

Society for the History of Astronomy



Spring 2022 Welcome Back Conference
Saturday 12th March 2022 from 09:30am
 Large Lyttelton Theatre, Birmingham & Midland Institute
 Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS

Time	Speaker	Subject	Note
09.30 to 10.00		REGISTRATION & Second hand Book sales open.	Refreshments will be available in the BMI café.
10.00	Gerard Gilligan Chairperson, SHA	Welcome to the BMI & SHA Conference	Covid-19 Health & Safety notice given.
10.15 to 11.15	Dr Emily Winterburn FRAS & SHA Vice-President	<i>“Tracking down the lost & forgotten astronomical women of Empire”</i>	Emily was the first SHA chairperson and served on the first council in 2002
11.15 to 12.15	Dr Daniel Belteki SHA Member	<i>“The winter of raw computers: the history of the Lunar and Planetary Reductions of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich”</i>	Daniel as agreed to give a postponed lecture from March 2020. conference
12.15 to 13.30	 	LUNCH BREAK https://bmi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/catering-menu.pdf	Delegates are asked to make their own arrangements. There is an excellent cafeteria upstairs; & pubs nearby.
13.30	Gerard Gilligan Chairperson, SHA	Welcome back	
13.30 to c14.30	Dr Lee Macdonald FRAS SHA & BAA	<i>“Proposals to move The Royal Observatory, Greenwich, 1836 - 1944”</i>	Why did the RGO not move from London before the 1940's
c14.30 to 15.30	Hilary Forbes SHA Member	<i>“Aristarchus of Samos’ Lost Heliocentric Proposal: A Re-evaluating the Evidence and its Significance”</i>	Has agreed to do a presentation on her own research and GCSE astronomy teaching.
15.30 to 16.00		AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS in BMI cafeteria	Tea or coffee and biscuits will be provided In BMI café.
16.00 to 17.00	Dr Allan Chapman FRAS SHA President	<i>From Herschel’s 48 inch to the James Webb space telescope; how far have we come in 200 years?</i>	Dr Allan Chapman is our Honorary President.
17.00	Gerard Gilligan, SHA Chairperson,	CONCLUSIONS & DISPERSAL	Safe Journey home

For this meeting we will be using current Covid-19 safety advice from both venue and using government guidelines and regulations. Hand cleaning spots, face coverings and safe distance protocols will be in place, and available for you to use. Please bring covid-19 inoculation evidence with you.

All times, speakers, presentation details are subject to change.

The above programme offers an interesting mixed bag that should appeal to all.

You Must Book in advance, at £10.00 per person for SHA members, £15.00 per person for non-members, to subsidise room hire and catering, helps enormously to facilitate arrangements **to pre-register use booking form attached or please contact meetingssecretary@shastro.org.uk**

Please note we ask all delegates are asked to make their own arrangements for lunch, the BMI has its own cafeteria or the many food outlets and pubs within Birmingham city centre.

If you would like to give a talk at the next conference (October 2022), do please contact me.
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