



**CALL FOR PAPERS:
Masculinities in the
British Landscape**

14-17 May 2015



A multi-disciplinary, multi-period conference to be held at Harlaxton College, the British Campus of the University of Evansville, outside of Grantham, Lincolnshire

Keynote Speaker: Professor Howard Williams (Chester): 'From Stonehenge to the National Memorial Arboretum: Megaliths and Martial Masculinity in the British Landscape'

The gendered landscape is a topic ready for exploration. This conference seeks to explore current and historical concepts of masculinities in the British landscapes, geographically and historically broadly conceived. From depictions of masculine control to landscapes of masculine employment, the conference wishes to explore the various ways masculinity can and has been marked on the landscape and expressed itself in landscape terms.

As such, this conference seeks a wide range of papers covering the topic. Proposals will be accepted from all eras from the prehistoric to the contemporary. The geographic area covered will be not only the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, but also the historic scope of 'Britishness,' including former British Empire states in their colonial and post-colonial periods. Proposals are encouraged from any disciplinary field, including (but not limited to) archaeology, art history, criminology, history, literature, philosophy, sociology and theology. Topics might include:

- The naval seascape
- Sculpted and symbolic landscapes
- Agricultural landscapes
- Ritualized landscapes
- Gender, crime and urban topography
- Employment and land
- Geographic concepts of masculinity
- Masculinity, empire and the landscape
- Religious masculinity and the monastic landscape
- Landscapes of masculinity through war, rebellion and protest
- Textual depictions of masculinities and landscapes

We invite proposals for 20-minute papers or 3-paper panels exploring any aspect of masculinities in the British landscape. Please email proposals of approximately 200 words (or for panels, 500 words including paper abstracts) to maslandscapes2015@gmail.com by **1 December 2015**. Informal queries can be made to Dr Edward Bujak at ebujak@harlaxton.ac.uk or Dr Katherine Weikert at katherine.weikert@winchester.ac.uk. The conference website can be found at www.maslandscapes2015.wordpress.com.

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