



The Department of Anthropology
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presents a seminar

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on

Exploring the Socio-cultural Significance of Ephemeral Landscapes

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1:00 – 2:30 pm

Room 115 Humanities Building

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A light lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. First come first served.

Landscape is widely acknowledged to be an emergent phenomenon, always 'in the making', which at any given time therefore embodies a degree of ephemerality. By viewing landscape performatively, as a form of 'lived heritage' reproduced through situated cultural practices, we open up new opportunities for research into valuing of and attachments to ephemeral but socially meaningful places and landscapes that might previously have 'fallen in the gaps' between tangible and intangible heritage. In this talk I will explore how an appreciation of landscape ephemerality is not only crucial to the valuing and survival of fragile and irreplaceable cultural heritage, but is, and perhaps always has been, fundamental to our psychological well-being and success as a species.

Although Mick was trained as an archaeologist and has a 'hard' sciences background, his long-standing fascination with all things 'landscape' and wider interests in natural history, cultural ecology and social anthropology have inexorably steered him towards research of a decidedly non-archaeological, but broadly humanistic, nature. This talk reflects that ongoing journey...

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