



## The David Johnston Memorial Lecture

# ***“Seeing the dead in Roman London and beyond: epitaphs, sculptures, monuments”***

**Dr. John Pearce**

King's College London

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2019  
at 7.30pm**

Science Lecture Theatre  
Peter Symonds College  
Bereweke Road  
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On the approach roads to Londinium, like those of other Roman provincial towns, travellers met the monuments to the city's dead before they encountered the living. Latin epitaphs, alongside portraits of the deceased, were novelties in a province in which writing was (almost entirely) absent before the Roman conquest.

Drawing both on new work on the cemeteries of London and other towns in Roman Britain and a reconsideration of previously documented memorials, this lecture investigates this commemorative culture. It examines who was commemorated and how memorials sought to seize the attention of passers-by with epitaphs and images. In particular, it investigates the visual qualities of epitaphs, and the ways in which their lettering and layout appealed to the living to appreciate the qualities both of the deceased and of those who mourned them.



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