



*Curatorial insecurity : the impact of 3D scanning and printing on curatorial practice*

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The Practice-Based Submission  
For  
Curatorial Insecurity: The Impact  
of 3D Scanning and Printing on  
Curatorial Practice.



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The Practice-Based Submission works as an 'exhibition catalogue' offering a visual insight into the numerous 3D scans, curatorial interventions and exhibitions created during the research process. The catalogue is designed to be read in tandem to the written thesis, as combined, they show the breadth of work undertaken for the Ph.D. The practical submission is presented in chronological order showcasing how the work has progressed through the three phases of research.

The catalogue begins with The Acclimatisation Study, which presents excerpts of the research diary, to show the thought processes of curators and my own personal reflections. These pages contain musings, questions and recorded conversations regarding the introduction of 3D scanning and printing within the museum. The diary pages are supported by photographs of failed and successful 3D scans. The failed scans are included in this catalogue as there is value in the imperfection, they inspire questions around loss, materiality, authority and meaning.

The Museums Sheffield Residency, follows The Acclimatisation Study and showcases the 3D scans of the museums ivory collection. The scans are presented alongside the curatorial interventions, which were specifically designed for The Museums Sheffield Residency. The interventions are supported by a research diary, that contains musings around the use of 3DSP, curatorial making and the challenges of introducing 3DSP to curatorial practice. Combined, the diary pages, 3D scans and curatorial interventions, start to reveal how 3DSP can both support and frustrate the practices of curators and the museums they work for. The section documenting The Museums Sheffield Residency concludes with images of the co-curated exhibition 'Stories from the East: The Grice Ivories'.

The British Museum Residency is the final section in this catalogue, it provides a visual record of the curatorial interventions, 3DSP projects and research diary. The British Museum Residency section concludes with the processes I undertook to make and design the exhibitions 'An Object in Transition' and 'Frustrating the Linear'.

I like many before me started my museum career in a very traditional way. I trained in museum studies and as a student I curated group shows on British Modernism, Serialism and 19th century pottery. I volunteered and eventually worked in the Decorative Arts department of a regional 18th and 19th century gallery. I was driven by the desire to explore and play with my collection, but my time and practice was framed by standards and frameworks and over time I became frustrated with how museum objects, particularly digital objects, are used, treated and labelled within the museum. I began to question how the ordering process of the museum affected how I and fellow curators curated such objects.

The introduction of 3D scanning and printing into museum provides the opportunity to explore the questions outlined above, as such objects have never before been seen in the sphere of the museum. Their form, data and relationship to other objects in the collection provides new

challenges to the museum. Curators have never before had to curate and work with objects that are made from their core collections and by mechanical means. At the same time 3D scanned and printed museums objects are perceptually part of the museum, through their relationship to the museum and the history of replicas in the museum.

The above reveals a complex relationship that has roots in the personal processes of curation as well as the systems and policies of the museum

# The Acclimatisation Study

A photograph from 'Aesthetics of Manufacture', a group show at The Butchers Works, which explored how manufacturing processes change our understanding of objects. The piece of work produced for this show contained two 3D printed bronze-age pots printed in different resins and a 3D printed vase. They were displayed along side images of the actual museum objects, to show how the manufacturing process changed the objects both perceptually and physically.





Working with curators now! ❗

It's watching  
a defect  
come into  
existence

It's like a  
whole  
new  
object

THE MUSEUM CURATOR

It's harder  
than I thought  
but still  
cool

Would  
it be ok  
if I have  
a go

Wow it's  
like magic

Compared to the past few seasons  
my curators are far more  
interested in having a go at 3D  
scanning.



# Back to fragmented objects

How do audiences  
formulated meaning  
around fragment  
objects without  
the remaining  
object to act as  
usual stimuli,  
providing context  
the viewer relies on  
their past experience



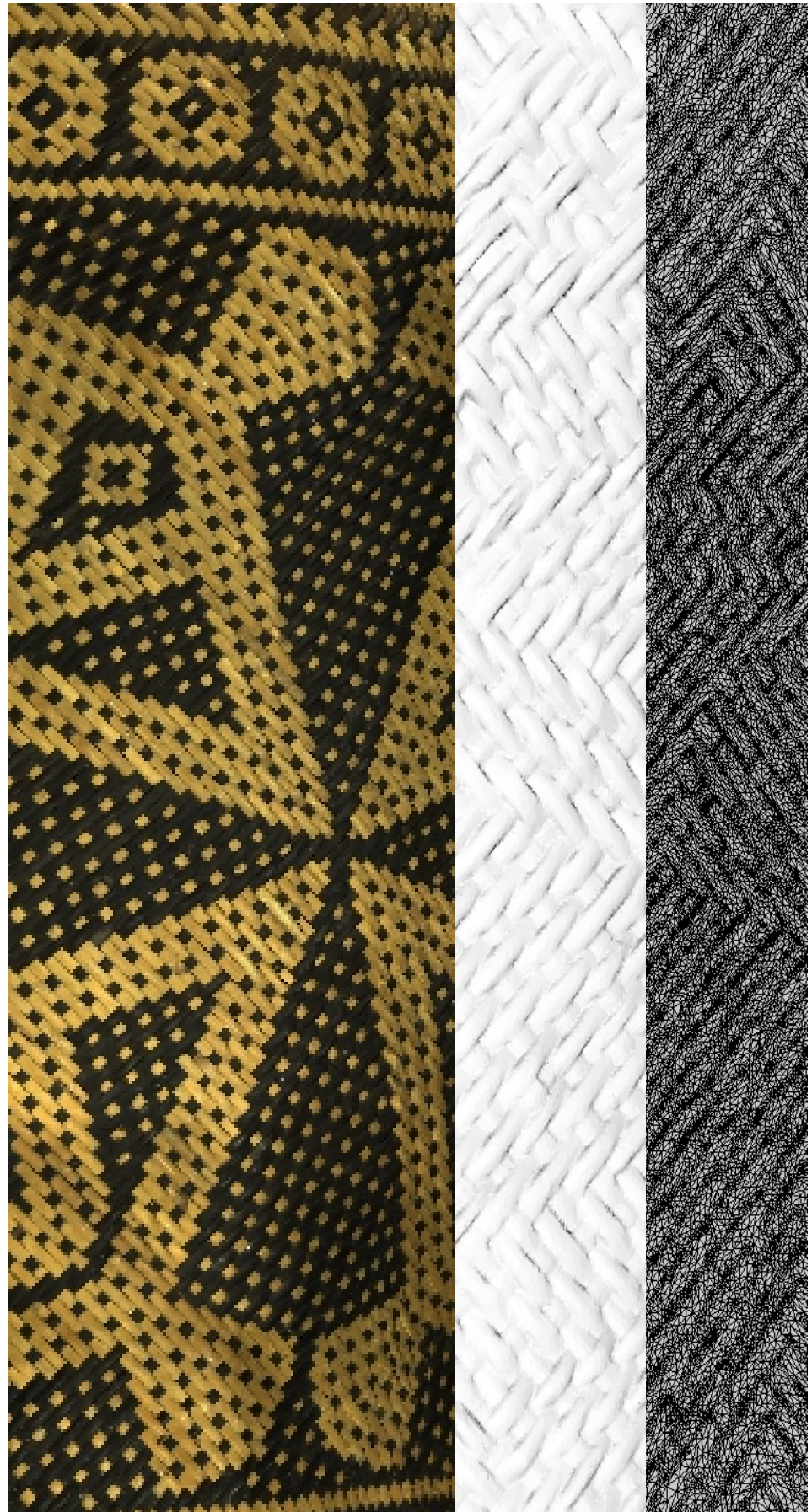
From a museum perspective, This  
allow audiences to form curate  
and manage their own interpretation  
Creating an indepth experiential  
learning encounter but what  
happens when this does not meet  
with the aims of the museum



A completed  
3D scan of a  
woven reed  
basket from  
Museums  
Sheffield.



The wire frame, fused mesh and surface texture of the 3D scanned woven basket. The combined images show some of the processes and changes objects go through when they are 3D scanned. Revealing these processes made curators become aware of what 3DSP does to objects. Seeing these processes in action made curators question where these objects would sit within the museum, their own curatorial making and if such objects would have a cultural authenticity.





# Visual Translations of ancient heritage

How we relate and interpret any objects depends on our cultural background.

How much naturalness can they claim when interpreting objects.

aesthetics - interaction - performance  
- construction - meaning ↓

Conservation Curators

↓  
English Heritage vs  
Critical histories.

Stepped  
communication  
to understanding  
objects.

The design vs the gut shop aesthetics.  
How can the visual process of  
production effect perception.

To what extent does recontextualisation  
can be allowed to undermine the  
authenticity of the source object

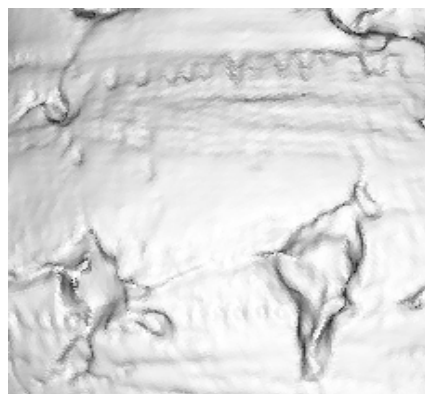
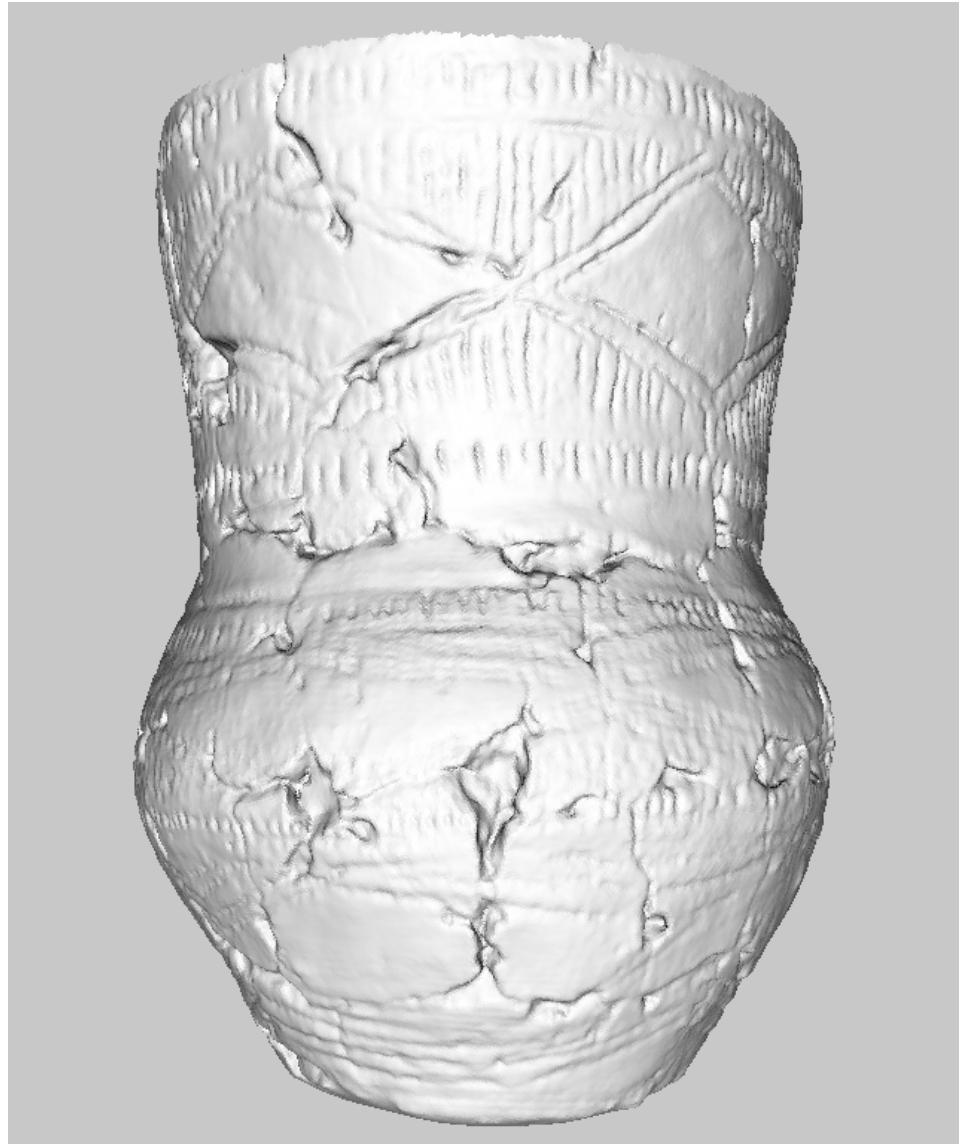
For 3DP does the 3DP object  
undermine the historical authority  
of the object. This is what  
curators are worried about or  
is it the 3DP undermining their  
own authority.

Block  
Painting/  
Printing with  
the Toory.





A 3D scan of a bronze-age burial pot without its texture. Curators commented on how removing the texture made the object seem less real, yet at the same time it allowed them to see more clearly how the passage of time had affected the object.

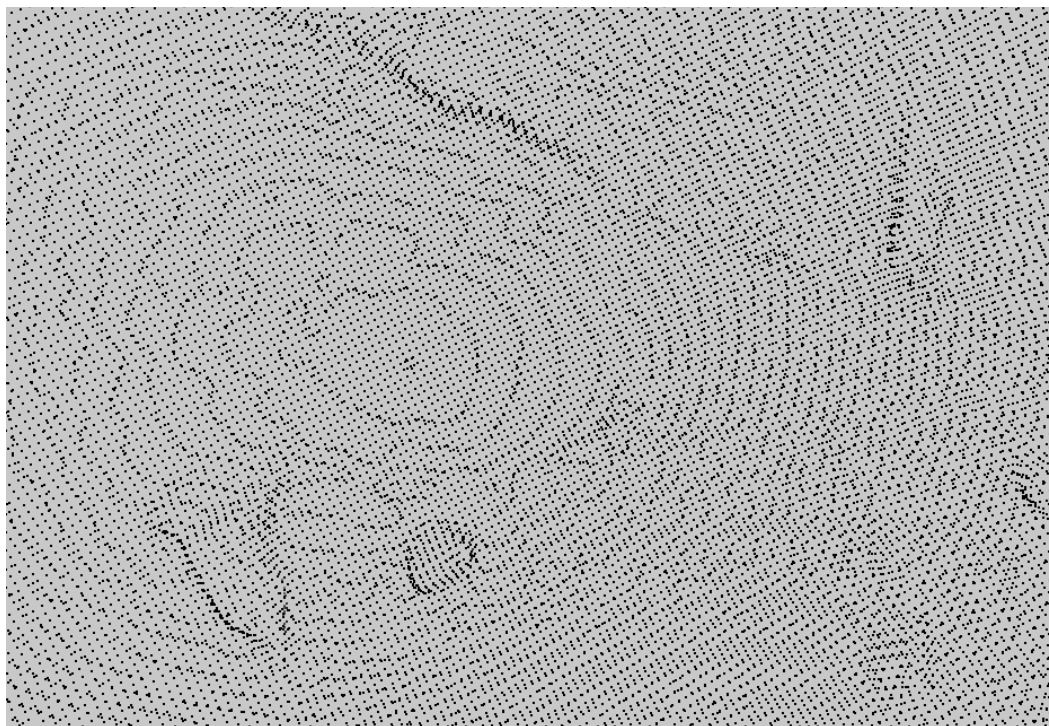


A 3D scan of a bronze-age burial pot with texture. Curators at Museums Sheffield commented on how the black patches, applied by the software when the missing data is present, shielded the viewer from the story of the pots past. By concealing part of the objects history, the embedded processes of the software are effectively distorting how the object is perceived. Curators stated the speciality of the object had been lost.





A photograph showing the point cloud formation of the bronze-age burial pot.



A photograph showing the wire frame formation of the bronze-age burial pot.





A photograph showing a bronze-age burial pot and its 3D printed counterpart. Comparing the two objects allowed curators to see how the objects differed. The 3D scanner was unable to capture the internal depth of the pot and as a result curators questioned where the 'false' data started and 'read' data ended.

The 3D printed bronze-age burial pot seen in the photograph on the right shows how the internal structures differ between the 3D printed pot and its museum counterpart.



Clare would  
smell the 3D  
printed  
Bronze-age  
Burial Pot I  
brought into  
the museum  
forming new  
curator-object  
behaviours.





A photograph showing a 3D printed burial pot inside the museum archive. This particular experiment caused a visual juxtaposition that caused curators to think about the material properties of 3DSP objects.



'3D scans and objects don't look nice enough to be objects in the own right, because they're too plastic'

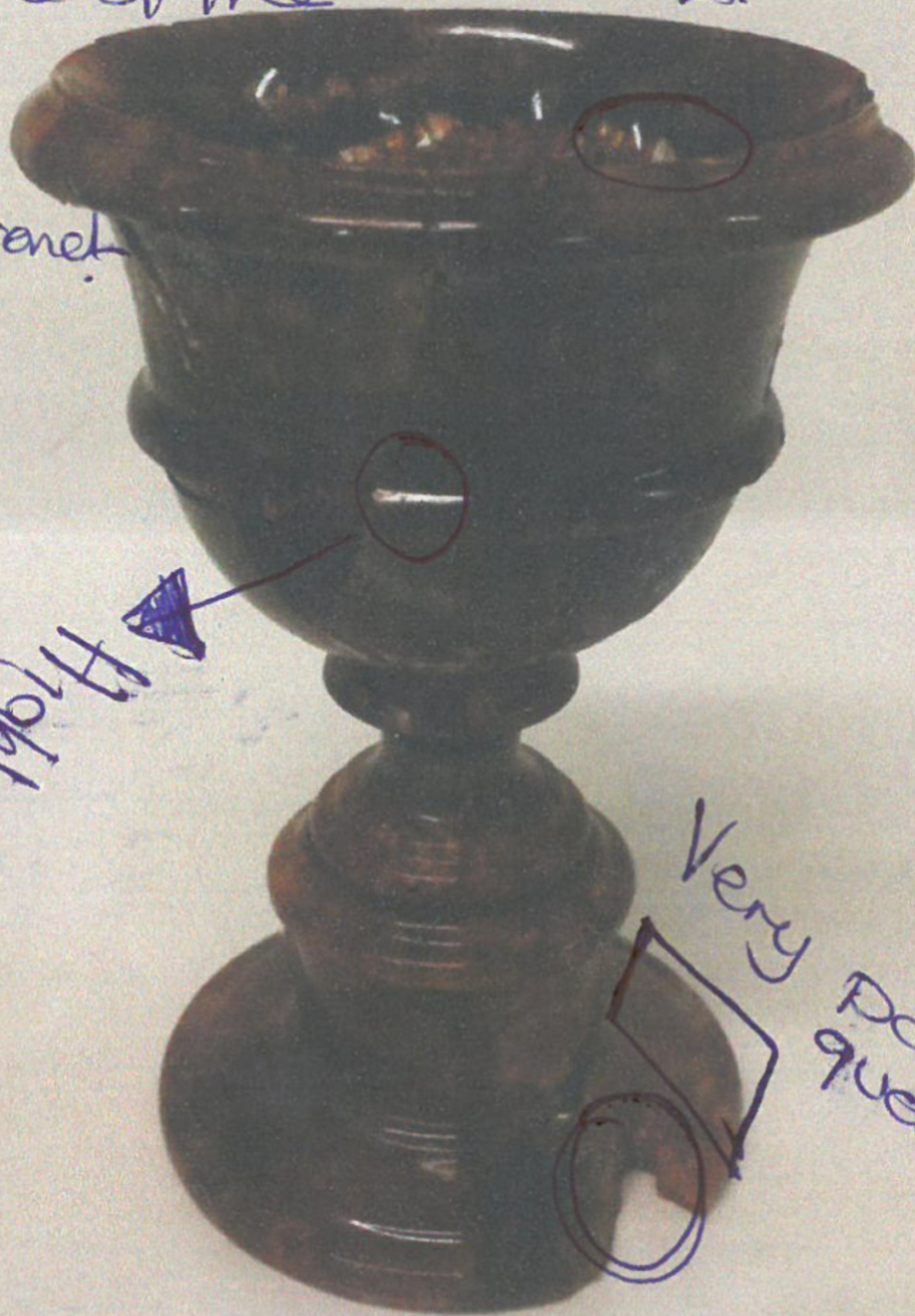
The image below is of the original bronze-age pot from Museums Sheffield





This is an  
interesting object  
to scan  
as some of the  
areas  
of  
translucency

translucent  
area?

