

## British Photography since 1972: a conference Commemorating fifty years of the RPS Historical Group

### Programme

Speakers will talk for around 25/30 minutes, followed by up to 15 minutes for a Q+A with the in house and online audiences. As this will be a hybrid event, we will aim to keep to timings for the benefit of those joining online. For online audiences questions and comment may be placed through the Zoom chat. For those attending in person tea, coffee and water will be available each day.

### Friday, 1 July 2022

1000. RPS House opens. Registration. Tea/coffee
1030. Introduction and housekeeping
1040. **Welcome from Simon Hill HonFRPS**, President of the Royal Photographic Society
1100. **Setting the scene for 1972**. Dr Michael Pritchard, photo-historian and editor of *The RPS Historical Group's The PhotoHistorian*.
1130. **Telling the Story of Popular Photography: The Kodak Collection at the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television**. Jayne Knight, PhD candidate.
1215. **'The Octagon Years', 1982-2001. The RPS Print Collection: acquisitions, exhibitions and publications**. Pam Glasson Roberts, photo-historian and former RPS curator.
1300. LUNCH – bring your own or local options available
1400. **The development of the National Portrait Gallery and National Museum of Photography, Film and Television**. Colin Ford CBE, former Head of the NMPFT, Bradford. Colin has tested Positive for Covid is and unwell. The following paper is a replacement ***The Royal Photographic Society and networks of collecting photographic technology***  
Dr Michael Pritchard
1445. **Positive action in British photographic collections**. Karine Chambefort-Kay, Université Paris Est Créteil.
1530. **The public and photography: the popularisation of photographic history on television, genealogy, and local history; experience through newspapers, publications, and online**. Katrina Whitehead, Lecturer, School of Humanities, University of Huddersfield.
1615. **Report and International Freelance Library 1972-1988, and beyond into the digital age**. Stefano Cagnoni, photographer with Report 1982-1988.
1700. **Close**
- 1830 for 1900. **Conference dinner** with an address from **Dr Donald Stewart FRPS**, former chair of the RPS Historical Group. The Mercure Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, BS1 2EL.



Saturday, 2 July 2022

1000. RPS House opens. Coffee/tea
1030. **One Short Trip to New York: Bill Jay, Tony Ray Jones, and the introduction of American Photography to the UK.** Dr Grant Scott, Subject Co-ordinator and Senior Lecturer: Photography, Oxford Brookes University, and curator, the United Nations of Photography.
1115. **The New Photographer: professional photographic practice.** Paul Herrmann, Photographic Collections Network and Director, Redeye.
1200. **The Oil Rush: A neglected British Photo-History.** Liz J. Drew, writer, researcher, visual practitioner, and tutor.
1245. **Wrap up**
1300. **Close**

Over the two days the **RPS International Photographic Exhibition 163** will be on display in the Gallery from 1000-1700. There also will be a small display relating to the Historical Group

**The Martin Parr Foundation**, which is adjacent to RPS House, will be showing Tom Hunter HonFRPS's exhibition, *Where have all the flowers gone*.

**Khali Ackford's outdoor exhibition** *This is not a moment is between* RPS and MPF.

**The conference venue is: RPS House, 337 Paintworks, Arnos Vale, Bristol, BS4 3AR.** There is limited parking on site. Attendees are advised to travel by public transport. From Bristol Temple Meads RPS House is an 8 minute taxi ride or a 20 minute walk and there are frequent buses from Temple Meads stopping outside Paintworks. See: <https://rps.org/contact/#find>

**The conference will be recorded** and we hope some papers will be published in future editions of *The PhotoHistorian*.

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**Lunch options:** Bocabar or Airstream caravans onsite at Paintworks. Close by: Arnos Vale Cemetery café 5 mins walk. Sainsburys and Marks & Spencer Food, KFC, 5-10 mins walk. Sandy Park Road deli and bakery, both 10 mins walk. Check with the RPS front-of-house staff for directions and further suggestions.

