

Journeys into 'the heart of interpretation': Narrative, culture and meaning

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Seminar Room
McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research
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All are welcome, feel free to bring your lunch

What are the implications of doing narrative research in communities of which one is not a member? Does this necessarily limit the quality of the data to be collected, or might there be some advantages in being considered an outsider, that is, one to whom entire stories must be explained, as nothing can be taken as obvious? This talk will consider how our cultural positioning, as it is perceived by ourselves and by those who we include in our research, feeds into the very heart of the projects we undertake.

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