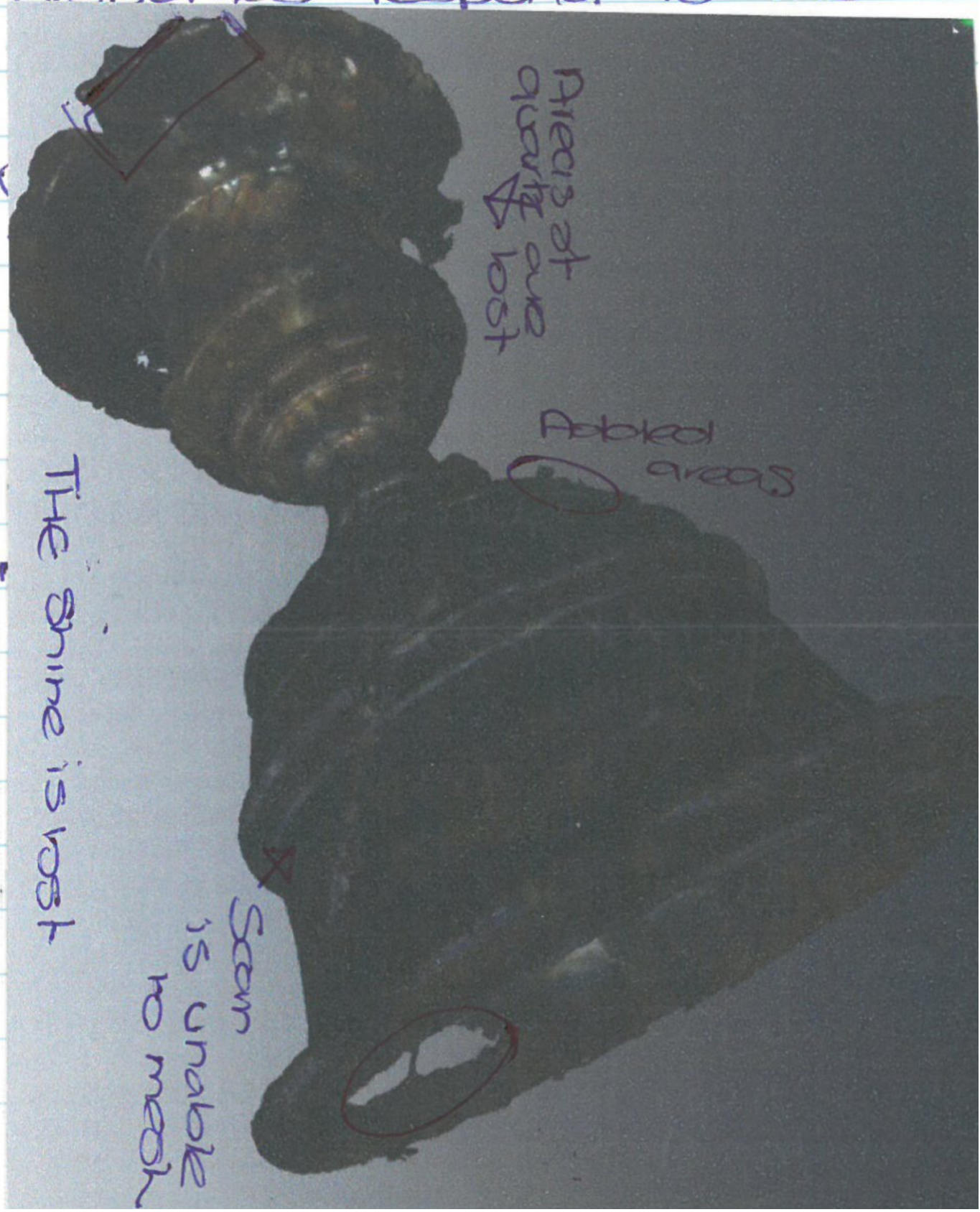


Highly reflective

Very pale quartz

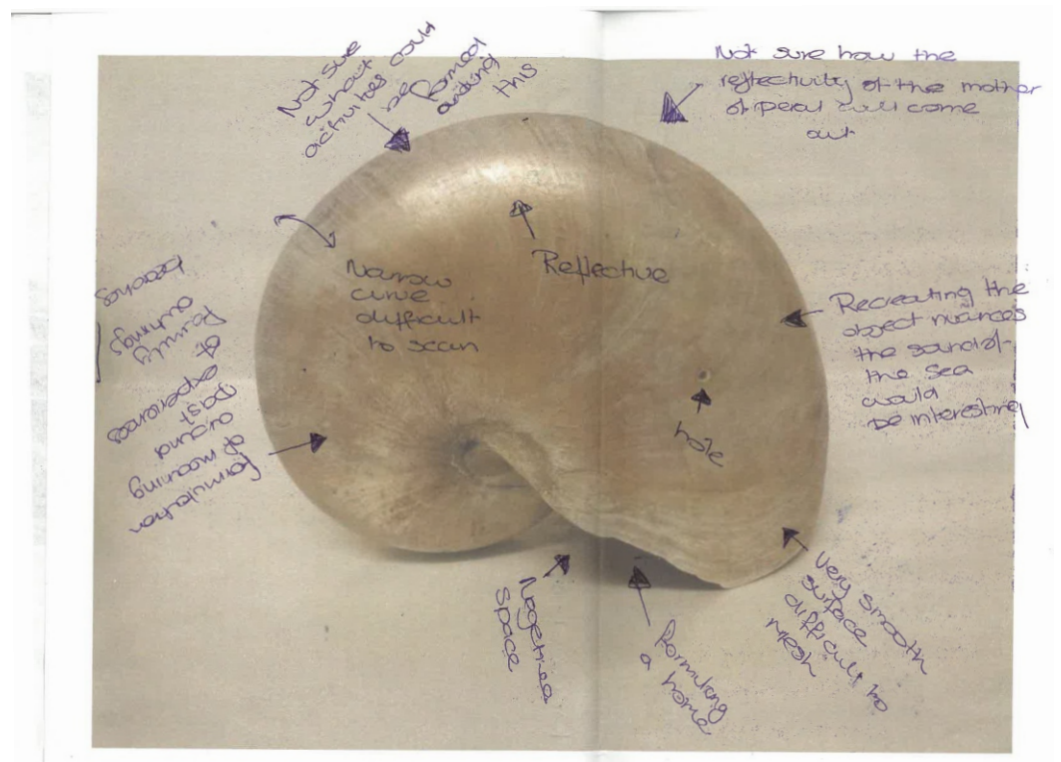
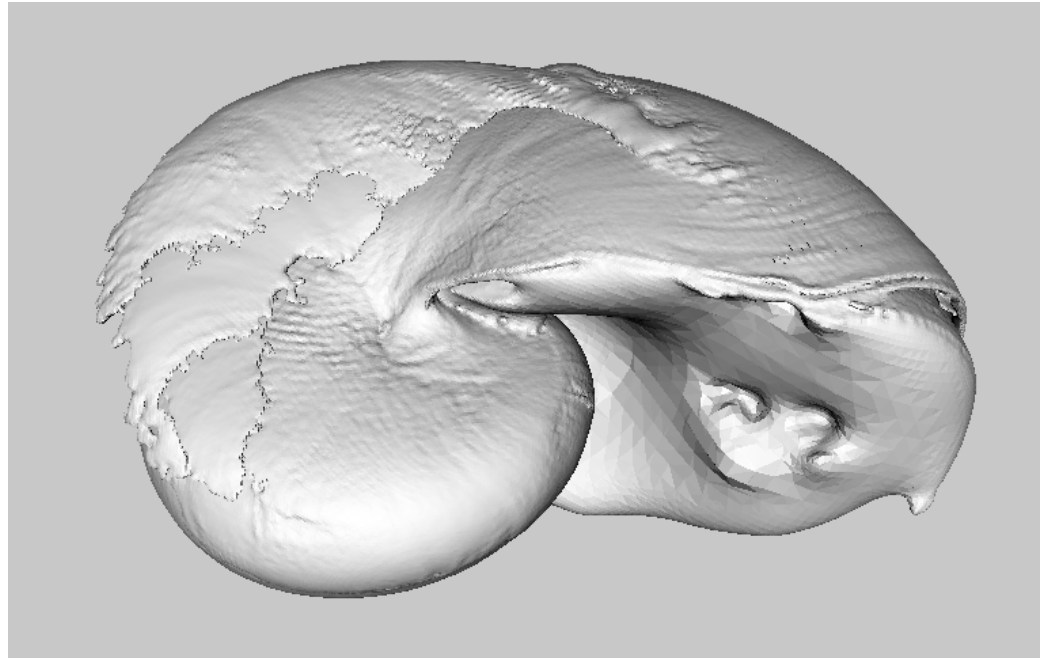


My curators seem really confident around 3D scanning and seem to be asking questions around how certain object properties respond to the





The two photographs explore how curators perceived the outcomes of 3D scanning the shell. Embedded within these images are questions about how difficult the object would be to 3D scan, the loss of nuances such as the sound of the sea and the recreation of negative space.



A photograph of a 3D scanned Blue John Vase from Museums Sheffield. The left vase shows how the software added data points augmenting the form of the object and rendering it a visually unfunctional object. The right 3D scan has had its texture added and illustrates how the addition of texture can obscure some of the missing data.



Missing data and failed scans gave rise to questions around loss and in particular how much data could be lost before object was no longer recognisable as both a museum object and an object in general. The museum provided a unique opportunity to explore this notion which was raised by my curators.

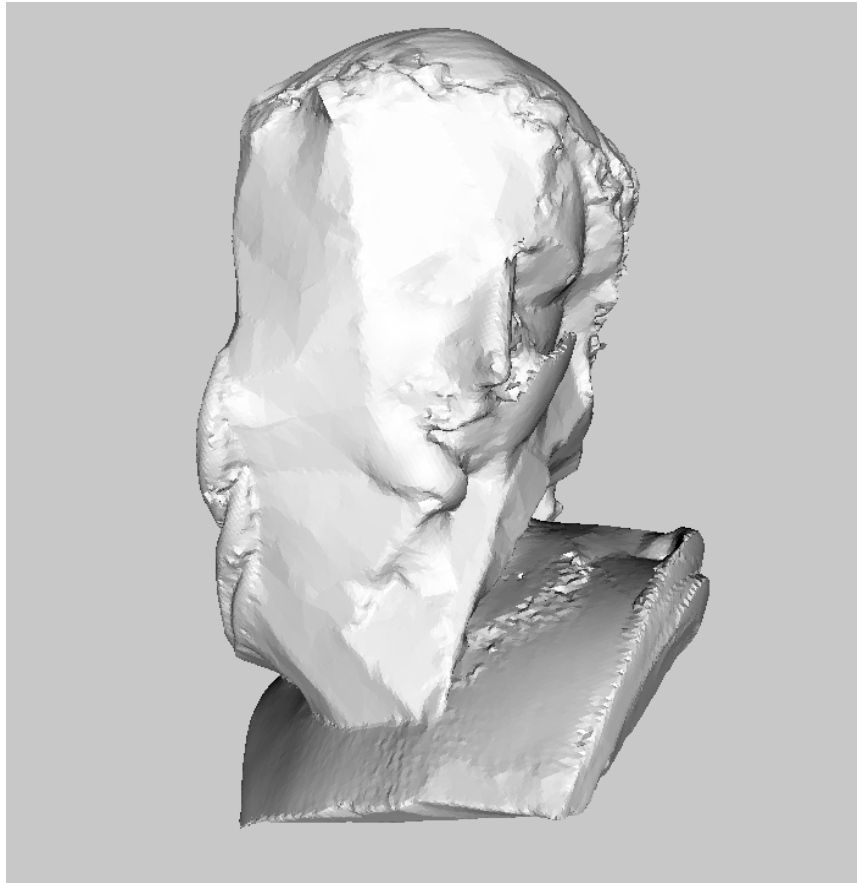
The curators at Museums Sheffield seemed confident around 3D scanning and as a result asked questions around how object properties affected the 3D scanning process.

The questions so far include:

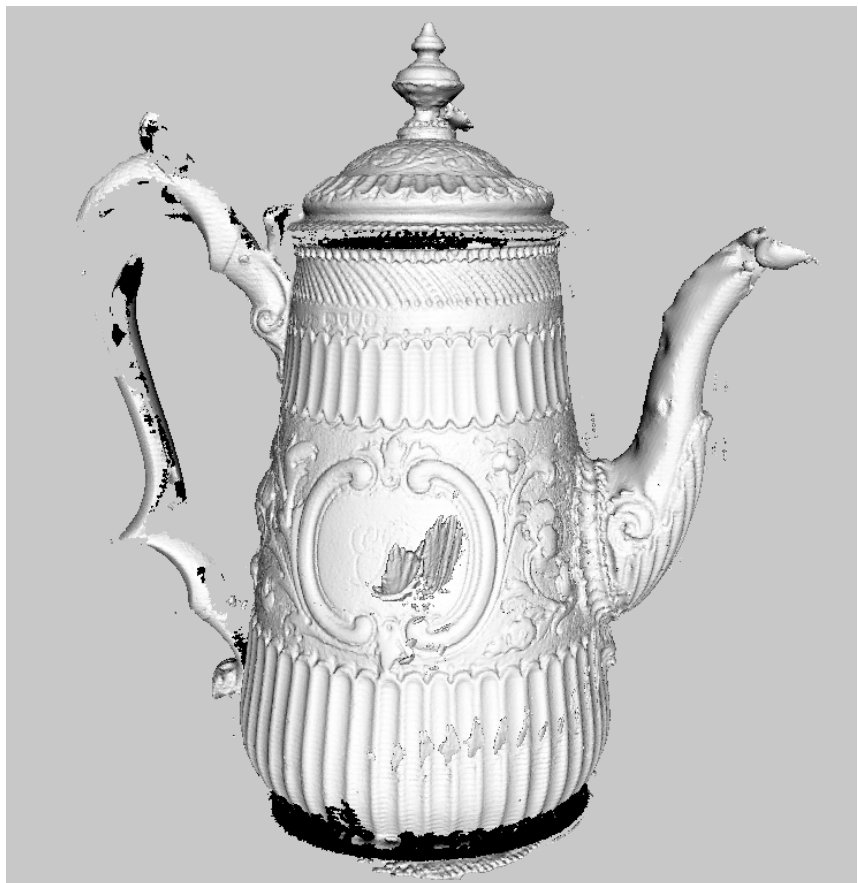
‘How would iridescent show on the scan?’

‘I know glass doesn’t work but what about something mineral based or translucent?’

A failed 3D scan of a marble bust. The polished surface and complex form made it difficult to 3D scan. The resulting scan contains additional geometry and missing details that do not relate to the physical object.

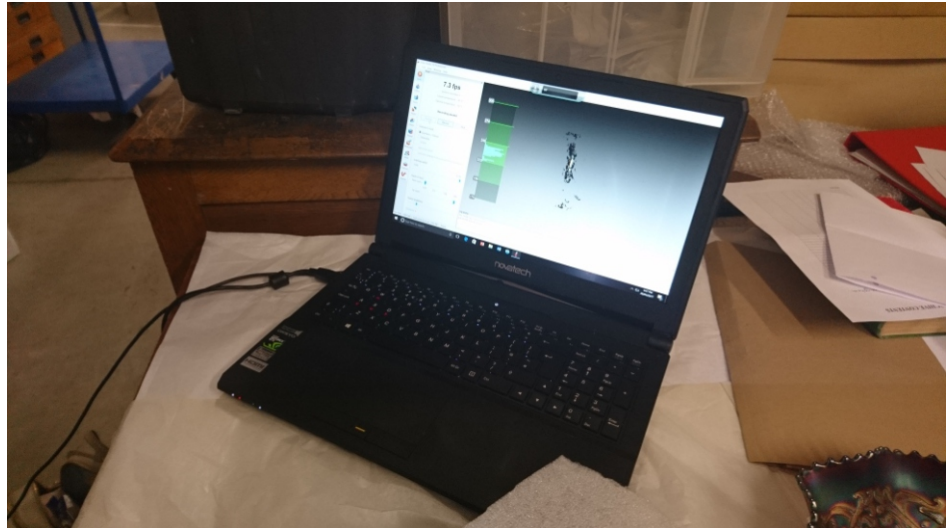


The image above is of the actual silver jug currently in the Metal Work collection at Museums Sheffield.

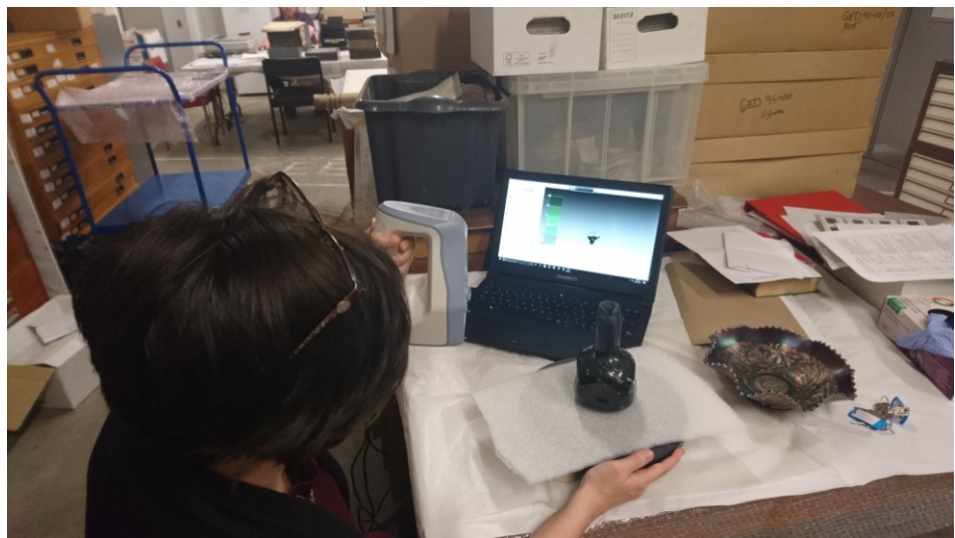




Two photographs showing myself 3D scanning a hand blown vase. The vase was difficult to scan, as evidenced by the lack of captured data, because light from the scanner went straight through the object.



