A group of people, including students and staff, are gathered in a church hall for an awards ceremony. They are smiling and clapping, celebrating the achievements of Cambridge Archaeologists. The hall features high ceilings with wooden beams and large arched windows.

# Triple Celebration for Cambridge Archaeologists at Awards for Research Impact and Engagement

The Department of Archaeology and the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research are delighted to announce that **Professor Gilly Carr, Dr Nik Petek-Sargeant** and **Stanley Jachike Onyemechalu** were recognised at the recent Cambridge Awards for Research Impact and Engagement.

Professor Gilly Carr (Institute of Continuing Education, Department of Archaeology and St Catharine's College) was celebrated as runner up in the Established Academic category for her work on The Safeguarding Sites project (<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/news/IHRA-charter>).



Prof Gilly Carr with Prof Deborah Prentice | Image: Cambridge Chronicles

*"I am very pleased that the work of the new Charter for Safeguarding Sites, funded and produced by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), has been recognised by the University of Cambridge. The Charter, which I chaired, was launched only last year and its real impact will only grow in the future; I thank the University for seeing its future value."*





Stanley Jachike Onyemechalu with Prof Deborah Prentice | Image: Cambridge Chronicles

Stanley Jachike Onyemechalu (PhD student, Department of Archaeology) was awarded runner up in the Early Career Research category for his [Legacies of Biafra Heritage Project](#).

(<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/news/dancing-memories-biafra-war#:~:text=Stanley's%20PhD%20research%20explores%20the,the%20Biafra%20war%20history%20and>)

*"I am honoured to have received this important recognition from the University of Cambridge for my work with communities in southeastern Nigeria. I am grateful to: my collaborators at the Centre for Memories in Enugu, Nigeria, including the project volunteers and participants; my supervisor, Dr. Dacia Viejo-Rose and colleagues at the Cambridge Heritage Research Centre; as well as the Public Engagement team at the University of Cambridge. I would also like to thank the Royal Anthropological Institute, Wenner-Gren Foundation, and the University's Public Engagement Starter Fund for supporting the project."*



Also runner up in the Early Career Researcher category, Dr Nik Petek-Sargeant (McDonald Institute For Archaeological Research) was selected for his Historical East African Archaeology and Theory (HEAAT) project (<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/news/touring-exhibition-Ilchamus>).



Dr Nik Petek-Sargeant with Prof Deborah Prentice | Image: Cambridge Chronicles

*"I am extremely happy that the work that the Ilchamus community has done to preserve their material culture and traditional practices, and that the Namayana Women's group, my team and I helped facilitate, is being recognised by the University. Considerate and engaged work, though slow, can have a massive impact and it shows that communities value their histories. I would also like to thank the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, the British Academy, the British Institute in Eastern Africa, the Cambridge Humanities Research Grants, Smuts Fund, and the McDonald Institute for their support and funding."*





These annual awards, presented by Vice-Chancellor Professor Deborah Prentice and Professor Sir John Aston FRS, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, recognise innovative practices and partnership working across the Engagement, Knowledge Exchange and Impact space.

*"We recognise that excellence in research impact and engagement spans a wide range of activity and involves many relevant parties. Applicants are encouraged to include the full breadth of their impact and engagement activity in their submission. We encourage applications which demonstrate impactful long-term collaborations and/or original and inventive approaches that have secured the participation of new communities and partners." - Public Engagement team*  
(<https://www.cam.ac.uk/public-engagement/cambridge-awards-for-research-impact-and-engagement-guidance>)

For more information about the awards, see the [story on the main University news site \(https://www.cam.ac.uk/public-engagement/cambridge-awards-2024\)](https://www.cam.ac.uk/public-engagement/cambridge-awards-2024).



(Left to right) Stanley Jachike-Gyvernechali, Dr Tamsin O'Connell and Dr Nik Petek-Sargeant

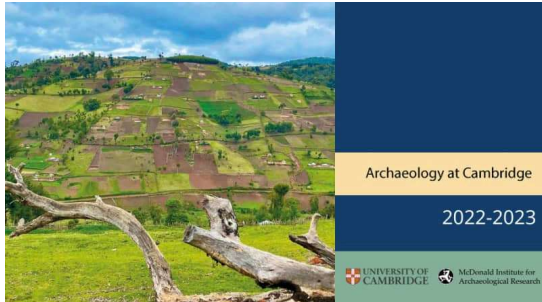


Dr Nik Petek-Sargeant | Image: Cambridge Chronicles



Celebrations at the Awards Ceremony | Image: Cambridge Chronicles

# News



Latest Annual Report published  
(<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/news/latest-annual-report-published-0>).



Rosie Crawford presented two Archaeological Achievement Awards by the Council for British Archaeology

(<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/news/rosie-crawford-presented-archaeological-achievement-awards-by-council-for-british-archaeology>).



Professor Lord Colin Renfrew – 1937 – 2024

(<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/news/professor-lord-colin-renfrew-1937-2024>)



Professor Marta Mirazón Lahr awarded prestigious Rivers Memorial Medal

(<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/news/rai-marta-mirazon-lahr-rivers-medal>)

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