



# uncomfortable OXFORD

NOVEMBER 2020

Newsletter



## 'Tis the season... for online events! (again)

Although we miss seeing you on the streets and striking up conversations face to face, we are ever so grateful for your continuous support during this challenging year!

We have lined up a few things to accompany you through the colder months as the UK goes into another lockdown!

Join us on virtual tours of Oxford, exploring its Medieval past and narratives of Memory and Empire.

Delve into our many blogs, our podcast series, and our numerous teaching materials.

Finally, join us for our next public lecture, or watch the recording of previous ones.

And get some of our maps and stickers as presents for your loved ones!



## 'Unsettling Narratives'

a collaboration tour with  
Modern Art Oxford

We have been invited to research a tour of Modern Art Oxford's latest exhibition: **"Between Making and Knowing Something."** by Mariana Castillo Deball.

The exhibition questions the extent to which knowing something is truly possible - and whether individuals who are external to a culture can understand the making of it.

By choosing to focus on female anthropologists - white and indigenous - Deball has woven their narratives into the displays of the exhibition - with their silences and divides.

**Coming in late November**, we will walk you through the histories of different anthropologists and unsettle the narratives you are told - raising questions about what it means to both make, and know, culture.

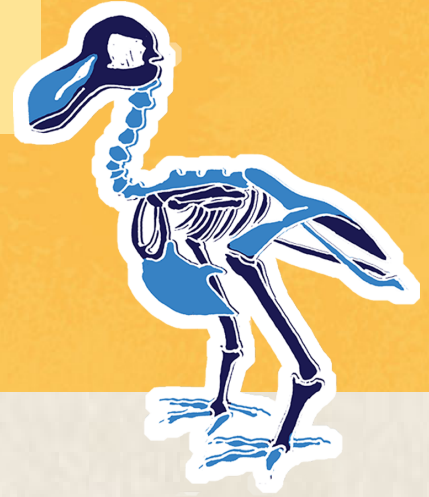
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# NOVEMBER TOURS & EVENTS

[Click here](#) to see our full list of events.



## Covid Update



We are suspending all in-person walking tours and events.

This will be the case throughout November and will be revised according to government guidance and public health recommendations.

**Isolating or away from Oxford? Join us for our [online tours and events!](#)**

If you have any inquires concerning collaborations, bookings, or general questions, email us at [info@uncomfortableoxford.com](mailto:info@uncomfortableoxford.com)

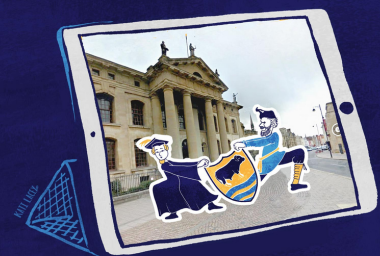
## NEXT ONLINE TOUR

*Historical Memory and  
Empire in Oxford*

Saturday 21 November

4:00 PM GMT

[book here](#)



Our online tours take place on zoom using a 360 interactive program. Spots for our tours are booked on eventbrite





## 'Getting Medieval' Tour Launch

We're excited to be launching our newest tour in an online version on  
**Saturday 14 and 28 November 2020!**

**Join us on Uncomfortable Oxford's newest tour about medieval Oxford which will cover histories of prejudice and bloodshed, while debunking some the myths of 'medieval' times.**

The tour will explore long-lasting connections between the past and the present, and discuss how some of the issues and debates are relevant to this day.

The tour will take place online via Zoom using our specially developed virtual tour platform. Currently at the special launch price of £5 for November 2020 .

**Book your ticket [here](#)**



[Read a blog post](#) introducing the 'Getting Medieval' tour's ambitions, and how we remember the Middle Ages today:

"Oxford's early history is not only the preserve of monarchs and military heroes, but also of Jewish merchant women, beggar-students, religious dissidents, doorknob-thieves, mooning maidens, and many more."

## The Second World War

Join us for one of the final lectures in this series meant to provide a brief introduction to the history of the British Empire.



**Saturday 14 November 2020 at 10:30am**  
**Book your free ticket [here](#)**



For this lecture Woody Di Wu will be talking about World War Two, as part of our 'Unmaking Empire' module.

This lecture aims to decentralise the British national narrative and to highlight instead the Second World War in the context of colonial power struggles and a shifting world order.

## Rewatch past lectures

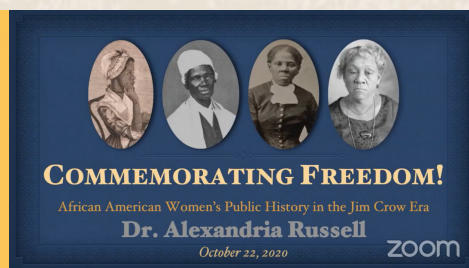
Each month we host a series of guest lectures on a variety of historical topics.  
[Rewatch them on our website!](#)

*Podcast versions will be made available soon.*



Colonial Resistance in Africa and Ireland: The Story of Roger Casement

Dr. Gerry Kearns



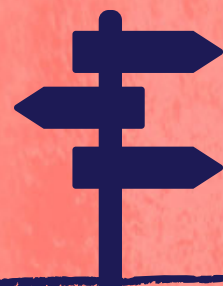
Commemorating Freedom: African American Women's Public History in the Jim Crow Era

Dr. Alexandria Russell





## LOCKDOWN SCAVENGER HUNTS



# Discover Local Oxford Histories

We have designed five self-guided scavenger hunts of Oxford's neighbourhoods, highlighting their complex history as well as community led initiatives

They are available on [our website](#) and free to download  
The perfect lockdown activity!

Jericho

Osney

East Oxford

North Oxford

Grandpont



## Uncomfortable Oxford in the News



### "A Walk With Uncomfortable Oxford"

A chat and spotlight on a location from each of our walking tours, by Gaia Clark Nevola  
for the Oxford Blue  
October 4, 2020



### "How Rhodes Rose and why he must Fall"

A collaborative discussion of the legacy of Cecil Rhodes and his statue at Oriel College for the Oxford History Review  
October 8, 2020

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"Medicine and Colonization:  
How Scientific Research  
Shapes Politics"

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"More than Morse: The  
Origins of Policing in  
Oxford"

[Read](#)



## NEW BLOG POSTS



"An Interview with Isabella  
Hammad"

Read [Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#)

Empty Spaces: Where are  
the Statues to Imperial  
Victims?

[Read](#)



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