The scan on the left is a failed scan of a silver jug. The patina of the silver made it extremely difficult to 3D scan.





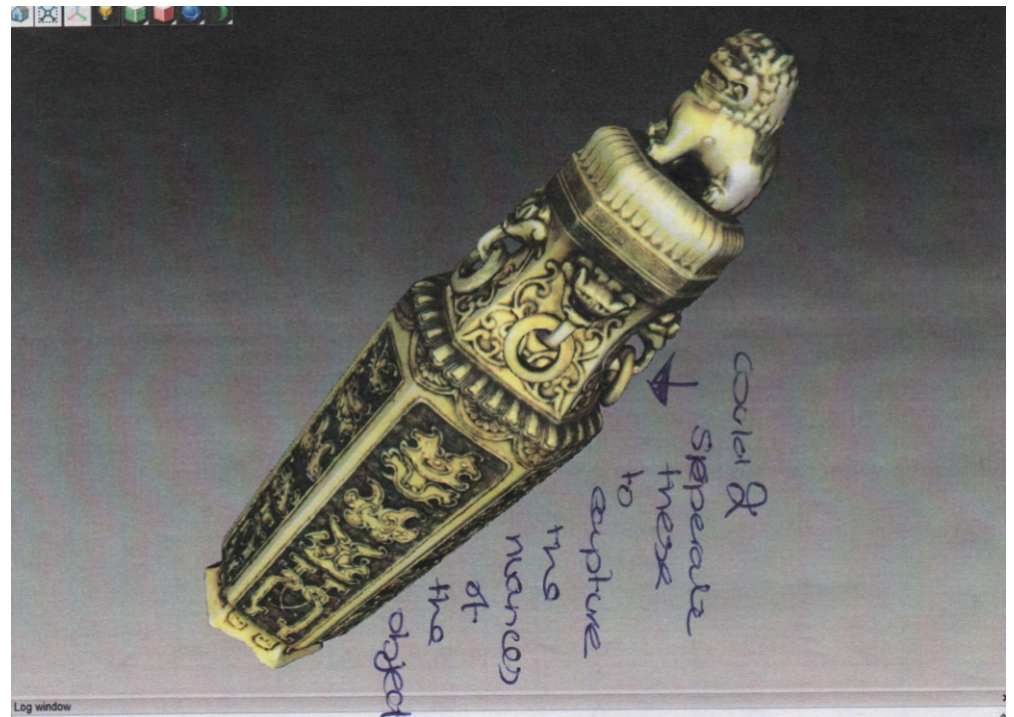
Humanistic object - Here I played with different levels of sharp fusions to bring out the detail. A standard fusion will smooth over a lot of textural surface detail. Here I can create different versions of the same object with varying degrees of degraded detail and use them to ascertain the formulation of meaning.



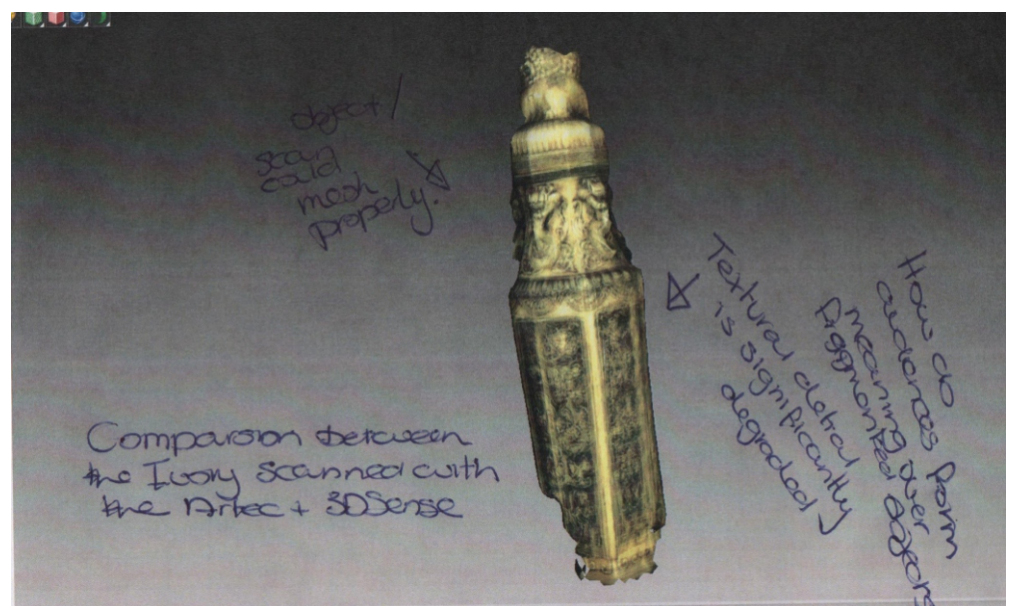
Had really interesting chat with the Senior curator of Natural history today. He believes museums are a form of media and funding a form of media that give an exact no bias truth is extremely difficult. In terms of museums and audiences, 3DP museum objects allow people to form there own interpretation, but how far can that ~~alter~~ accurate "truth" be dislocated untill the <sup>3D</sup> Museum object no longer represent the fact,

How much detail can I take away untill the object no longer represents a museum object

A photograph of a 3D scanned Ivory vase. Even with the high resolution of the Artec Spider some object properties are lost, including the ability to use the object as a vase as the top and bottom have been fused.



A photograph of a failed 3D scan made using a 3D Sense. The scan contains missing data points and only half of the actual vase's form. In addition all the symbols and iconography are missing.





‘Museums Musings’ is a section from the research diary where I muse upon the production of high and low quality scans for Museums Sheffield.

The image below is of the ivory vase currently in the Ivory Collection at Museums Sheffield.



### Museum Musings.

Spending time in the museum has been great, together we have produced so many exciting scans and the curators at Museums Sheffield have made me feel like a member of staff. I have spent time wandering the museum’s store and endlessly observing objects in the cases. I have pondered upon what they all mean.

Until recently I have produced mutually beneficial research around how 3D scanning and printing affects curatorial practice, but as we come to start of exploring loss, I am worried this will come to a halt. In order to explore loss in objects, I need to produce low resolution scans. I don’t really want to send them failed scans, as it may seem like I can’t 3D scan. I am interested in how the loss of object properties, or the addition of geometry affects the meaning making process. But does tidying up poor quality scans mean I am hiding results from curators?





# Thinking about how Scanning is a Performance

The interplay  
between the  
Scanner  
and object





How does this interaction  
affect how the scanning  
process is presented.



What happens when  
the fps is slow or  
the intensity is set  
to maximum

Can we really separate  
the scanner and the  
person scanning. The  
scanner is controlled by  
the ~~scanner~~ person. The  
results are determined  
by the person and  
the knowledge of the  
object



A photograph of the point cloud for a 3D scanned ivory vase. Each point represents a single piece of data, the points can be linked together to form a wire mesh.

The sparsity of data points around the base and the middle of the lion means false data is more likely to appear on the fused mesh. However, the lion and base are small resulting in the software successfully inputting correct object geometry.





An illustration showing the combined non textured and textured ivory vase. It shows the level of detail captured and how 2D details such as the painted brick are only present when the texture has been reapplied to the object.

The image below is of the actual ivory vase currently in the ivory collection at Museums Sheffield.



# **The Museums Sheffield Residency**



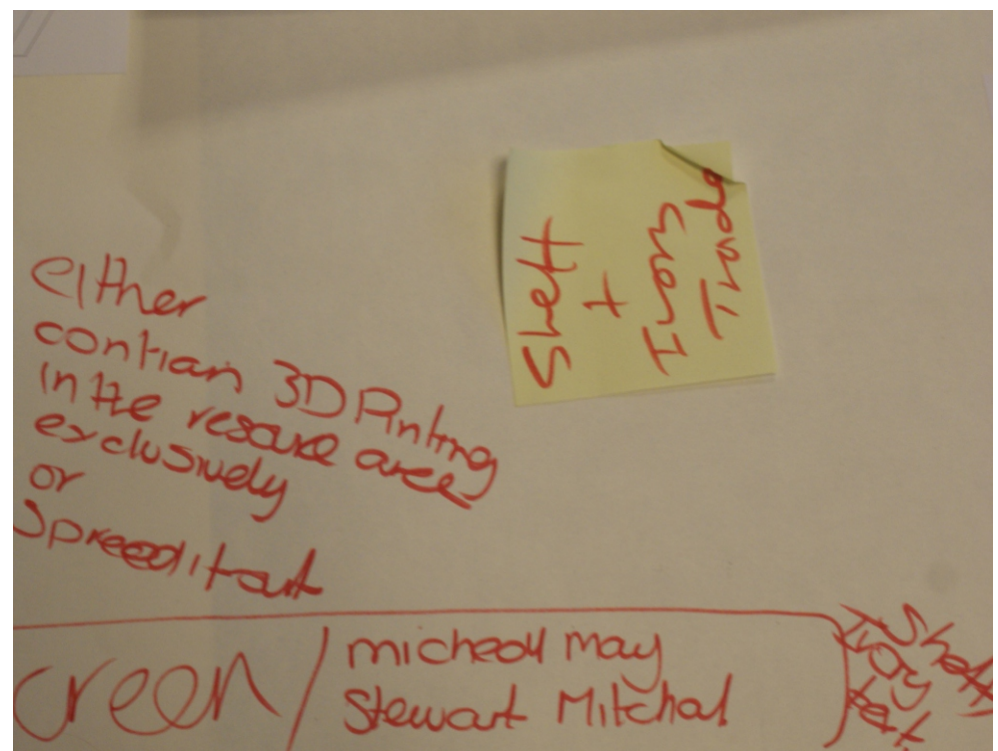
A photograph of myself cleaning an enlarged 3D printed section, scanned from an ivory plaque. The 3D printed section was mounted as an incase detail so audiences could see read the craved calligraphy.



A photograph taken during the planning stage of curating 'Stories from the East: The Grice Ivories. Small images of the objects going in the exhibition where used to play with space and layout.



A photograph of a reference questioning where 3DSP should be placed in the exhibition. The note was written during the planning stage of curating the exhibition and highlights how opening up 3DSP, as seen in the Acclimatisation Study, allows curators think critically about how the technology can be used within their practice.





[illegible]

Using them as prompts  
for audiences  
to explore the collections  
/ finding objects



Day 2.

- We got all the objects out and went through what could be 3D printed the conversation focused more on the presentation of display rather than the objects. We talked about how Lucy is really difficult to display as each angle has been carved.

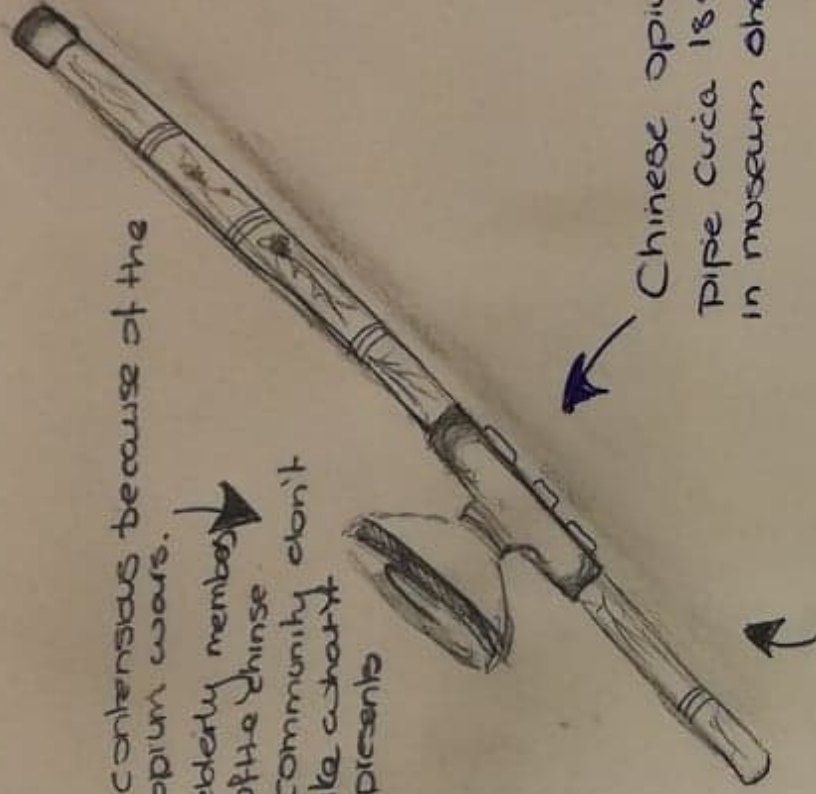
Displaying the objects lying down hides the underneath or sides.

We had an idea about 3D printing the reverse of objects and having them next to the objects in side the case.

- Clare - I think if your going to talk about something contextual then it is best to have the original objects in front of you otherwise it could be seen as dispirited.  
In this sense the significance of the original is important such a significant

controversial because of the opium wars.

elderly members of the Chinese community don't like what it represents



Chinese opium pipe circa 1800 in museum shelf

Clare is happy for it to be scanned but not displayed



2.2.2

this door used by staff for installation only



may be fragment of misinterpreted in a replica.

Alister's accession record. He accessioned his object as a copy moving away from the standard labels used to create object records. He was also the only curator to mark his object with its corresponding accession number, although this number was made up.

Object		(object)	(Production) (Place)		ShefM: 2017.1
ObjectIdentity	ShefM: 2017.1		County	South Yorkshire	
ItemMarked	yes		Country	United Kingdom	
NumberOfItems	1		Date	24.3.2016	
			DateBegin	Recent	
Identification			Period		
ObjectName		(simple name)	Description		
Keyword	hummingbird		Material		
ObjectName		(other name)	Part	Plastic	
Keyword	trochilidae		Measurement		
Classification			Dimension	height	
Keyword	natural history		Reading	20	
BriefDescription	3D printed model of hummingbird in flight, light blue, not perched		Measurement		
			Dimension	width	
			Reading	200	
ObjectLocation		(current location)	Measurement		
Location	AH2/Desk		Dimension	length	
Date			Reading	155	
DateBegin	28.4.2017		Inscription		
			SummaryText	None	
ObjectLocation		(normal location)	Condition	good	
Location	AH2/Desk		Completeness	complete	
Production			Acquisition		
SummaryText	Model produced from digital scan (ref: DS1) of specimen (ref: TZ836), printed on a Subbuteo Superprint 2000 3D printer		Method	copy	
Method	molecular bonding		Person		
Person			Role	acquired from	
Role	maker		PersonName	Amelia	
PersonName	Amelia		Address	Sheffield Hallam University	
Organisation			Entry		(link)
Role	maker		EntryNumber	1234	
OrganisationName	Sheffield Hallam University		RelatedObject		
Place			ObjectIdentity	TZ836; DS1	
PlaceName	Acres Hill storage facility, Sheffield				



Example object records

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Martha's accession record. She accessioned the 3D printed pot as a gift and with a correct accession number. She also lists the method of production as 3D printing.

Object		(object)	(Production)		2017.56
ObjectIdentity	2017.56		Date		
NumberOfItems	1		DateBegin	12.2016	
			Period	Recent	
Identification			Association		
ObjectName		(simple name)	Type	related object	
Keyword	pot		SummaryText	replica of J93.567	
ObjectName		(other name)	Person		
Keyword	Beaker		Role	associated with	
Classification			PersonName	Bateman, Thomas	
Keyword	archaeology		Description		
BriefDescription	Replica Beaker pot created by 3D scanning and printing. Replica of J93.567 Beaker pot from Bee Low.		Material		
ObjectLocation		(current location)	Part	whole	
Location	P8.2		Keyword	plastic	
Date			Measurement		
DateBegin	28.3.2017		Part	whole	
			Dimension	height	
ObjectLocation		(normal location)	Reading	175 mm	
Location	P8.2		Measurement		
Production			Part	whole	
Method	3D printing		Dimension	width	
Person			Reading	115mm	
Role	maker		Measurement		
PersonName	Knowlson, Amelia		Part	whole	
Note	created as part of PhD research into audience reaction to 3D printed objects		Dimension	length	
Organisation			Reading	116mm	
Role	maker		Condition	good	
OrganisationName	Sheffield Hallam University		Completeness	complete	
Place			Acquisition		
PlaceName	Sheffield		Method	gift	
County	South Yorkshire		Person		
			Role	acquired from	
			PersonName	Knowlson, Amelia	
			Address	Sheffield Hallam University	
			Email	amelia.knowlson@shu.ac.uk	
			Date	28.3.2017	



Example object records


Page 1



Clare's accession record. She gives an incorrect accession number and gives no accession method. She also lists the location of the 3D printed vase as a University Building and not in a museum store or gallery.

**SHU: 2016.1**


Object	(object)	(Production) (Place)	
ObjectIdentity	SHU: 2016.1	Country	United Kingdom
ItemMarked	no	Date	
		DateBegin	12.4.2016
NumberOfItems	1	Association	
Identification		Type	associated to ivory perfume vase (J204.546) at museums sheffield
ObjectName	(simple name)	SummaryText	the object was 3D scanned from J204.546 at the museum store using an artec spider 3d scanner
Keyword	3d printed ivory	Person	Amelia Knowlson
ObjectName	(other name)	Role	maker
Keyword	perfume vase	Organisation	
Classification		Role	PhD student
Keyword	world cultures	OrganisationName	Sheffield Hallam University
Title	ivory	Place	
BriefDescription	a 3D printed reproduction of a 18th Century replica of an ming dynasty vase.	PlaceName	sheffield
ObjectLocation	(current location)	County	South Yorkshire
Location	MeSch Room 9220 Cantor Building	Country	England
Date		Event	
DateBegin	16.8.2016	EventType	Research Event
ObjectLocation	(normal location)	EventName	Co-creation and Creation
Location	MeSch Room 9220 Cantor Building	Date	
Production		DateBegin	12.4.2016
SummaryText	The object was created using a polyjet Eden 350z 3D printer, 3d printing	Period	2010s
Method	3d printing	Description	
Person	Amelia Knowlson	SummaryText	An off white replicated vase with a elongated pentagon base, the vase's shaft contains 3d detailing in pannelled format and narrows towards the top, four rings pretude from gargoyles mouths who guard a perched lion on the vases top. The object is smooth to touch and the detailing is pronounced. There is a small chip on the the base of the vase which was created during the scanning process
Role	maker	Material	uv cured resin
PersonName	Eden 350z	Part	1
Organisation		Keyword	3d printed
Role	maker		
Place			
PlaceName	Sheffield Hallam University		
County	South Yorkshire		


Data file 1
Page 1

Clara's accession record. Clara has accessioned the 3D printed teething rings as a gift and lised the location of the object as 'Office' she does not state whether this office is a curatorial office located in the museum.

