

Appointment of Professor Abigail Brundin as the BSR's first female Director

The Council of the British School at Rome is delighted to announce that Professor Abigail Brundin has been appointed as the BSR's next Director. Professor Brundin, who will be the BSR's first female Director, is hoping to visit the BSR in July and formally start her role as Director at the beginning of September 2021.

Professor Brundin has been a lecturer in the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics at Cambridge University since 2003, and is a Fellow of St Catharine's College, Cambridge.

Professor Brundin specialises in the literature and culture of Italy in the renaissance and early modern periods. She has published on women writers in the first age of print, on literature and religious reform, on poetry in and around convents, on cultures of reading and on the devotional culture of the home. She has collaborated with the National Trust and English Heritage to bring the historic library collections in English country houses into the visitor experience through exhibitions and publications.

Commenting on the appointment, Mark Getty, Chair of the BSR's Council said: "We are delighted to have appointed Professor Brundin as both our next Director and also the BSR's first female Director. This is an exciting time for the BSR as we look forward with great enthusiasm to the opportunities for the BSR in the coming years."

Professor Brundin also commented: "I am honoured to be taking on the role of Director of the BSR, to lead this valued institution into the next phase of its long and distinguished history."

For and on behalf of the BSR Council

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