SESSION: Graffiti cleaning – barriers & mitigation  
Coatings as protection – maintenance, removal & reapplication  
INSTRUCTOR: Jamie Fairchild  
TIME: Wednesday, 5th June/ 9:30 – 11:00 (1.5 hours) & 11:30 – 13:00 (1.5 hours)

SESSION OUTLINE

ABSTRACT
Graffiti is a common problem affecting the surfaces of many heritage structures. Whilst historic graffiti may have cultural significance and warrant conservation, in most cases graffiti is a form of vandalism. This session will discuss the types of graffiti affecting stone surfaces, describing methods of removal, prevention and mitigation. The session builds on previous discussions on cleaning and surface coatings and will include information on graffiti barriers.

OBJECTIVES
By the end of the session participants will:
• Understand the factors which influence the appearance of graffiti
• Appreciate the importance of identifying the graffiti medium
• Recognize the importance of prior evaluation and testing
• Recall the principal cleaning methods and when they might, or might not, be appropriate
• Acknowledge the role of preventative management in controlling graffiti
• Understand the evaluation process for the potential use of graffiti barriers

CONTENT OUTLINE
• Introduction to graffiti
• Historic graffiti
• Types of graffiti and their composition
• Understanding the interaction of graffiti with the substrate
• Practical removal techniques
• Devising methodologies for removal
• Preventative strategies
• Graffiti barriers

PRACTICAL SESSION
Using a range of removal techniques, this is an opportunity to experience first-hand the success and failure of their application to a variety of graffiti and stone types.
SESSION OUTLINE CONT’D

READINGS

= Essential reading material
= Available online


