

Archaeological Archives Group election statements for the position of Chair

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Prior to my studies and career in the UK, I studied and worked in Greece, Italy and Cyprus which has provided me with an understanding of the differing approaches of Universities, Museums and field teams to archives. I gained an M.A. in Archaeological Heritage Management in 2001 (York). My thesis focused on the issues of the archives of historic towns using York as a case study.

I have been working in Northamptonshire since late 2000, mainly as the archivist for Northamptonshire Archaeology and since 2014 for MOLA. As the county repository is due to open for the first time, I had to deal with a number of local archives issues and due to our fieldwork in 30 counties, I liaised and still do with numerous curators. I feel I have gained an overall understanding of local and national issues and have participated in archival seminars organised by AAF, CifA, FAME, OUDCE and local authorities since 2004.

I have supported the AAG as a member from the start and have been a Committee member since April 2014, and the Secretary since 2017.

I would like to think in the above context and due to my current involvement with the large infrastructure projects I am in a position to be considered for Chair.

Lorraine Mephram MCifA

I have been involved with archaeological archives for around 30 years, during which time I have managed archives for Wessex Archaeology; I am therefore extremely familiar with all aspects of archive preparation and deposition, and have contributed over the years to many surveys, seminars and other initiatives.

I was a founder member of the CifA AAG and have already served on the committee as Ordinary Member, Secretary and (for 1 year) Chair. I am very proud of what the AAG has achieved so far in raising the profile of archives across the sector and am keen to help to continue that work – there is much still to be done.