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Thursday 20 February
LGBT History Month Lecture
Pride in the North
Mark Nichols, Northern Pride
The first Pride march in Britain was in London in 1972; in 1996 Pride on Tyne was established, initially with a lively university-based celebration. In 2007 Northern Pride replaced it and brought the parade to the city to make it a truly public celebration. This lecture recounts its history, and the obstacles and challenges it faced.

Thursday 22 February
Brexit and populism: a sociological perspective
Professor Mike Savage, London School of Economics and Political Science
A powerful language of inequality informs the Brexit/Trump phenomenon, with language of ‘left behinds’, ‘elites’, ‘racial inequalities’, and class. This lecture offers a more nuanced sociological perspective, seeking to unravel the longer term processes, ambivalences and complexities.

Thursday 27 February
Jacobson Lecture
We need to talk about Nigel
Professor Sir Simon Wessely, King’s College London
The former President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, knighted for services to psychological medicine and military health, is the first psychiatrist to become president of the Royal Society of Medicine. In this lecture he reflects on over-reporting and under-reporting: whether over-awareness of mental ill health will sink an under-resourced service.

Friday 16 February
Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation: a view from the US Civil War’s slave refugee camps
Dr Amy Murrell Taylor, University of Kentucky
How did Abraham Lincoln’s monumental Emancipation Proclamation actually work in everyday life? Did it work at all? And, most importantly, how did enslaved people view the proclamation’s effect on their lives? This lecture considers the refugees who were overshadowed by the proclamation itself, yet who were arguably at the frontlines of the process by which slavery was destroyed in the United States.

Tuesday 1 March
Thomas Sharp Lecture
Engendering the city we need? Overcoming the barriers
Emeritus Professor Robert Masters, University of Westminster
A resurgence of feminism at grass roots level in the UK has provoked renewed interest from a younger generation in the ideas and legacy of the movement to embed sensibility to gender issues in town planning and urban design. This lecture will give examples of good practice from Europe and the global south, as well as the small local gains made in everyday practice.

Tuesday 6 March
Tyneside Geographical Society Annual Lecture
Geography’s place in the world: past, present, future
Professor Rita Gardner CBE, Director, Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers)
In this annual lecture the regional leader of the RGS draws on her academic background and experience of leading the Society to consider the position of geography and to explore the place of the discipline in a rapidly changing world. This lecture also marks 90 years of geography at Newcastle University.

Thursday 8 March
CSI Richard
Professor Sarah Hainsworth, Aston University
The search for Richard III was a collaboration between the University of Leicester, Leicester City Council and the Richard III Society. This lecture discusses the medical and engineering imaging tools used for examining his wounds, and relates them to the weapons of the time of the Battle of Bosworth to consider how he met his death.

Sunday 11 March Note: 11.30am start
BBC Radio 3’s Free Thinking Festival of Ideas at Sage Gateshead
As the BBC screens its landmark new arts series, Civilisations, one of the presenters, David Olusoga, joins other guests to consider our different notions of world history from the dawn of human civilisation to the present day.
Note: admission is free but ticketed: to book visit www.sagegateshead.com or call 0191 443 4661 from 2 February.

Thursday 15 March
We are London – creating a museum for and of our time
Sharon Arment, Director, Museum of London
Opening in 2000, the Museum of London decided in 2015 to relocate from the Barbican to Smithfield. The opportunities provided for the Museum in its new site demand a strong vision, tenacity, courage and above all a deep attention to what it means to be a museum of a global city at a time of societal discommodification. It’s not a time to ‘approach with caution’: it is a project that simply has to be profound.

Tuesday 17 April
Albert Latner Lecture in Clinical Biochemistry
Familial cholesterol: an underdiagnosed and undertreated disease
Professor Anne Tybjærg-Hansen, University of Copenhagen
Familial hypercholesterolaemia – inherited high levels of cholesterol – is the most common inherited disease and the leading cause of heart disease. Though its cause is well known and adequate treatment, mainly statins, is available, it is heavily underdiagnosed and undertreated. There is an urgent worldwide need for early detection and treatment of this common, extremely high-risk condition.

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Thursday 19 April
Lecture in association with the Institute of Physics
The technology of space exploration
Dr Alan Horstall, Newcastle University
Space is the ultimate challenge and its exploration has accelerated the development of technologies that have found themselves in everyday use. This lecture will consider the challenges of making scientific measurements of the planets and their satellites, from high radio transmission levels and temperatures, to long-term operation in freezing temperatures and the challenge of communicating across vast distances, it considers the implications for manned missions into the giant unknown.

Thursday 3 May
The English origins of modern democracy
Dr Rachel Hammersley, Newcastle University
Modern democracy is not merely the product of 18th-century revolution and 19th-century reform. Democratic ideas had been part of English political debate for two centuries by the time of the American Revolution in 1776. In celebration of May Day – a day closely associated with Englishness, popular action and workers’ rights – this lecture will trace the history of democratic thought in early-modern England.

Tuesday 8 May
Sophia Lecture
A composer’s half-century
Nicola LeFanu, composer
Nicola LeFanu has composed over 100 works that have been widely played, broadcast and recorded. Here she reflects on changes in music practice and reception during her 50-year career.

Thursday 10 May
The urban landscape as a place to flourish – green space, health and quality of life
Professor Catharine Ward Thompson, University of Edinburgh
Drawing on her research and recent work for the World Health Organization European Region, this lecture discusses the importance of landscapes for humans: how we understand links between the outdoor environment and health, and what the challenges are for enhancing access to ‘salutogenic’ landscapes.

Tuesday 15 May
Pageants and the past: Kynren in context
Dr Mark Freeman, University College London
Since 2016 a spectacular outdoor show has been performed on summer evenings at Auckland Castle in Bishop Auckland to crowds of thousands. Kynren tells the story of England and the North East: St Cuthbert, the Stockton and Darlington Railway and the Durham Miners’ Gala appear, alongside the Battle of Hastings, Shakespeare and Churchill. It can be seen as a revival of the tradition of historical pageantry that was a significant aspect of popular engagement with the past.

Thursday 17 May
Three tales from the biomedical frontier
Three researchers – winners of the Faculty of Medical Sciences’ postgraduate public speaking prize – describe their quests underpin the medical treatments of tomorrow.

Tuesday 22 May
How Good We Can Be: ending the mercenary society and building a great country
Will Hutton, author and broadcaster
Instead of an innovative productive economy, we have a capitalism that extracts value rather than creates it. With technological possibilities multiplying, Britain must aim to create an economy, society and democracy in which the mass of citizens flourish.

Saturday 23 June
Annual Convocation Lecture
Details of the 2018 Convocation Lecture will be announced soon. Please check our website for further information.

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