**SHEFM: 2017: 1**

Object	(object)	(Association)	
ObjectIdentity	SHEFM: 2017: 1	SummaryText	created from a set of teething rings in the collection.
ItemMarked	no	Person	
		Role	handling
NumberOfItems	1	Description	
Identification		Material	photopolymer resin
ObjectName	(simple name)	Part	
Keyword	teething ring	Measurement	
Classification		Part	10cm
Keyword	personal life	Dimension	width
Title	teething ring	Reading	0.5cm
BriefDescription	3D printed teething rings created as part of external funded project	Measurement	
ObjectLocation	(current location)	Dimension	height
Location	Office	Inscription	
Date		SummaryText	none
DateBegin	2017	Condition	good
DateEnd	2017	Completeness	complete
Production		Acquisition	
Method	3d printing	Method	gift
Person		Person	
Role	publisher	Role	acquired from
PersonName	Amelia Knowlson	PersonName	Amelia Knowlson
Association		Entry	
Type	object	EntryNumber	SHEFM:2017.1 (link)
		Recorder	
		Initials	Clara Morgan
		Date	2017


Example object records
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A photograph of a full colour 3D printed ivory vase and its museum counterpart inside the museum archive. The photograph shows how the 3D printed vase is an exact copy except of its colour.

This provocation was designed to highlight the visual differences between museum and 3DSP objects. It sought to get curators to think critically about why they were concerned about integrating 3DSP into the museum.





A photograph from the same visual experiment. The image shows the museum's ivory vase alongside its 3D printed counterpart, although this time the objects identifying tag has been placed on the 3D printed version, to prompt curators to think about whether 3DSP objects should be considered as part of the museum collection. Here 3DSP is being used as a provocation to encourage curators to think about how technology can and does impact on their practice.







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Grice  
16  
Vase





Does cedar  
related to  
accusary  
or is it more  
related to  
farm and  
physical  
proper ho?

The resident  
has no request  
of cedar

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Pistols in  
cedar



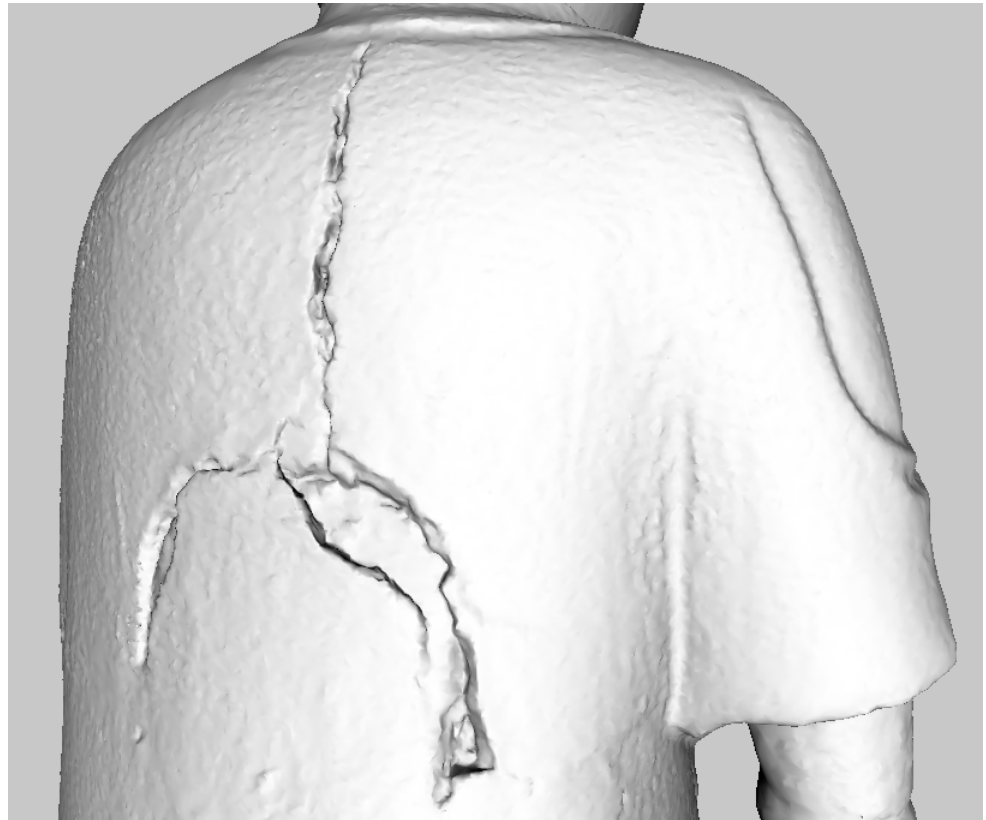


Curators at Museums Sheffield saw colour the difference in colour as a lack of accuracy, that may or may not mislead audiences.

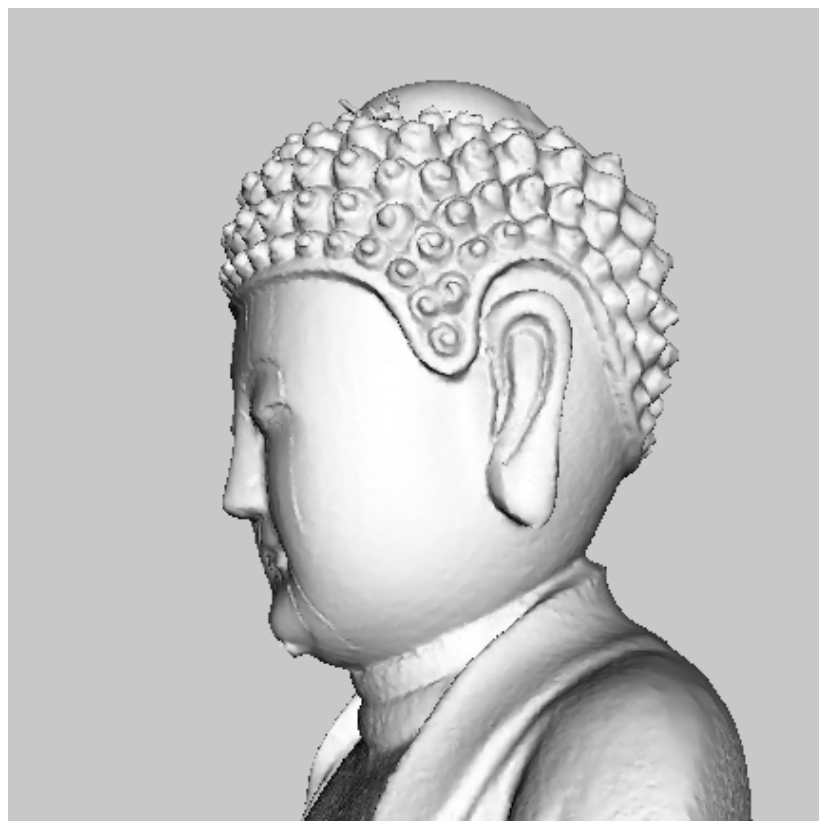
It raises questions about accuracy and whether the origins of this concept lie in the form of the object or its physical properties and not how it is visually perceived.



A photograph of a 3D scanned statue showing the damage to the statues back.



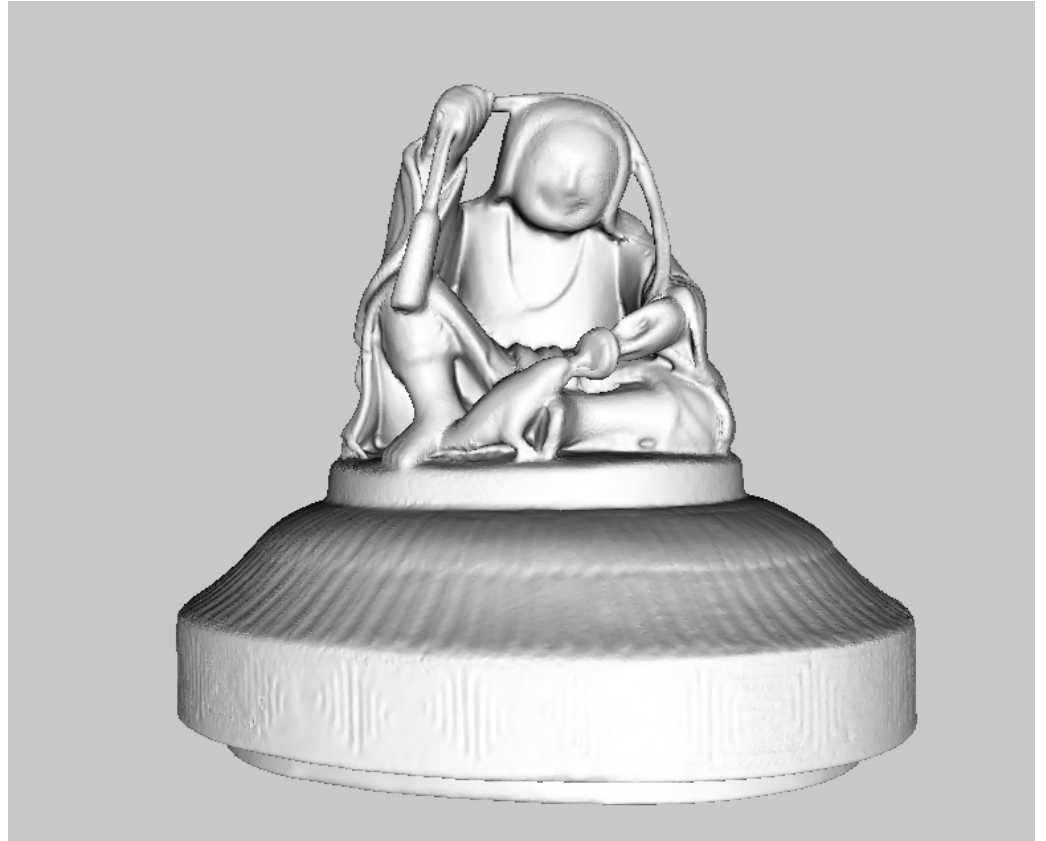
A side view of the statue showing scratch marks to the face.

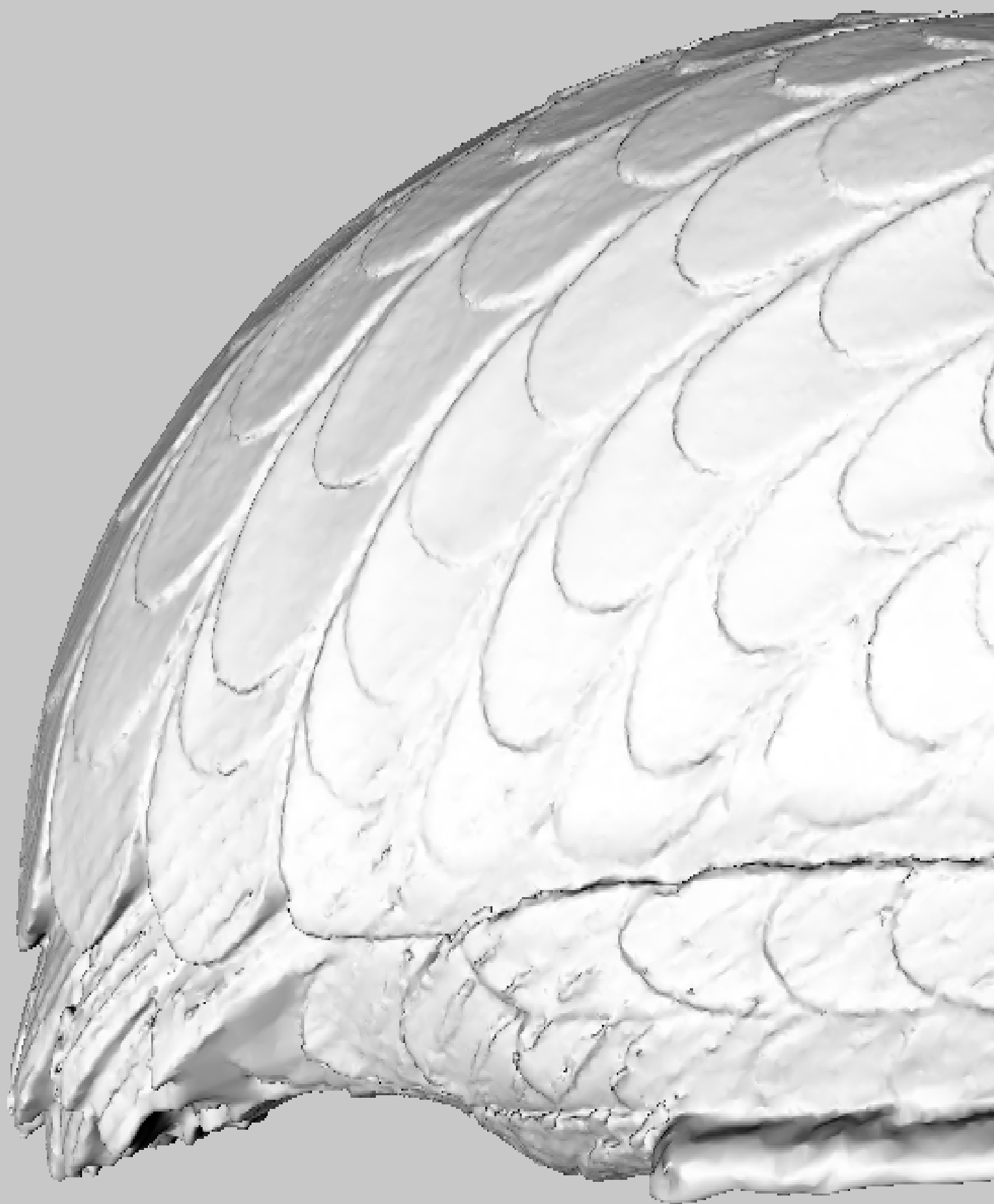




A 3D scan of the God of Wealth, which was used in the exhibition 'Stories from the East: The Grice Ivories'. The scanned object is actually a topper for a larger object designed to allow people to place money inside, as an offering to the God of Wealth. The decision to scan the top was so a 3D printed version could go inside a donations box along with a label explaining the story behind the God of Wealth.

A photograph of the complete museum object with the God of Wealth on the top.









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**Harold Cantor Gallery**

**Exhibition Design.**

Please create an exhibition design that incorporates 3D scanning and or printing in some way. The exhibition should contain objects from the collection you currently care for. Please state where the 3D scanning and or printing will go and in what form



**Please draw how you think 3D technology is being used in museums**

out of case.  
handling  
embedded into



3D printed  
replica of  
surface of object

this door used by staff for installation only

1/floor socket

oral  
history  
on  
3D printed objects

fire exit only

☐ power/floor socket

3D interpretation - touchable objects/parts

if supersizing  
put 3D  
scan  
in middle

3d  
print  
IV

Case

intro val

Exploded diagram 3d printed	Everything to show how it works
and or the	at form

# Harold Cantor Gallery

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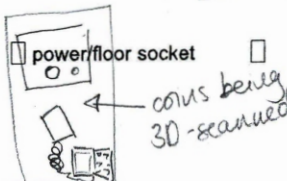
Please explain your drawing

Used as a learning resource. Objects used for Public interaction with the collections an alternative to touching an accessioned object  
[Adult + Child touching object what's on display] 3D copy of object



A

this door used by staff to



Area for staff & volunteers to catalogue coins during course of exhibition

fire exit only

power/floor socket

security barrier

display case

display case

display case

interactive: 3D print of storage pot, with life-size 3D printed coins - could colour-code the coins by material emperor etc. to show the large variety

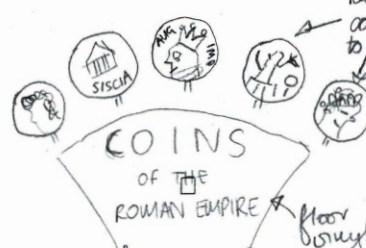
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theme of materials explored eg gold, silver, copper & production of fakes & 'debasement' is reducing silver content from coins - explore 'value' of materials by 3D prints in different materials

3D prints & blue photographs of coins in nearby display cases (all the way around the walls)

B

display case



large 3D prints of coins relating to each exhibition theme

floor bought

MAIN ENTRANCE EXIT

- shopping interactive - use 3D prints of objects in the collection as more authentic & easier to source than replicas

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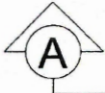
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To be able to handle an object you could touch the 'real' version of. makes you look more closely at details.



this door used by staff for

lots of doors

power/floor socket

Belief

fire exit only

power/floor socket

history

cube

double

cube

storytelling

cube

Id. cube

maker film

50 prints where is print

maker connection

maker

Intro to Chicago

Intro

banner

Attraction

cube

hidden

Resources

Theatre

headphones music

3D print outs

3D screen or notes not on display

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Graves is holding 2007-2015 in picture (no lid)

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A

single table to hold 3D printed Vessels to touch.

this door used by staff

fire exit only

power/floor socket

Cyprus Pottery Large vessels.

power/floor socket

Leaves Pottery

Iron age / Roman Ceramic

late medieval Pottery

3D print of Bronze age pot

Bronze age British Pottery

Bronze

# in here have 3D print of Part of pot, Close up on designs (colour to highlight)

B

Medieval British Pottery

Wall Info about 3D printing + its use here

Medieval Ceramics of all kinds + Colored 3D prints

Mix of Vandalism + 3D printed objects.

exhibition of ceramic through time

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MAIN ENTRANCE EXIT

• Screens to rotate the 3D scans of objects - zoom etc.

