

NCPC Annual Conference 2025

Things That Go Boom!

Registration (9:00 – 9:30 am)

– **Welcome and Introduction (9:30 – 9:40 am)**, Michelle Crepeau (NCPC President)

-- **Session 1 (9:40 – 10:30 am) – Keynote Address - On the radar and under revision: Using Ground Penetrating Radar to Inform Cemetery Narratives –**

Melissa Timo, Historic Cemetery Specialist, North Carolina Office of State Archaeology

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) is a proven useful tool for understanding subsurface features, including unmarked/no longer marked graves, buried markers, missing fence lines and cemetery roads. This presentation will introduce the technology, its possibilities, limitations, and cautionary tales. And hear three North Carolina stories about how GPR radically changed a cemetery's understanding, management, and community-buy in strategy.

-- **Session 2 (10:30 am – 12:00 pm) – Topics in Human Remains**

[10:30 – 10:50 am] ***Hair Wreaths: Memorializing Women's Families & Communities*** – Adrienne Berney, State Archives of North Carolina

[10:50 – 11:10 am] ***Treating the Dead with Respect: The Legal Display of Human Remains*** – Sophia Caci, East Carolina University (Student)

[11:10 – 11:30 am] ***Skeletons in the closet and also everywhere else: Western Carolina University and human remains*** - Kellen Carpenter & Jenny McPherson, Western Carolina University

[11:30 – 11:50 am] ***Warning! Graphic Content: Processing and Exhibiting Sensitive Medical Material***- Lucy Brooks Waldrop & Rebecca William, Duke University Medical Center Library & Archives

Q&A- 10 min

-- **Lunch, Annual Report and Poster Session [Concurrent] (12:00– 1:00 pm)**

- ***Annual Report/Address to Membership (12:00-12:30 pm)*** – Michelle Crepeau (NCPC President) and Dana Corson (NCPC Executive Director)— Highlights from previous year, important updates, ways to get involved, discussion about Consortium structure
- ***Poster Session (12:30-1:00 pm)***

Voices from the Card Catalog: Resurrecting Rare Book Metadata – Amanda Elzey, UNC Charlotte

Genealogy as Preservation: Tracing the Stories of the Silenced – Jennifer Daugherty, East Carolina University

Bound to Remember: The Material Memory of Anthropodermic Books – Gerald Ward, High Point University

-- Session 3 (1:00 – 2:30 pm) – That Which is Left Behind: Symbols, Artifacts and Practices

[1:00 – 1:20 pm] ***Reflections and Tales From Bentonville Battlefield*** – Rachel McLaughlin, The Winthrop Group

[1:20 – 1:40 pm] ***Memento Mori: Reading the Symbolism and Iconography of Cemeteries*** - Kathelene McCarty Smith, UNC Greensboro

[1:40 – 2:00 pm] ***Uncovering the Past: The Discovery and Preservation of a Historic Signature*** - Kris Carmichael & Carla Michaels, Page-Walker Arts and History Center

[2:00 – 2:20 pm] ***The Stories They Tell: The Human Connection in Artifacts from La Concorde/Queen Anne's Revenge*** – Kimberly Kenyon, North Carolina Office of State Archaeology

Q&A- 10 min

– Break (2:30 – 2:50 pm)

-- Session 4 (2:50 – 4:20 pm)– Cemeteries and Places of Deposition and Memorial

[2:50 – 3:10 pm] ***Tales of a Not-So-Ancient Cemetery*** - Diana Sanderson, Asheville School

[3:10 – 3:30 pm] ***Silent Spaces*** – Kim Suess, Emerging Professional

[3:30 – 3:50 pm] ***The Search for the Burial Sites of the Cumberland Association Signers*** - Kaitlyn Santos-Porter, Cumberland County Public Library

[3:50 – 4:10 pm] ***The Cemetery Census: Conducting a County-Wide Cemetery Survey*** - Shellie Taylor, Iredell County Public Library

Q&A- 10 min

– Closing (4:20 – 4:30 pm) – Kim Kenyon (NCPC Vice President)