

## SPRING SPEAKER SERIES IN BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

### **The First Baptist Church of Philadelphia's Burial Ground: The problem, project, and people of the past encountered at 218 Arch Street**

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In November of 2016, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* published an article about human bones found during construction at the site of the First Baptist Church Cemetery on Arch Street. As the development project was a private venture, no city office was "in charge" of the human remains. Moran and the Mütter Institute, a collaborative research organization associated with the study of historic human remains, approached the property developer with an interest to learn more about the bones found at the site. What ensued was a fast-paced salvage excavation in 2017 revealing that, while the cemetery was supposedly moved in 1860, over 100 human remains had not been relocated.

Join this presentation to learn about the excavation project and the ongoing analysis that is revealing who the people buried there between 1707 and 1859 were, and what their lives would have been like.



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#### **Upcoming talks in this series:**

Raquel Fleskes, UPenn Molecular Anthropology Lab and The Chesapeake Ancestry Project - April 2, 3:30  
Anna Dhody, Curator of the Mütter Museum and Director of Mütter Research Institute - April 30, 3:30

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