
Analytical Writing Skills for Archaeological Practitioners

a two-day workshop
organised by *East Anglian Archaeology*
University of East Anglia, Norwich
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'I don't know what I think until I see what I said' (EM Forster)
'I write to find out what I am talking about' (Edward Albee)

Analytical writing seeks to be persuasive. Writing is intended to convince the reader that the position that is presented is correct and should be adopted. Writing is a reflection of thought. If you don't write clearly and effectively, no one will know whether your thoughts, ideas, arguments and conclusions are any good. At the same time, if you are not thinking clearly, you will not be able to write effectively.

East Anglian Archaeology, supported by English Heritage and ALGAO East of England, is providing a professional workshop for archaeological practitioners in the region. Borrowing from courses taught at graduate level, the workshop will be led by Dr Adam Pain (University of East Anglia and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences) and strongly based on relevant case material.

The workshop aims to provide participants with a critical awareness and skills development in the following aspects of analytical writing:

- the need for good selective description as a starting point in analysis
- critical steps and approaches to analysis of data
- development of a good research question to drive analysis
- distinguishing between evidence and claims and working with sources
- developing strong introductions and conclusions
- the importance of revision

The workshop will combine more formal presentations with hands-on experience using case study material. Participants will also be asked to bring material that they are working on.

The workshop is intended for project managers actively engaged in post-excavation and writing up, and officers responsible for post-excavation or publication management within an archaeological organisation.

There are 12 places available, at a cost of £100 each. Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided.

if you would like to attend, contact jenny.glazebrook@norfolk.gov.uk for more information

— please respond by 30 June 2014 —