

**BASKETRY AND BEYOND: CONSTRUCTING CULTURES**

**University of East Anglia, School of World Art Studies and Museology**

**Thursday 14 – Saturday 16 April 2011**

**Provisional conference programme – may subject to minor changes**

**Thursday 14th April 2011**

12.30 – 1.45 Registration – Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts  
Thomas Paine Study Centre foyer

1.45 – 2.00 Welcome by Principal Investigator Prof. Sandy Heslop  
Thomas Paine Study Centre

**Session chaired by Dr Joanne Clarke (UEA)**

2.00 – 2.40 Dr Willeke Wendrich (University of California, Los Angeles)  
*Coiling in Context: tracing identity through basketry in Egypt*

2.40 – 3.20 Prof. James Adovasio (Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute)  
*Style, Basketry & Basketmakers Redux: Looking at Individuals Through at "Perishable" Prism.*

3.20 – 4.00 Wendy Whitby (University of Central Lancashire)  
*Baskets in Caves: A View of the Chumash World*

4.00 – 4.40 *Tea/Coffee*  
Thomas Paine Study Centre

**Session chaired by Prof. John Mack (UEA)**

4.40 – 5.20 Dr Helen Anderson (University of East Anglia)  
*Basketry, Brains and Behaviour*

5.20 – 6.00 Dr Joanne Clarke (University of East Anglia)  
*The Social and Technological Development of Prehistoric Basketry*

6.00- 6.40 Dr Susanna Harris (University College, London)  
*Changing narratives; the place of basketry in the Neolithic and Copper Age cultures of Europe.*

7.30pm *Buffet supper in Vista Restaurant*

**Friday 15th April**

**Session chaired by Dr Helen Anderson (UEA)**

- 9.00 – 9.40 Prof. Mike H. Hansell (University of Glasgow)  
*Some animals make things; that makes a difference*
- 9.40 – 10.20 Dr Susan Healy & Dr Patrick Walsh (University of St. Andrews)  
*Nest building by weaver birds*
- 10.20 – 11.00 Mark Nesbitt and Ruth Stungo (Royal Botanic Gardens Kew )  
*The botany of baskets*
- 11.00 – 11.30 *Tea/Coffee* - Thomas Paine Study Centre

**Session chaired by Dr Veronica Sekules (SCVA)**

- 11.30 – 12.10 Prof. Sandy Heslop (University of East Anglia)  
*Basketry in the Frame*
- 12.10 – 12.50 Victoria Mitchell (Norwich University College of the Arts)  
*Expansion and Containment: Shaping Space through Contemporary Basketry*
- 1.00 – 2.00 *Lunch – School of World Art*

**Session chaired by Dr Victoria Mitchell (NUCA)**

- 2.00 – 2.40 Mary Butcher (Basketmaker)  
*The Basketmaker in East Anglia*
- 2.40 – 3.20 Ruth Macdougall (Environmental artist)  
*Humblyband, a Celtic boat building investigation*
- 3.20 – 4.00 Dr Lois Walpole (Artist/Basketmaker)  
*Material Values*
- 4.00 – 5.00 *Tea/Coffee* Thomas Paine Study Centre  
(Opportunity to visit Basketry: making human nature exhibition)

**Session chaired by Emma Hazell (SCVA)**

- 5.00 – 5.40 Dr Molly Lee (University of Alaska)  
*Cross-cultural Utility of Classification Systems: the Case of Yup'ik Eskimo Basketry of Southwest Alaska*
- 5.40 – 6.20 Dr Penny Dransart (University of Wales, Trinity St. David)  
*Basket making in the Americas and the value of work*
- 7.30pm *Conference Dinner in SCVA Garden Restaurant*

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Session chaired by Prof. Steven Hooper (SRU)**

- 9.20 – 10.00 Prof. David Guss (Tufts University)  
*Gender Abstractions and Imaginary Journeys*
- 10.00-10.40 Fabiola Andrea Silva (Universidade de São Paulo)  
*Basketry, identity and cosmology in the Amazon: the Asurini do Xingu*
- 10.40 – 11.10 *Tea/Coffee*  
Thomas Paine Study Centre

**Session chaired by Dr Josh Bell (Smithsonian, Washington)**

- 11.10 – 11.50 Prof. Tim Ingold (University of Aberdeen)  
*To build is to weave*
- 11.50 – 12.30 Prof. Steven Hooper (Sainsbury Research Unit)  
*Gods, chiefs, bodies and basketry in Polynesia*
- 12.35 – 1.30 *Lunch*  
School of World Art

**Session chaired by Prof. Sandy Heslop (UEA)**

- 1.30 – 2.10 Dr Josh Bell (Smithsonian Institute, Washington)  
*Humble, but Important Things: Transforming Basketry Technology, Narratives and Gender Relations in the Purari Delta*
- 2.10 – 2.50 Prof. John Mack (University of East Anglia)  
*Baskets of Wisdom*
- 2.50 – 3.30 SUMMING UP/DISCUSSION
- 3.30 *Close and Tea/Coffee*