage and Museums in West Africa; Keynote Public Lecture; Reception**

**Venues:** McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research; Biffen Lecture Theatre; Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (MAA)

**Program:**

**9.30 am: arrival and tea/coffee, McDonald Institute**

**Session 1: Building links between West Africa and the UK**

**Venue:** McDonald Institute

10am: Opening words Mallam Yusuf Abdallah Usman, the Director General of the National Commission for Museums and Monuments in Nigeria with

10.15 am: Dr Zagba Narh Oyorley, the Executive Director of the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board and Julie Hudson discussing the British Museum Africa Programme

10.35am: Discussion, questions and answers.

10.55 am: Representatives of Igbo-ukwu Development Union (IDU-USA) Dr and Mrs Okenwa Nwosu and Dr and Mrs Azubuike Ezeife will report on their pilot arts and museum project aimed at training unemployed Igbo youth in Igbo-ukwu.

11.10am Mr. William Narteh Gblerkpor on Krobo heritage in Ghana.

11.30am: Question and answer, discussion with guests led by Professor Michael Rowlands and Professor Malcolm McLeod.

**12.00 pm: lunch, McDonald Institute**

**Session 2: West African material culture and the Cambridge Museums**

**Venue:** Biffen Lecture Theatre

2.00 pm: Dr Sally-Ann Ashton and Atta Kwami on 'Origins of the Afro Comb: 6,000 years of culture, politics and identity' followed by discussion.

2.30 pm: Dr Ohioma I. Pogoson on the 'MAA's Northcote Thomas collection'  
Discussion

2.50 pm: Dr Chris Wingfield from the Cambridge MAA on possible collaborations with West Africa.

3.10 pm: Discussion

**3.45pm Afternoon Tea/Coffee, McDonald Institute**

*Dr Ángel Gurría-Quintana, International Officer (Europe, Middle East, Africa and the Americas) and a representative of the Cambridge-Africa Programme will be available to answer questions.*

**Followed at 4.30 pm by a keynote public lecture**  
Biffen Lecture Theatre

**Professor Susan Keech McIntosh, Herbert S. Autrey Professor of Anthropology, Rice University, USA.**


**Introduced by HRH, Igwe, Dr Martin N. Ezech (IDU II of Igbo-Ukwu),**

**Title: "The Enigma of Igbo Ukwu: exploring the origins of West African Civilization"**

THURSTAN SHAW MEMORIAL LECTURE

**The Enigma of Igbo Ukwu**  
Exploring the Origins of West African Civilization

Professor Susan Keech McIntosh  
*Herbert S. Autrey Professor of Anthropology*  
*Rice University*



**4.30pm Friday 9 May, 2014**

Biffen Lecture Theatre, Downing Site, University of Cambridge  
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5.30pm - Reception at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

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**Followed by a reception at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology**

*With a welcome by*

The Honourable Nkanta George Ufot, Federal Director of Culture in Nigeria  
*and*

Dr Toby Wilkinson, representing the Vice-Chancellor, as Head of the International Strategy Office of the University of Cambridge.

## **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Event: Thurstan Shaw's Memorial Service**

*To be held in the manner of Quakers*

**Time:** 2.30 pm onwards

**Venue:** Sidney Sussex College

*Organised by the Igbo delegation, Pamela Jane, Jan Arriens and Rev Paul EP. Brice*

### **Followed at 7.00pm by a formal dinner at St John's College**

By invitation only

**Prayer:** TBC Representative of the Oba of Benin, Omon'Oba N'edo Erediauwa

**TBC** His Excellency Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida, OFR, CFR, MBBS, MRCP, FNMCP, FWACP

*Contact Pamela Jane if you wish to attend*

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

### **Event: Conference 'West African Archaeology: papers in Honor of Thurstan Shaw'**

**Venue:** McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research

**Time:** 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

### **Program and order of speakers TBC**

#### *Confirmed speakers*

Dr Derek Watson (on Bosumpra, Ghana), Professor Kevin MacDonald & Dr Nikolas Gestrich (Kri and Do: the origins of the Empire of Mali), Professor Kodzo Gavua (Ghanaian theme), Professor Caleb Adebayo Folorunso and Charles Le Quesne (Nigerian theme), Professor Ibrahima Thiaw (Senegambia Theme), Dr Keith Ray (Iconography of Facial Scarification at Igbo Ukwu), Dr Sam Nixon and Dr Anne Haour (Bénin theme), Dr Paul Basu (on Sierra Leone archaeology) and Dr Cameron Monroe.

*Organised by Professor Kevin MacDonald and Pamela Jane Smith (Shaw)*

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

### **Event: Heritage Breakfast**

*Informal meeting between African guests involved with heritage*

**Venue:** home of Heritage Studies Director, Dr Marie Louise Stig Sørensen

**Time:** 9am to 10.30am

### **Additional Information**

#### **Welcome to confirmed guests**

Welcome to the Igbo-Ukwu Delegation who will greet us, HRH, Igwe, Dr Martin N. Ezeh (IDU II of Igbo-Ukwu), HRH, Igwe, Alfred Nnopus Ezeobi Onwuneme, HRH, Eze Dr Alexander Chukwudum Anozie, Chief J C Major-Azike, Chief Dr Michael Nduka (Oji III of Igbo-Ukwu), Chief and Mrs Okeye Sylvester S., Chief and Mrs Anthony Nwagu Okafor, Chief and Mrs Sibastine Umeobi, Chief Iloka Bernard Ejike, Chief and Mrs Onuegbu Ikenna Ferdinard and Chief Adimuo Pius Chibuike Javis. And, we will welcome Professor Kodzo Gavua from the University of Ghana and Dr Ohioma Pogoson, Professor Adebisi Sowunmi, Mrs Basse Andah and Professor and Mrs Caleb Adebayo Folorunso from the University of Ibadan, Professor Augustine Nwoye from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Professor Alex Okpoko and Dr Pamela Eze-Uzomaka from the University of Nigeria at Nsukka, Professor Kolawole David Aiyedun, University of Ilorin, Professor Mrs Ify Emejulu from Awka, Professor Joseph Jemkur and Professor Joseph Mangut from the University of Jos along with Dr Zachariya Gundu, Dr Aliyu and Dr Abubakar Sule Sani from Ahmadu Bello University will attend. Dr Obarè B. Bagodo and the Director of Heritage, Mr Richard Sogan from Université d'Abomey- Calavi, République du Bénin, expect to be present.

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Donations may be made on-line and the University accountant, Laura Cousens, is in charge.

### **Filming and Interviews**

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May through Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Filming: Helen Selka and Lucy Parker, RADA film Team

Interviews: Qiu Yu and Helen Taylor

News team: Nigerian Television Authority, Kate Adebisi George  
Cambridge Communications Team Officer,

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### **Venue locations:**

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#### **Biffen Lecture Theatre**

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#### **Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology**

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#### **Sidney Sussex College**

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#### **St John's College**

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