

# The Irish Archaeology Field School

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The **Blackfriary Community Archaeology Project** excavation is carried out under Ministerial Consent from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and with permissions from National Monuments Section of this department, and from the National Museum of Ireland.

Project Director Finola O'Carroll is the Principle Investigator; research and excavation of the bioarchaeological aspect of the project is led by Co-investigator Dr. Rachel Scott. Dr. Scott of De Paul University



**Finola O'Carroll MA, Irish Archaeology Field School** :: Finola holds an honours BA in Archaeology and History (1982) and an MA in Archaeology (1986) from University College Dublin. She has twenty-five years experience working as a professional archaeologist, covering a wide range of research projects and commercial work. She has acted as Senior Archaeologist responsible for archaeological works on the following major infrastructural projects: the N2 Finglas to Ashbourne Road Scheme (2004); the N6 Galway to Ballinasloe Road Scheme (Contract 3) (2006); the N9/N10 Kilcullen to Powerstown Road Scheme (Contract 2) (2006); and the Dunshaughlin to Castletowntara Sewerage Scheme (2005). Excavations relating to these projects involved over 200 staff working on sites types from all periods of Irish history and pre-history. Finola is a full member of the [Register of Professional Archaeologists](#) and a full member of the [Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland](#) (board member since 2006; Chairperson 2009-2012); she has full archaeological excavation licence eligibility. Finola is co-founder and senior archaeological partner of CRM company CRDS Ltd. She is also co-founder of the Irish Archaeology Field School and Cultural Tourism Ireland.



**Assistant Professor Dr. Rachel Scott, DePaul University** :: Rachel is Assistant Professor with the Department of Anthropology, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, DePaul University, Chicago. She holds a BA from the University of Chicago, a Higher Diploma in Celtic Archaeology from UCD, and a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. Her areas of specialization are bioarchaeology, social identity (especially gender and religion), social construction of disease and disability, and European archaeology (especially early and late medieval Ireland), mortuary practices, and paleopathology. She has undertaken field work in Ireland, France, and Iceland, and major publications include "Exploring the Role of Analytical Scale in Archaeological Interpretation" (ed. with J.R. Mathieu, BAR International Series 1261, 2004); "Key concepts in identity studies" (with J.E. Buikstra, in *Bioarchaeology and Identity in the Americas*, ed. K.J. Knudson and C.M. Stojanowski. 2009); and "Religious Identity and Mortuary Practice: The Significance of Christian Burial in Early Medieval Ireland" (in Baadsgaard, A., Boutin, Alexis T. & Buikstra Jane E. (eds) *Breathing New Life into the Evidence of Death: Contemporary Approaches to Bioarchaeology*. SAR Press. 2012). Rachel is the lead investigator for the bioarchaeological research of the Blackfriary Community Archaeology Project with the Irish Archaeology Field School.