

## Guest Lecture, Nick Merriman

**Date** : February 21, 2009

26th February 2009 at 6.00pm

Anatomy J Z Young Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building,  
UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT

The Centre for Sustainable Heritage invites you to a lecture to be delivered by Nick Merriman, Director of The Manchester Museum.

Title

A Sustainable Future for Museum Collections?

Synopsis

Museums and other memory institutions have traditionally operated by growing their collections and disposing of little. As resources decrease in real terms, more and more has to be devoted to ever-expanding collections - a position that is unsustainable by current definitions. This talk will explore notions of memory and forgetting to put forward a theoretical basis for a sustainable future for museum collections, which sees disposal as a natural part of their development. It will also explore ideas for sustainable active collecting, drawing on current ideas from the Manchester Museum, which offer a new conceptualisation for the development of traditional 'encyclopaedic' collections.

We should be grateful if you could email [Ben Glynn](mailto:Ben.Glynn@man.ac.uk) if you wish to attend.

Please note that this is a free public lecture and all are welcome.