C

D

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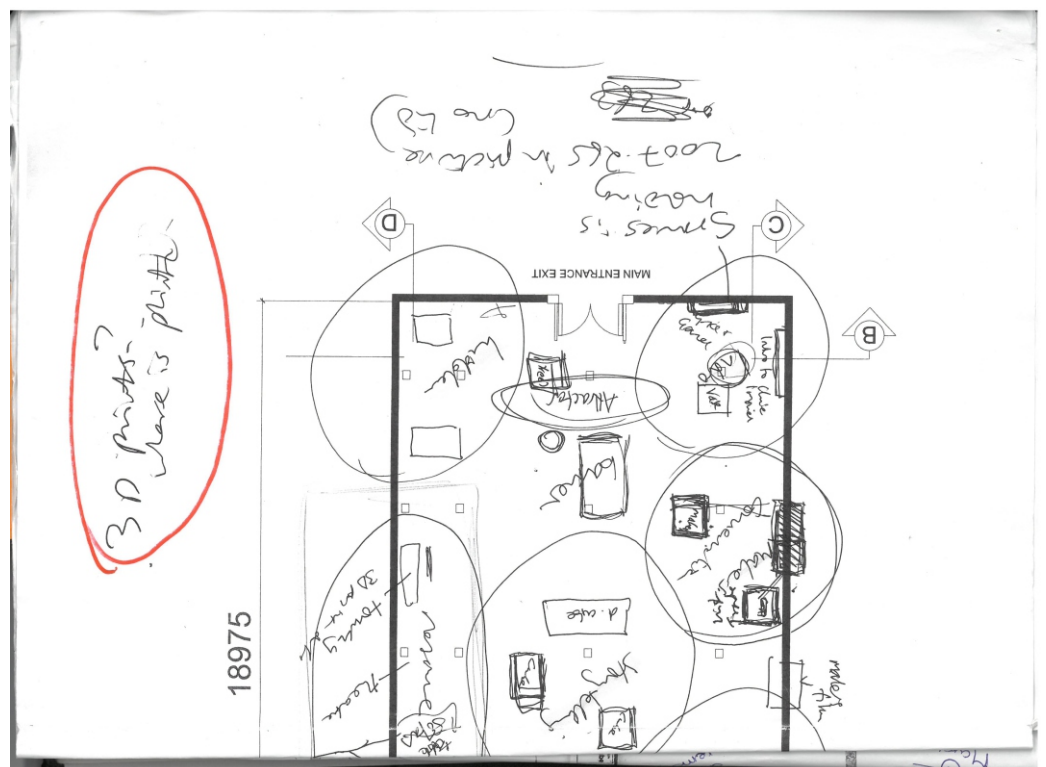
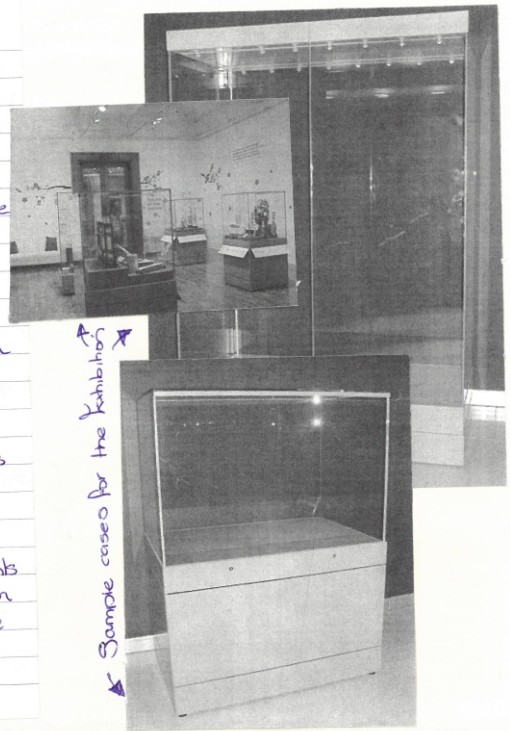
These example diary page explore my thoughts and ideas relating to the first exhibition concept conceived by Clare and I.

The first exhibition concept that came up with.

The exhibition design focused on the exhibition layout and the objects. The layout questions where the 3D plith could be, suggesting it would operate to the exhibition cases.

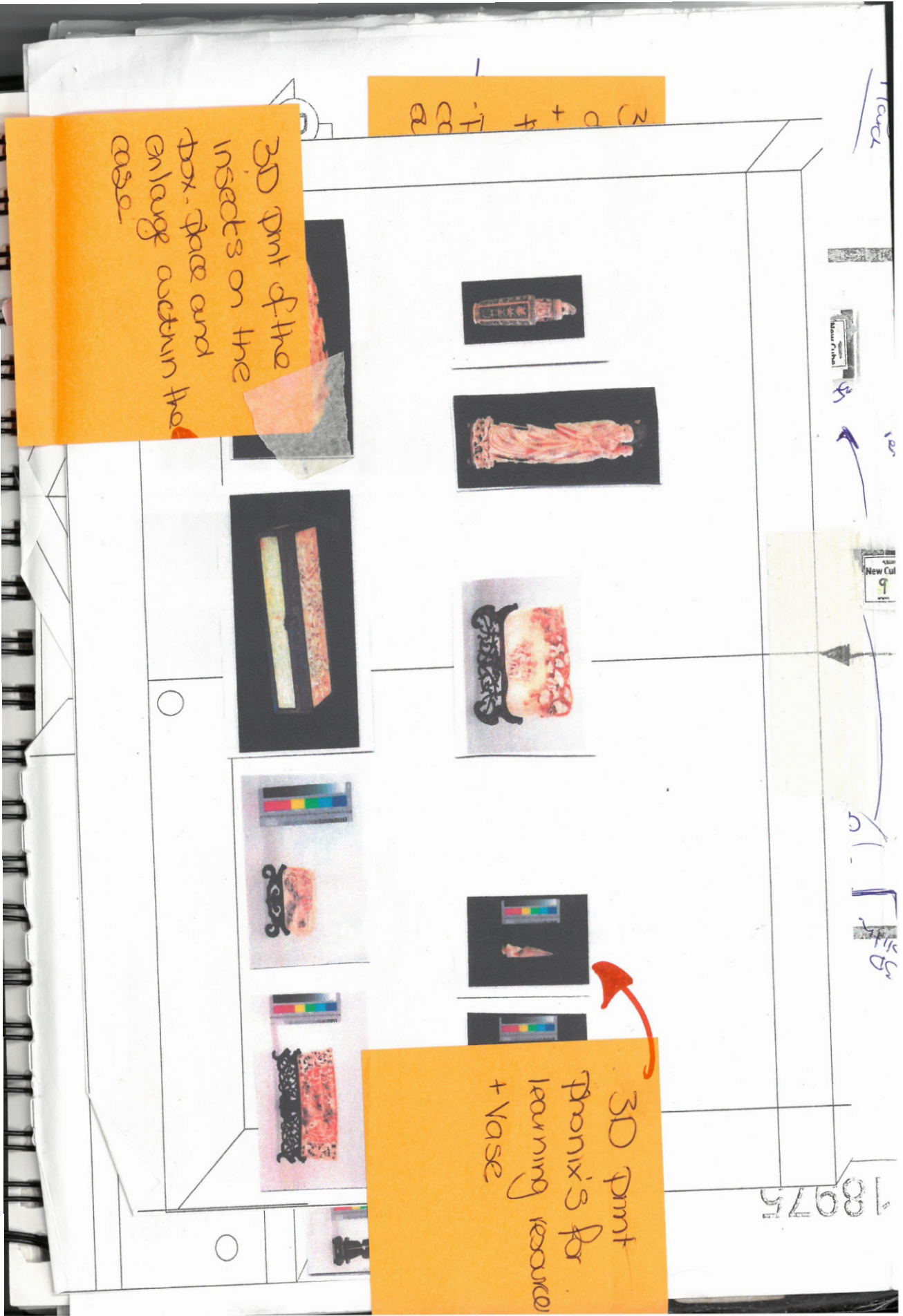
The exhibition has been created with a resource area which includes a 3D area. There no focus on the objects which are going to printed and theme is missing as well, in contrast to exhibition design which is thematic.

This suggests that the 3D elements are an offer through to the exhibition, are seen as a learning tool, the objects do not appear within the cases or as museum objects.



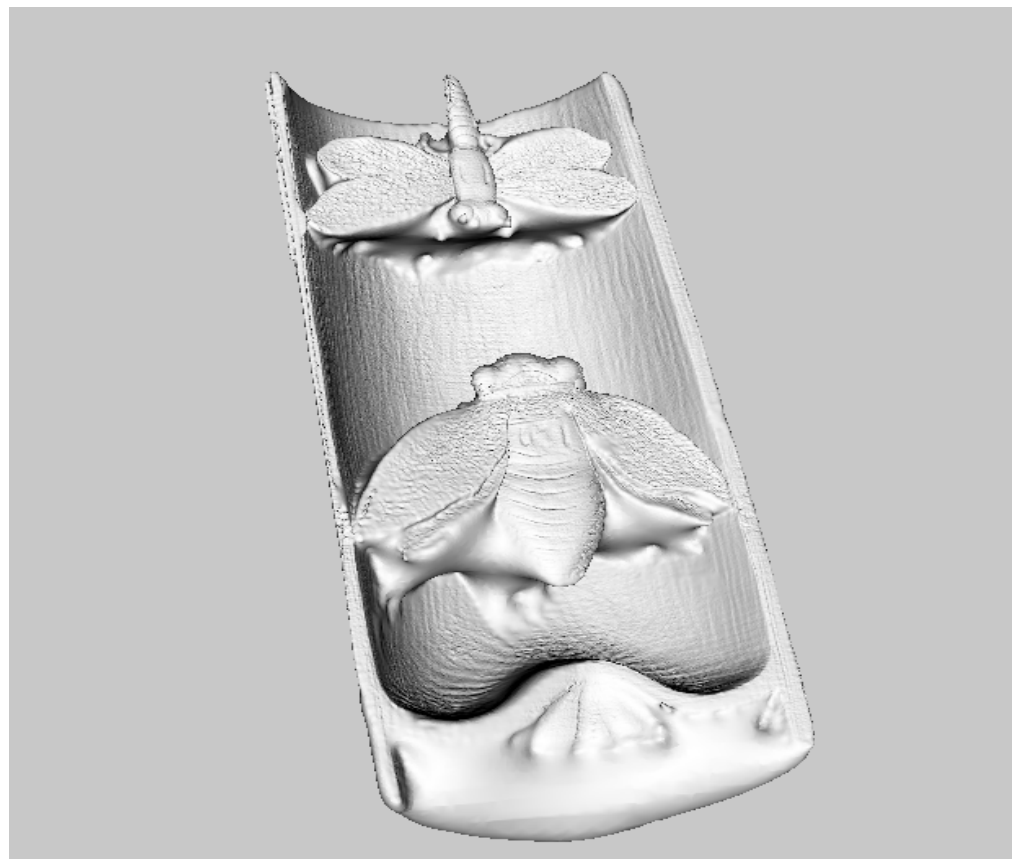






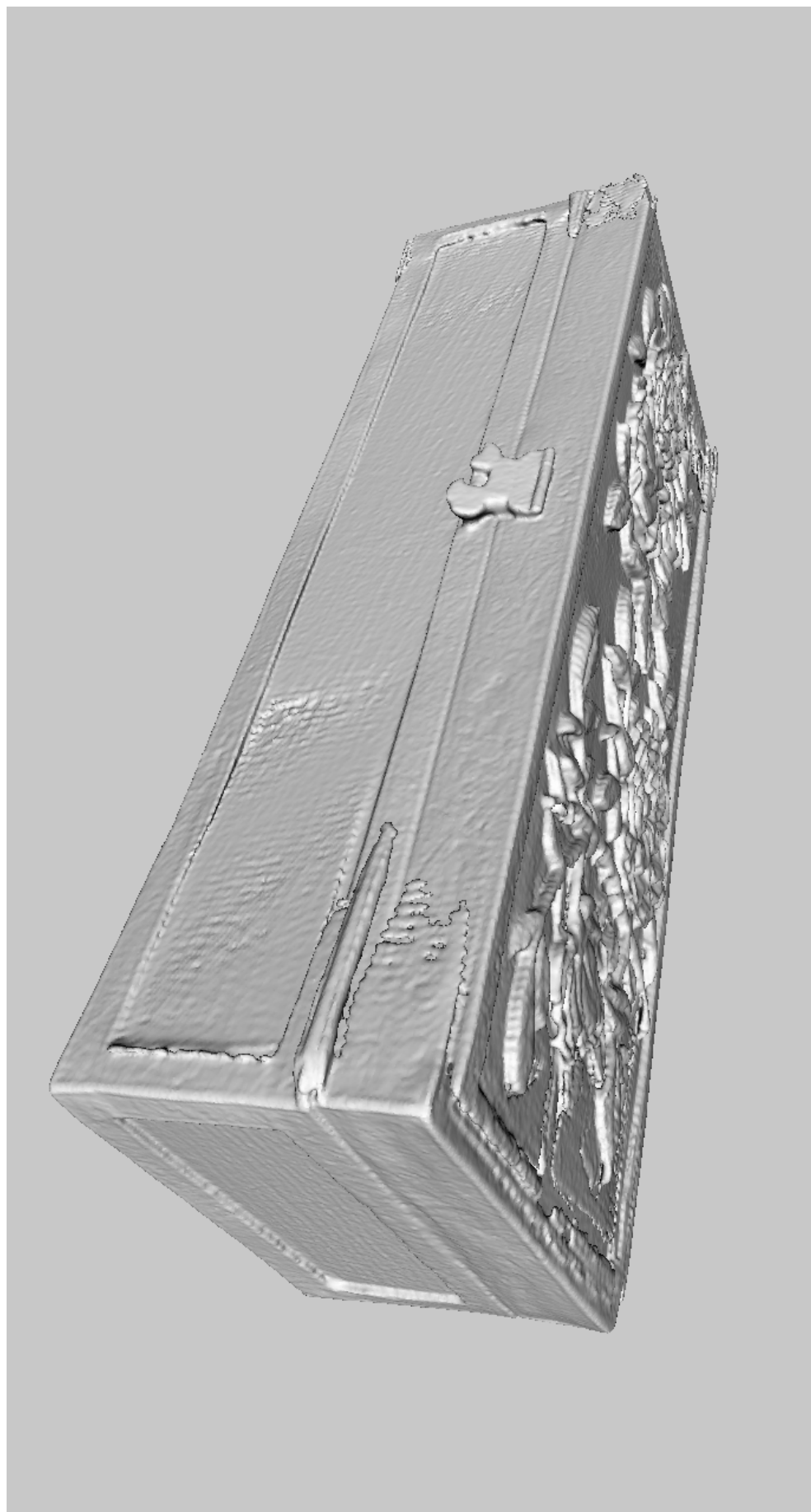
A photograph showing a failed 3D scan of an arm rest. The ivory arm rest had a concave surface at the base and carved insects with negative space underneath. The 3D scanner struggled to capture this negative space, as the concave geometry was greater than the scanners range. As a result bulbous geometry has been added by the software.

The texture has been removed from the failed 3D scan of the arm rest to show how inaccurate the added data is. Curators were concerned about this added data, resulting in the object not being included in the exhibition.





This 3D scan of an ivory and wooden box, is an example of how scan data has become layered creating additional geometry, as evidenced on the bottom left corner.



A photograph of the 3D scanned Handmaiden for the Royal Lady of the West. The original museum object is made from Ivory, wood, malachite, turquoise and coral.

The image below is of the original museum object.





A photograph of the 3D scanned Handmaiden for the Royal Lady of the West with full texture. When compared with the photograph of the actual museum object it is clear how much the scanning process changes the colour of the applied to the 3D scan. For curators at Museums Sheffield this was particularly an issue, they came to understand the limits of the technology and stated they would never place an 3DSP object in the gallery without interpretation.





→ To be easily mounted on a plinth. - underneath the original object

→ Text to explain the poem - in the Storytelling Gallery

→ To be enlarged.



He was a writer  
and his hands  
were 15 tools



could be  
a contemplative  
or restrictive  
pose

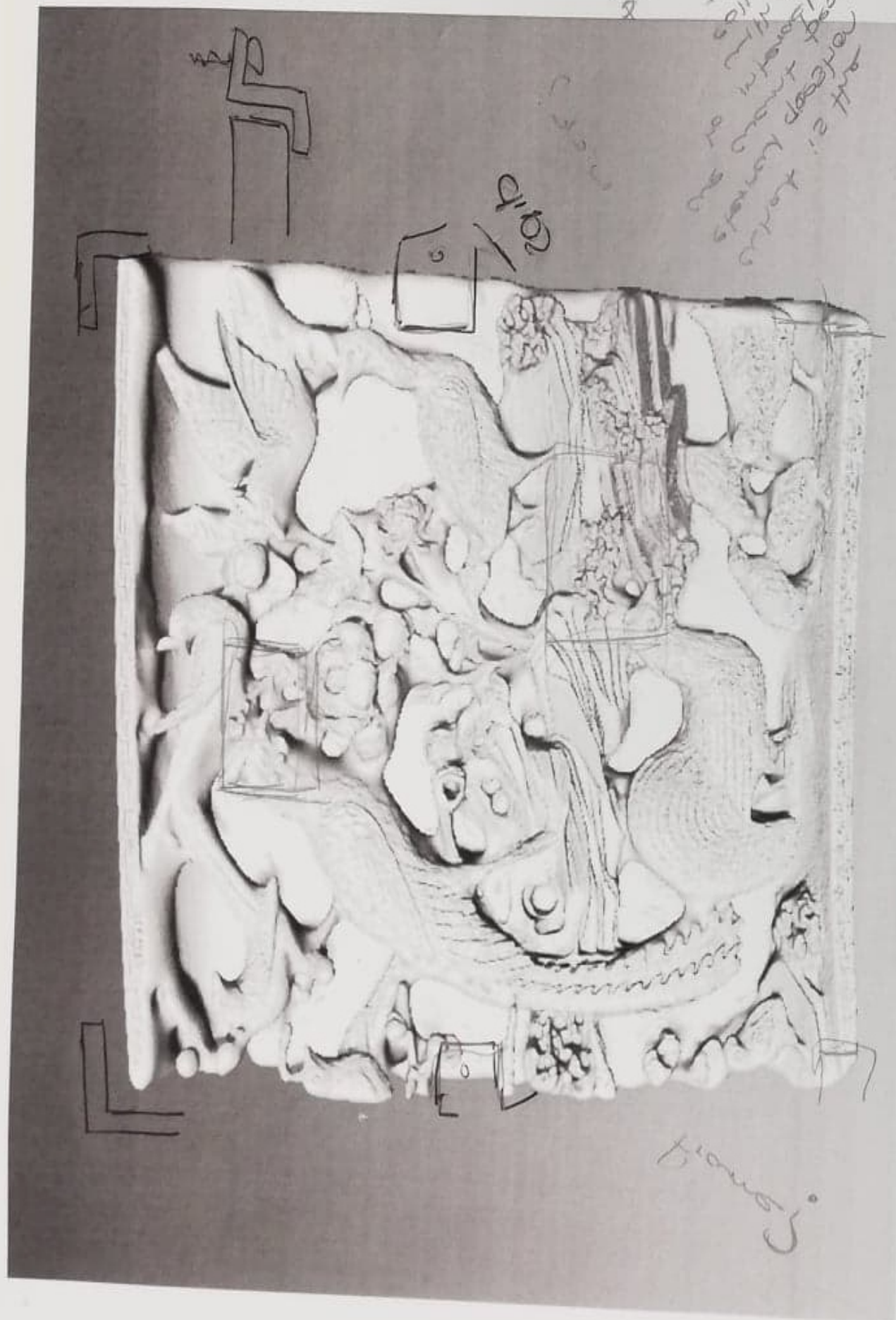
Hands of  
Lin Jia to  
be enlarged

To be display  
in the case

Enlarged.  
Shall be

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over was  
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He also  
had a  
troubled  
life



The collection of the 1000s of the 12th century is the best in the world

G. J. G.



as over  
the large  
body of the  
head as  
to be



→ knot  
of the winding  
the winding

→ work  
on a bench  
in the case  
→ to be completed

A photograph depicting an untextured 3D scan of a mother and child craved in Ivory. The object was scanned not because it had a significant or interesting story but because curators where interested in the level of detail the scanner could capture. The museums statue is intricately carved with folds of fabric and the detail even extends to the carved fingernails on the mothers hand.





A photograph depicting a textured 3D scan of the mother and child statue. Several attempts were made to manipulate the colour of the texture, but it was extremely difficult to reproduce an exact colour. Curators at Museums Sheffield wanted to have a reference object with accurate texture applied to the object. However, this was not the case when it came to displaying the 3D printed object in the gallery, as they could distinguish the museum and 3DSP object though interpretation labels.









The 3D scan on the right is another example of experimentation to see how much detail the scanner could capture and where detail would be lost. The scan revealed the delicate carved chain mail, fingernails and scale patterns on the figures robes but struggled to capture the complete geometry of the looping head dress, which during the fusion phase of processing, has resulted in the form of the head dress becoming bulbous.





A textured 3D scan of an ivory statue. The texture seems to hide some of the inaccurate data forms and in the case of a large texture file, the software has struggled to map correctly onto the object. All of these factors work on the curatorial perception when considering 3DSP in audience facing museum practices.

The image below is of the museum statue currently in the ivory collection at Museums Sheffield.



# Exhibition 3DP Panel

## A1 Foamex panel

Words: 151 - 140

### 3D printing the Grice Collection

As part of her research project at Sheffield Hallam University, PhD student Amelia Knowlson scanned and 3D printed objects from the Grice Collection.

The project explores the use and application of 3D printing, a technology new to museums, so its applications have yet to be fully realised. Working in collaboration with curators at Museums Sheffield, Amelia co-selected some objects, focussing on some of their intricate details. By exploring the meaning of individual elements of the ivories, <sup>she</sup> ~~she~~ hopes to gain a better understanding of the stories behind them. The project also aims to investigate how visitors feel about these 3D 'copies' and how museums could use them in their work.

Throughout the 'Stories from the East' exhibition you will see 3D printed fragments of objects alongside the originals. You are also invited to touch some copies of completed objects and **explore some of the scans on the screen to your right.**

This project is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and hosted by the Arts and Design Research Centre ~~as part of the Cultural Communication and Computing Research Institute at Sheffield Hallam University.~~

### Logos: Sheffield Hallam Uni

- Plans for the plinth.
- the curators were concerned about the security of the objects, how could we attach the objects.
- They didn't want to give them with a lifetime. They could only be one use.
- Attaching them on an extendable cord would probably lead to children hitting each other with the objects.
- Drilling them even a bolt could leave with a 5mm bolt sticking out.
- Print the Phoenix but suspend the the bird in the air using a wooden rod and bolt.



Potentia Pili design



8.5 cm

8.5 cm

Object interpretation

644 mm

?



# The Grice Ivories

11 March –  
9 July 2017













Please touch















4

5









This photograph was taken during the final installation of 'Stories from the East: The Grice Ivories'. It depicts a 3D printed section of the plaque, the whole plaque is displayed above it. The 3D printed section has been enlarged to allow audiences to read or observe the calligraphy.



A photograph depicting 3D printed and enlarged symbol of Buddhism. The symbol was 3D scanned and printed to allow audiences to observe the intricacies and story of the endless knot.





A photograph of Liu Ji's 3D printed hands. Liu Ji is an important figure in Chinese history, his poetry, storytelling and skills as a war general were famous across the dynasty. Yet despite this, he was falsely accused of treason and murdered, today he is known as a martyr. His hands were literally the tools of his trade and by 3D printing and upscale them by x2 we can show the importance of this otherwise unassuming feature.



A photograph of enlarged 3D printed insect and fish details which appear on the top of an ivory box.



# **The British Museum Residency**



A photograph of me 3D scanning the Cornell-Cael Bell cover with its curator Naomi. As she watches the captured data appear on the screen and comments on how its like watching and object being brought to life. Curators from both Museums Sheffield and The British Museum spoke of similar things as they watched or engaged with the 3DSP process.





Start

Will your object be displayed?

Y N

In a glass case?

Y N

What other objects will be in the case? Why?

As a handling object?

Y N

Is it part of a research project?

Y N

Experimentation?

Y N

Other?

How do you think 3D printing adds audiences and curators understanding of collections and objects?

Will the object have its own label? Why?

These diary pages are for your thoughts and questions about 3D printing

Day:

Start

Will your 3D scan be displayed?

Y N

In an exhibition?

Y N

Online?

Y N

Other?

How will your object be displayed? Why?

What platform will it be uploaded to?

Is it part of a research project?

Y N

Experimentation?

Y N

Other?



Photographs showing 'The Curators Box' before and after the residency.

Photographs of the 'The Curators Box' made for The British Museum Residency. 'The Curators Box' went through several iterations and designs before it was considered ready for the residency. The design of the box was based on museum boxes and draws found in the museum archive. Curators were allowed to add to, personalise and keep their box for the duration of the residency.

Each box related to a real life project at the museum and as a result the data recorded inside the box related to real-world circumstances, objects and questions curators had about introducing and using 3DSP with their practice.





Day: 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Today, I met Dan Flynn the X-ray specialist he took me to see his X-ray lab where they conduct CT and X-ray research on a range of objects in the museum. He was X-raying a Carian Stele tombstone and sculpture of ~~both~~ Hous that depicted both Egyptian and Greek imagery. The scientist who is working on the Polychrome encaustic within the sculpture. She (Domena Dyer) was really keen to 3D scan the objects using the laser because we could then overlay the image map she has of the original colour to create a digital model of the what the original would have looked like.

I spent the rest of the day in Dan's X-ray lab scanning Hous and the Carian Stele, we also decided to use photogrammetry as a comparison to the light scanning I was doing.

Dan taught me to operate his turn table which we placed both the Hous and Carian Stele on. The equipment he has is really cool and at the moment they are working on scanning X-raying solid metal objects to see how they have been constructed, it was amazing to see inside the Gayer Anderson Cat which on the outside look like its in perfect condition, but on the X-ray it has ~~be~~ consolidated and patched up multiple of times.



Day: 26 September 2017.

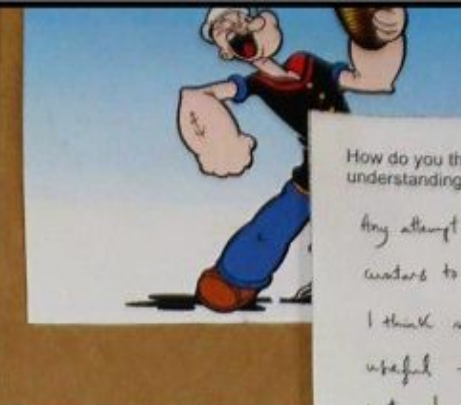
Today was predominantly a paperwork day. I spent the morning catching up with my curators and making sure they were feeling out their boxes. Julius one is amazing. I can't wait to see it officially.

In the afternoon I continued working on the scans and started to teach myself capture reality or high powered photogrammetry software. What the BM use quite a bit. Dan and Jen are not here today with Dan at a conference and Jen working from the rock art office.

In the ~~late~~ afternoon (late afternoon) I was joined by Polly Mully we were meant to 3D scan her abolitionist model for an upcoming touring exhibition, however after 3D scanning it using both the Artec and photogrammetry, Polly said that she was unsure that I could use the copyright. I tried to explain that it was part of my project but she said that the exhibition was funded externally and I had to sign over our copyright which is mental. It seems there is still some concern over who has copyright over 3D scans and images. I will need to talk to Dan about this when he comes back on Monday.



thought of being transfer of knowledge...  
 immediately thought of how much more useful it would be to print a 3D model...  
 3D models are clearly better for engagement and...  
 the idea of having a 3D model of the object is...  
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How do you think 3D printing adds to audiences and curators understanding of collections and objects?

Any attempt at ~~100%~~ replication helps audiences to access and understand the object. I think making 'authentic' replicas can be useful - but the expense/time involved is not always possible/desirable. 3D can provide exact results that can be shared/handled more freely. There is also the potential printing to produce more 'hybrid'-like objects that rework/spin-off the design/aesthetic.

This box belongs to  
Curator

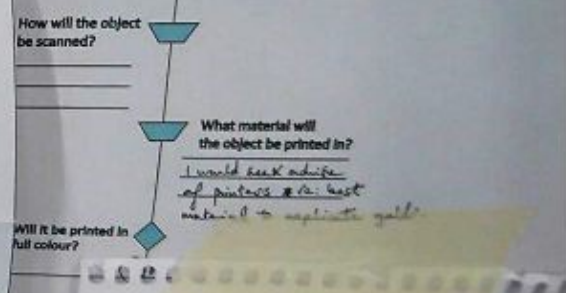
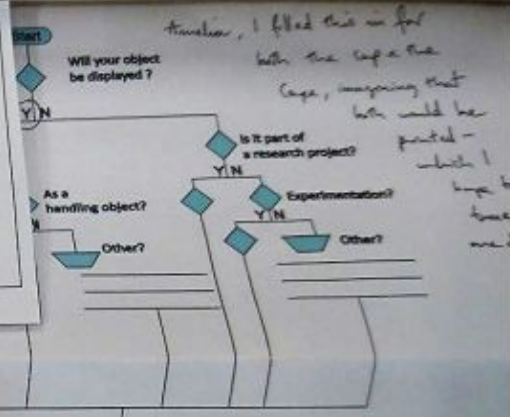
The curatorial process surrounding the 3D scanning of the Mold Gold Cape...  
 and manipulate the object in a way that is 'free-play'. The curator would want the object to have as much appeal on its own as it is integral to the object's appearance. This links to the authority and authenticity of the object.

**Metadata is important**  
 What metadata should we be collecting when it comes to 3D scanned and printed objects?

Please list metadata categories which you think are key to describing and replicating the 3D scanning and printing process

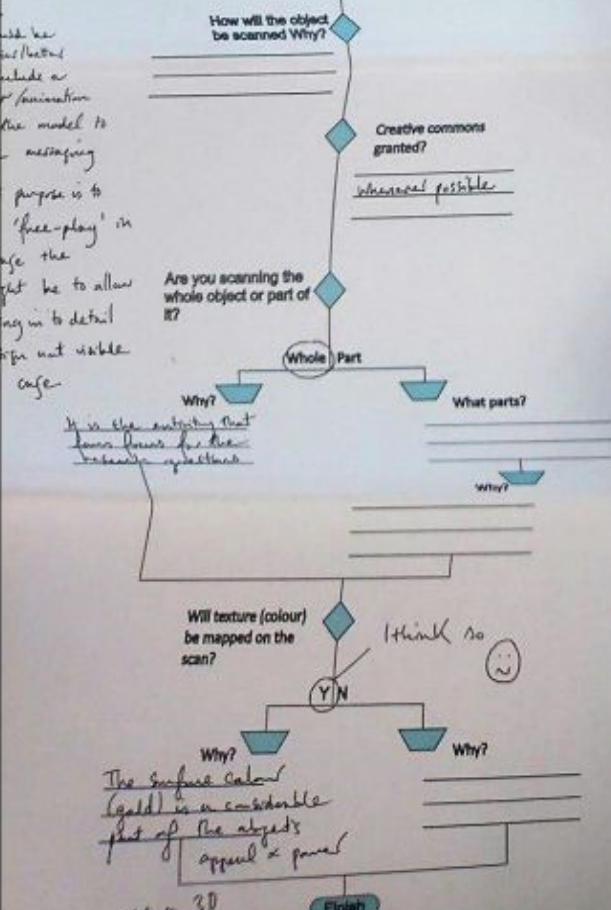
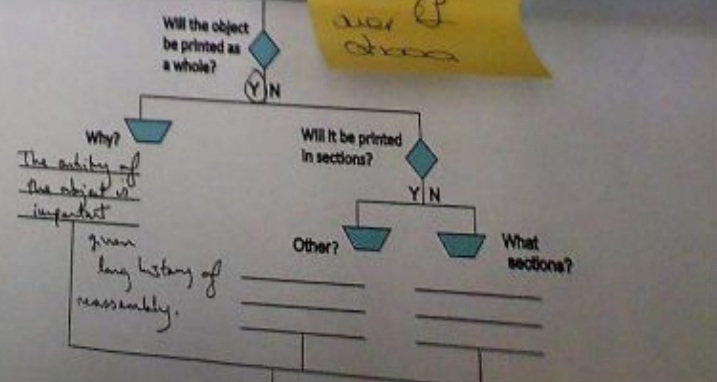
- For example:
- Scanning Settings
  - scanning method
  - texture brightness
  - sensitivity
  - measurements

- Scanning Settings
- ~~100%~~ Scanned used (model etc)
- Conditions (time/hour long date person doing the scan time with the object)
- Rights and permissions
- Descriptive metadata (incl. measurements and materials for which object is made and whether any part of the object has been restored)



The curatorial process surrounding the 3D printing of the Mold Gold Cape and the Binger Cup is on that process on audience engagement and handling, however the object being such a large object, it is scaled down. Although this might be a form of presentation as audience will not be able to try it on!

**Casting**  
over other







WHAT ARE  
THE BASSE-YUTZ  
FLAGONS?



These diary pages are for your thoughts musings, experiences, questions about 3D scanning and printing.

Day: 1/11/17 AN UPDATE

So, many things have happened. First and most importantly, we now know the French colleagues in Marseille are keen to use images of the flagons in a museum context is great news.

However, this opens up a can of worms... I am aware of some of the same, Pantheon museum copyright, IP... etc.

At first, I thought we might just do it as 'digital loan'. I know that digital is not the same as the real thing, but it's a start.

The curatorial decision surrounding the flagons (3D printed) was one of sharing objects across borders, making a journey that the museum visitors could not. They are intended to be displayed at the French museum as a museum object but with the interpretation stating they are replicas, consequently preserving the originals authority even when they are not present.

In a glass case?  
What other objects will be in the case? Why?  
How will the object be scanned?  
Will the object have its own label? Why?  
How will the object be scanned?  
Will the object be scanned in full colour?  
Will it be printed in a similar colour to the original?  
What colours? Why?  
Will it be printed in white?  
What colour? Why?

The curatorial decision for 3D printing the flagons, and the question as to whether the flagons are currently sensitive. (Repatriation) This project aimed to replicate the flagons for the French museum so the color and entirety of the flagons are important, in order to retain their cultural significance.

How will the object be scanned? Why?

Will interpretation be provided? Why?

How will the object be scanned? Why?  
In the case or museum gallery as very fragile.

Creative commons granted? A tricky one. I'd like to say yes, but it may not be possible because of the object (which is French).

Are you scanning the whole object or part of it?

Whole Part  
Why? What parts? Why?

Will texture (colour) be mapped on the scan?

Why? Why?  
This is an essential element of the design - colour interplay between the metal & enamel inlays.

The flagons can be printed in resin as they can be difficult to scan cast. Speaking to Scanthink3D they can cast 1000 each but as Julia mentioned they will be additional costs to do with lensing. The work will involve collaborations with local organisations. Objects will not be scaled as close a representation as possible but I have to bear in mind the object is an exact replica and it challenges

Use of representation

What sections?



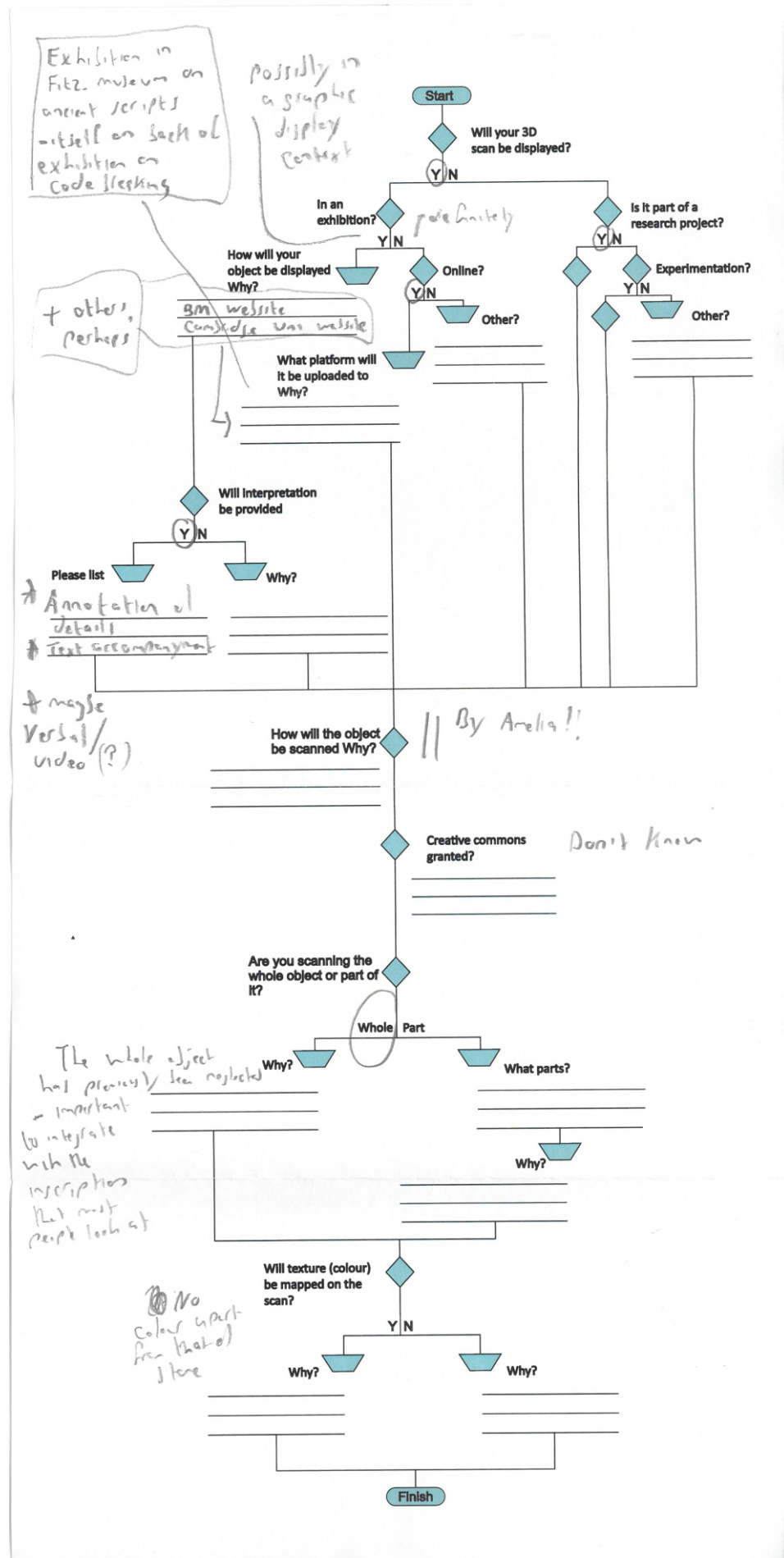


Alexandra used tracing paper to add additional comments to her intervention. Highlighting there is more than one way to curate 3DSP objects. Her flow chart relates to the curation of 2 3D printed drinking vessels destined for an exhibition in Harvard.

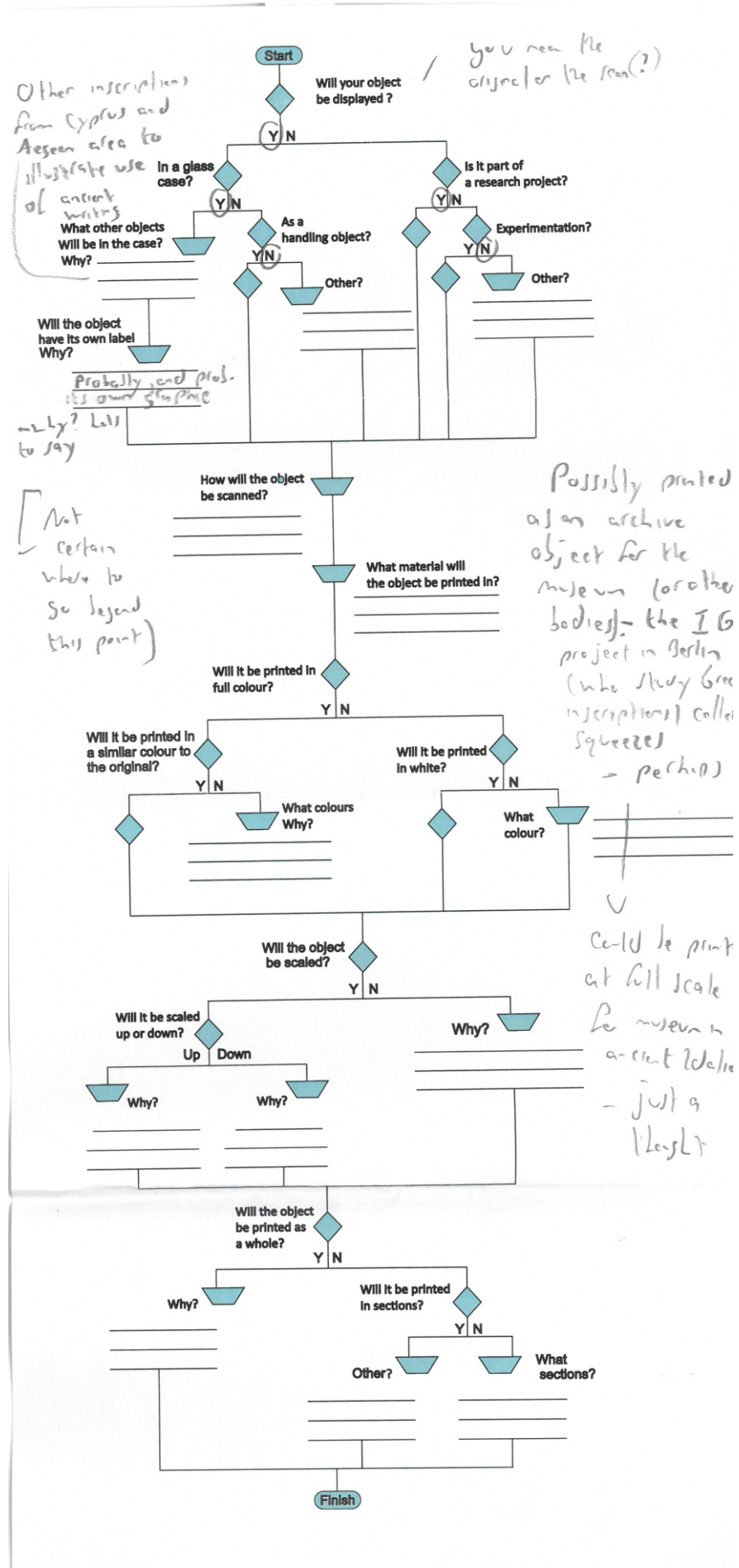




Thomas's curatorial flow chart includes references to the other museum interpretation strategies. His comments also allude to uncertainties over creative commons and the need to print the entirety of the object

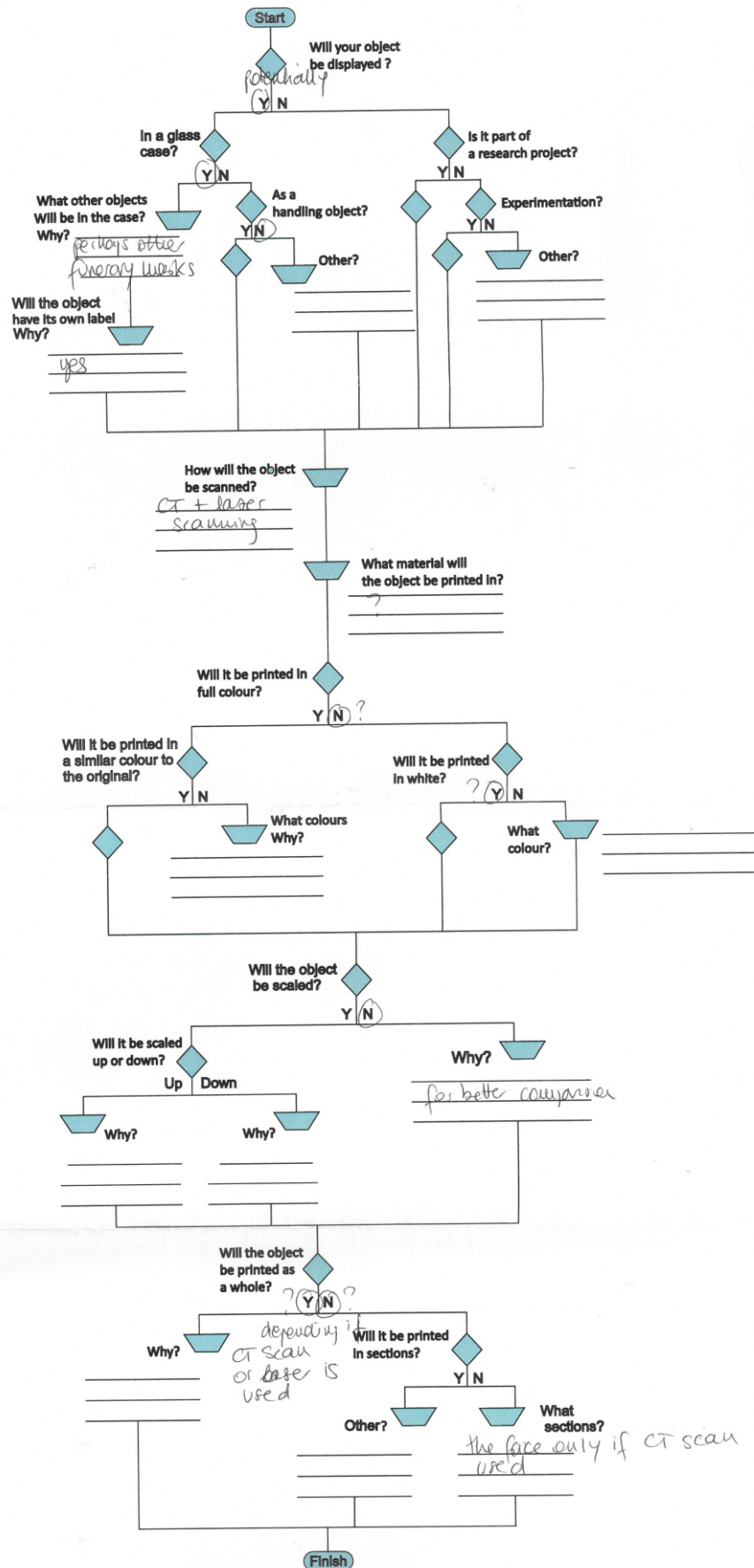


The curatorial flow charts relating to the 3D print revealed perceived relationships between 3DSP artefacts and museum objects.





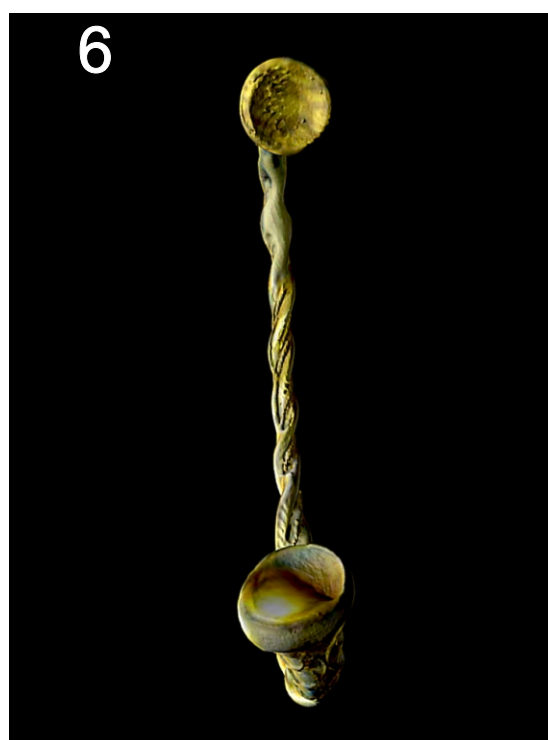
The curatorial flow chart interventions also show the how curators question the processes of curating with 3DSP. The flow chart interventions on the right contains question marks, which show how curators can be unsure of some of the 3DSP processes especially given the novelty of the technology.



A collection of 3D scans completed during The British Museum Residency. Scans 4,7 and 9 are of the metopes and Parthenon friezes scanned to help and support the Greek team in the their own scanning project.

Scan 6 is a treasures find and had not yet been accessioned into the collection. It was 3D scanned to help scientists examine the twist work.

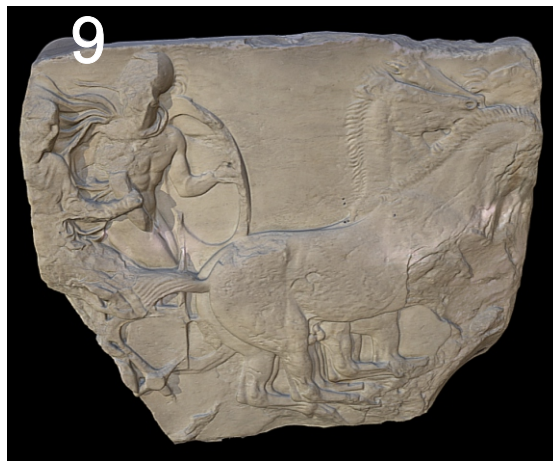
The 3D scans displayed here represent the breadth of the objects scanned from The British Museum. The research conducted and scans produced span several sub-collections, curatorial departments.





Scan 8 is one of seven scans produced as part of a joint project with The British Museum and The Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A). The project sought to develop a digital resource for curators at The British Museum and The V&A Museum as the collection of 7 objects is split across the two museums.

Scan 12 is of the Votive Offering, a stone inscribed with several historical languages. The object was 3D scanned because its curator was interested in exploring multi-layered interpretation using the 3D visualisation platform SketchFab.



An image of the 3D scanned Gayer-Anderson Cat. This project used both CT, X-ray and laser scans to explore the production of the cat as both as 1<sup>st</sup> century BC object and a 1930s object due to its extensive repair during this period. The multiple scans were layered to provide a complete CT type scan including texture.





The 3D scan of the Gayer-Anderson cat on the left is how the colour came out on the first try. Its hue makes the cat appear as if it is made of a copper-based material rather than bronze and its vastly different to the original cat seen below. The cat on the left has a more accurate colour and was achieved by manipulating the hues, saturation and contrasts of the base, middle and highlight tones on the texture map.











Basse-Yutz  
Flagons  
project sought  
to recreate  
accurate 3D  
replicas for the  
Moselle  
Museum. The  
project is tied  
to discussions  
round  
authenticity  
and authority  
as currently  
the museum is  
debating how  
these 'loans'  
will be  
managed and  
who will have  
access to the  
physical and  
digital objects.

Capturing  
accurate  
geometry was  
extremely  
important for  
this project as  
any 'false data'  
would appear  
in the 3D  
print. The  
extra data  
appearing on  
the flagons  
stem and base  
had to be re-  
scanned and  
digitally  
removed or  
fixed.

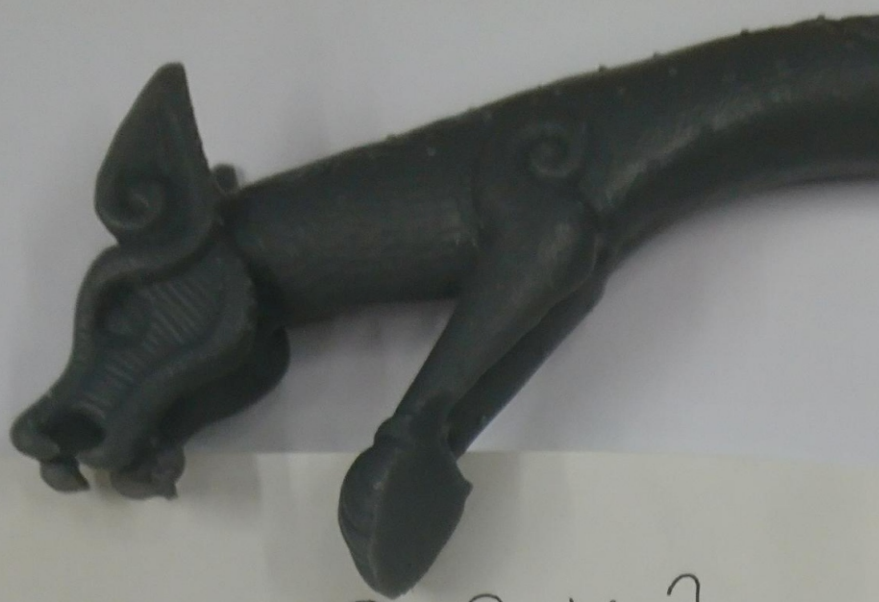




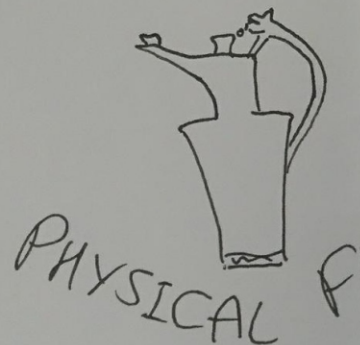
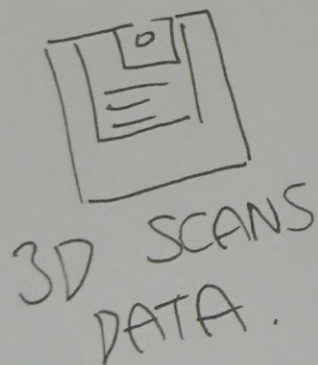
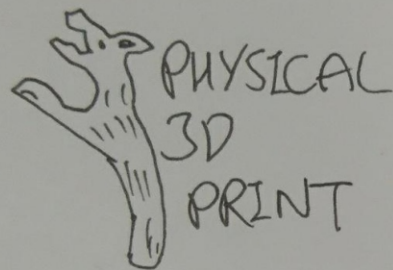
The completed 3D scan of the Basse-Yurtz Flagon. The yellow shapes appearing on the stem and spout are inlaid coral and the only thing keeping them in place is pressure. The delicacy of the object is one of the main reasons why loan requests for the object are denied.

The image below is a photograph of the actual museum object.





Where does OWNERSHIP lie?



LOCAL/  
CULTURAL  
IMPORTANCE

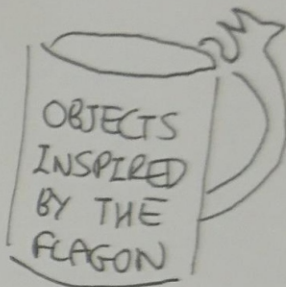
CURATORIAL  
KNOWLEDGE

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Do many 'versions' dilute uniqueness?  
of the 'original'?

IDEA OF  
THE FLAGON



IMAGES OF  
THE FLAGON

TECHNICAL  
IMAGING/PHOTOGRAPHY  
EXPERTISE

INSTITUTIONAL  
'OWNERSHIP' OF  
ORIGINAL

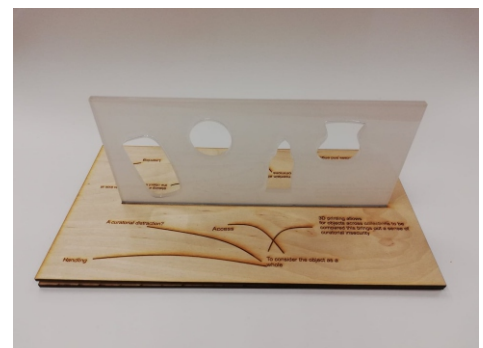
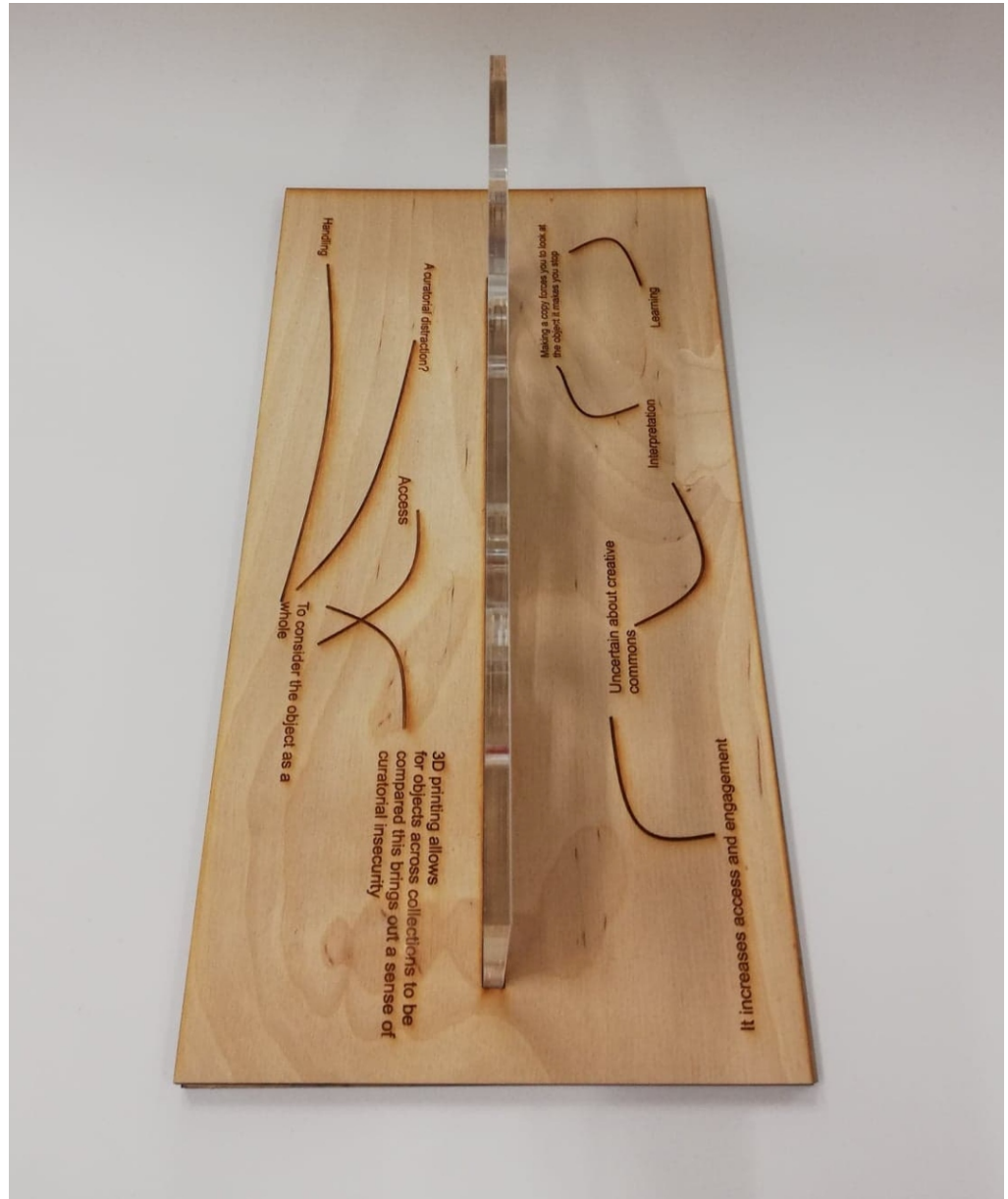
Where does authority lie?







These images represent the design phase of the exhibition 'An Object in Transition'. I was interested in exploring how 3DSP moved through the museum space, their changing meaning and perceived value. I was keen to play with the idea of space, so I could explore, question and bring new ideas to the surface. For me the process of designing and staging the exhibition was part of my research process. I was able to draw upon my curatorial background as well as play with the concept of museum curation.





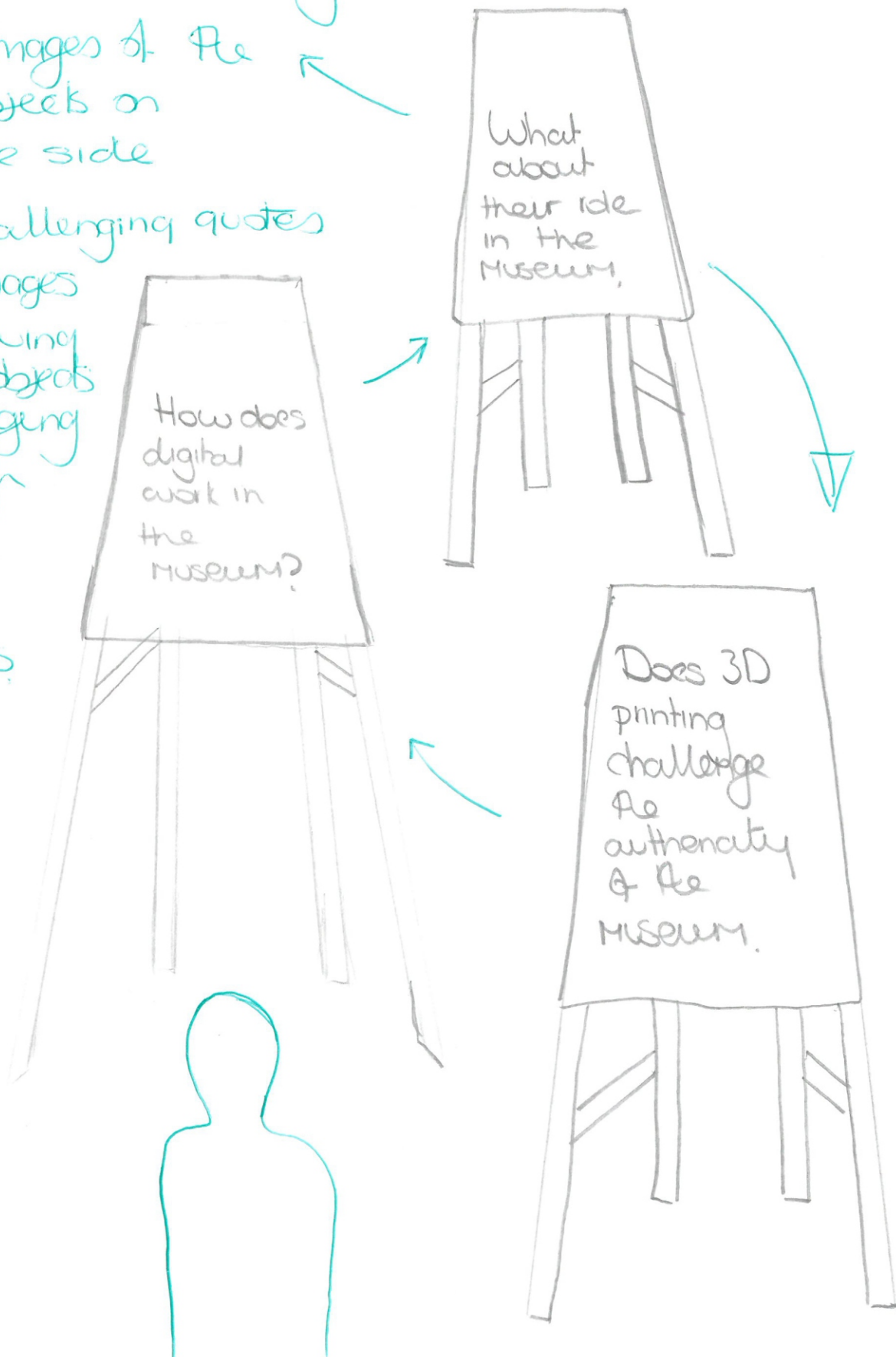


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# A work in progress for Exhibition


- A row or columns of A Frames for audiences to wonder through.
- Images of the objects on one side
- Challenging quotes
- Images showing the objects changing through the 3DSP process.





The image on the left is a work in progress design for 'An Object in Transition'. I used these rough designs to explore space, layout and movement. Here I am interested in how audiences will move between the depictions of the 3D prints and quotes.

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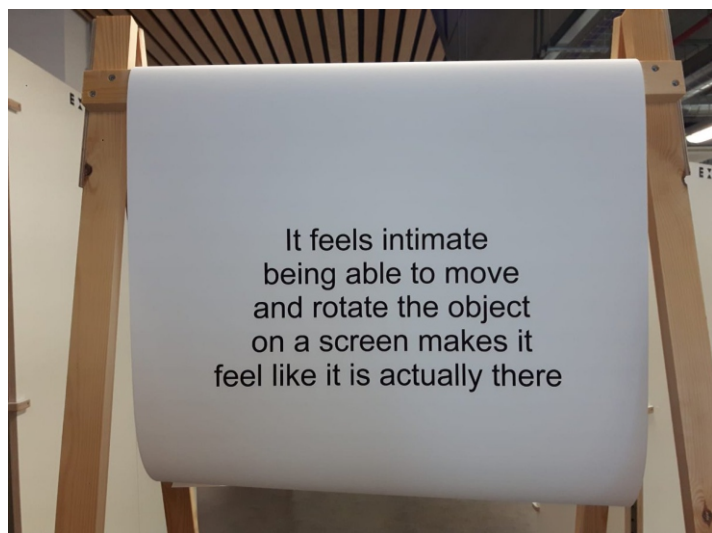
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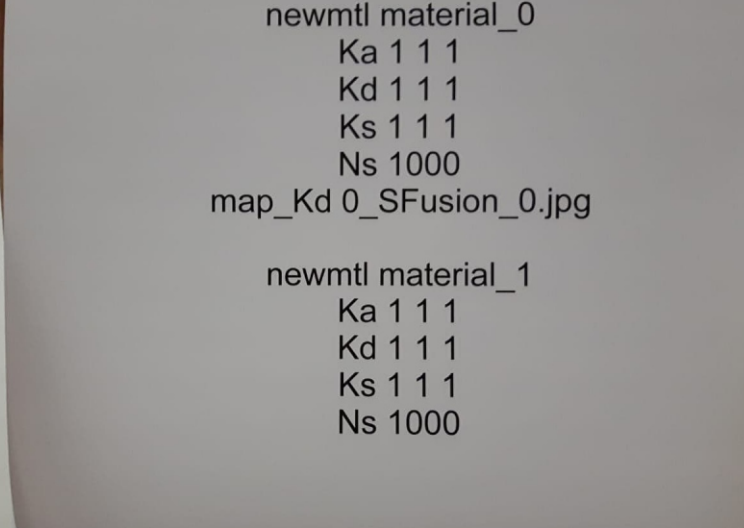
Photographs from 'An Object in Transition' an exhibition devised to examine how the 3DSP process changes museum objects both perceptually and physically. The exhibition made the 3DSP process visible and visualised each stage of the 3DSP process and posited each process as a museum object alongside quotes from curators. The exhibition sought to challenge people to think about what could be a museum object and how technology changes our understanding of this concept.



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The quotes listed on the right are a small sample of the quotes used in the exhibition.

The curators quotes were used as a means of prompting both myself and audiences to think critically and reflect upon the how 3DSP museum objects impact on our understanding of the 'museum object'.

The quotes I chose represented political, linguistic, social, and philosophical questions raised by curators.

3D is a form of free play that breaks the linear nature of the museum

We don't have any problem with saying a photocopy... so like 3D printer copy? I wonder if language has to catch up?

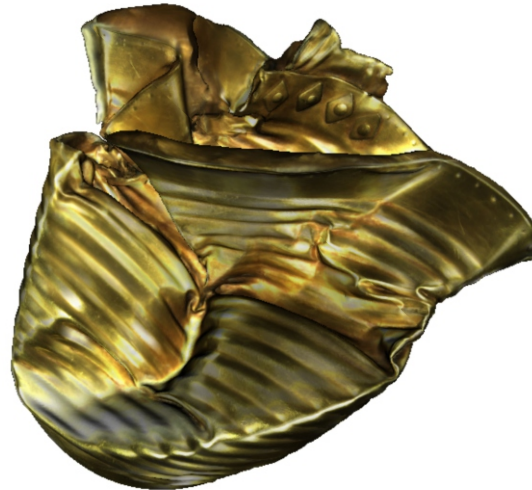
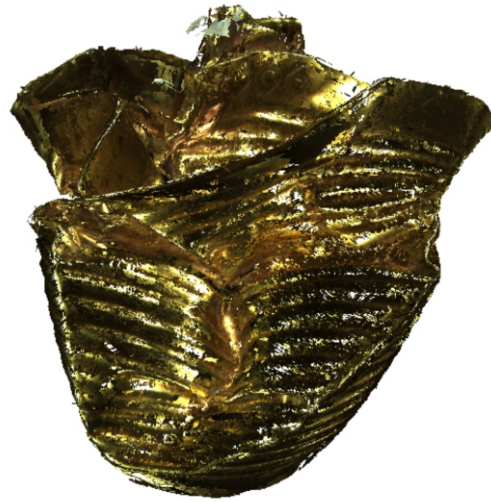
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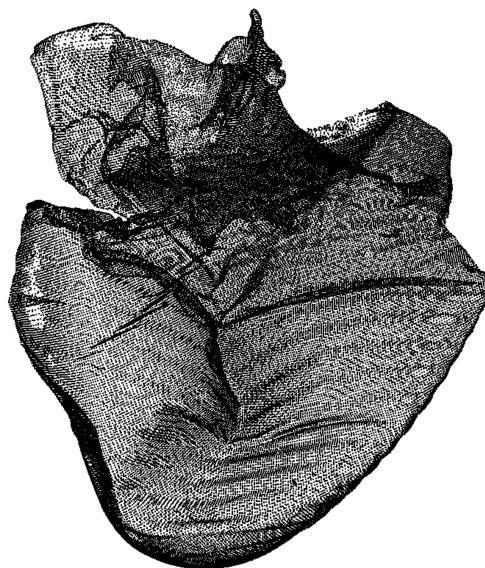




The aim of visualising each stage of the 3DSP process was to see the changes these objects go through and explore the impact this has on our understanding of museum objects. Here I am employing curation as a research method, visually reinterpreting data in order to tell and explore a story in more detail.



The separation and staging of each 3DSP process positioned these data forms as objects in their own right. It caused audiences and myself to think critically about what museum objects can be, as well the impact these new 'museological objects' have on the museum.





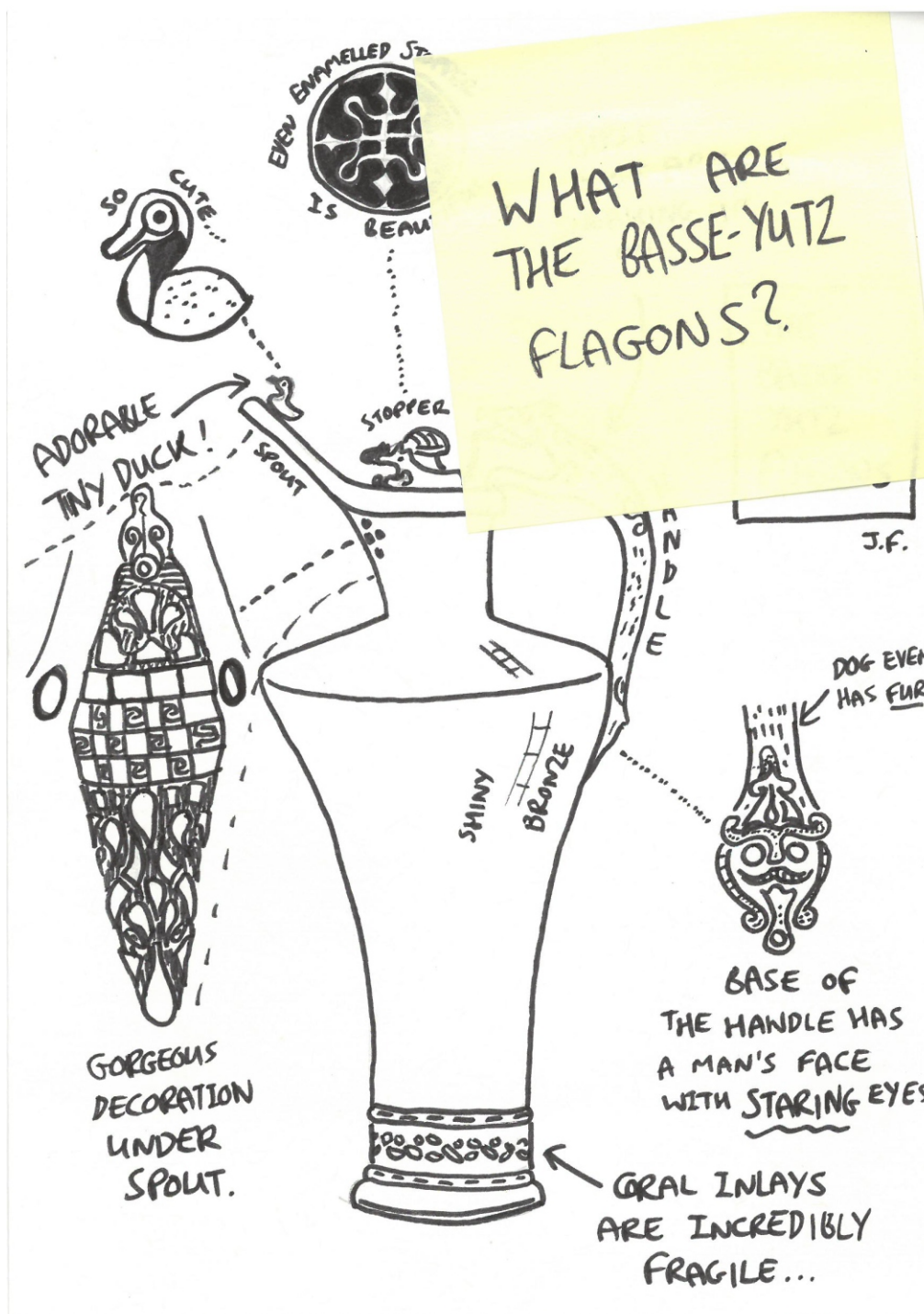
The exhibition 'Object in Transition' allowed me to explore complex questions relating to my research.

I remember walking through the exhibition asking questions about data, version control, and reproducibility to myself. In essence curating the exhibition allow me to examine the impact 3DSP has the curatorial role, while the actual exhibition served as a sounding board for me to ponder, discuss and question new ideas.



These images represent some of the drawings and extra information added by curators to 'The Curators Box.

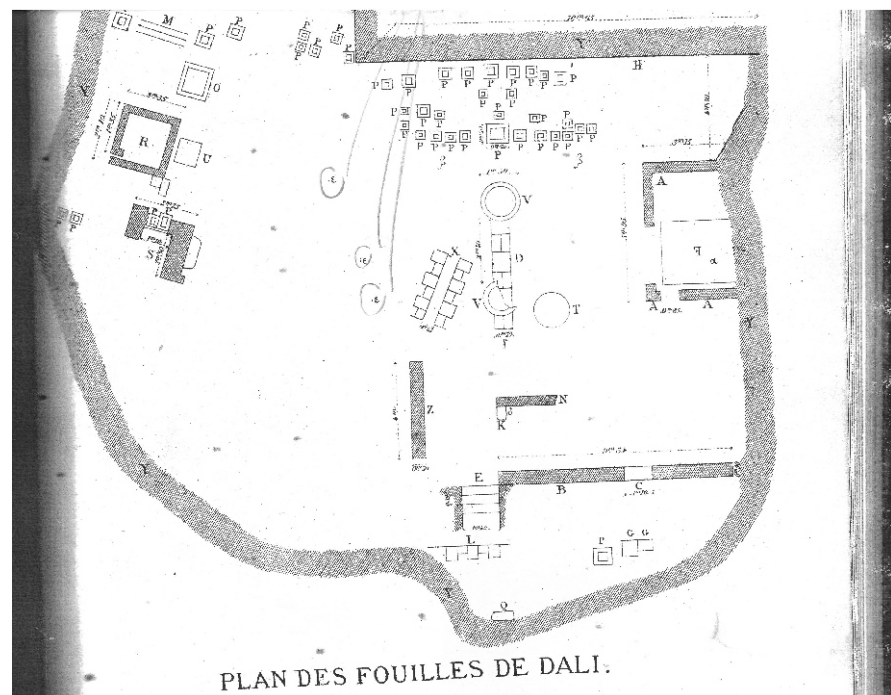
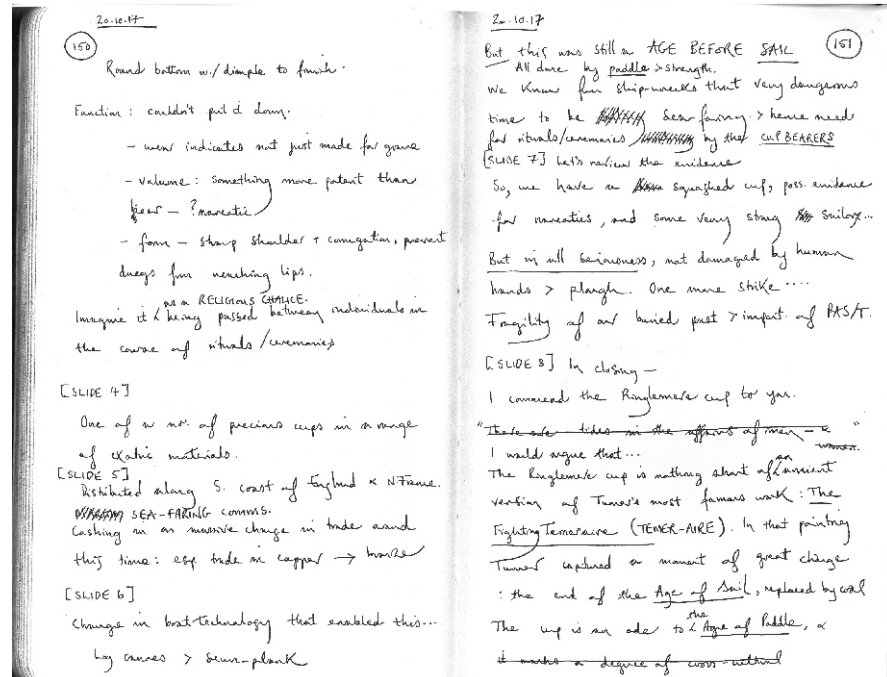
Julia created a number of drawings, including one where she illustrates what the Basse-Yurtz Flagons are. Her drawings are not just factual but show how much she admires these objects.





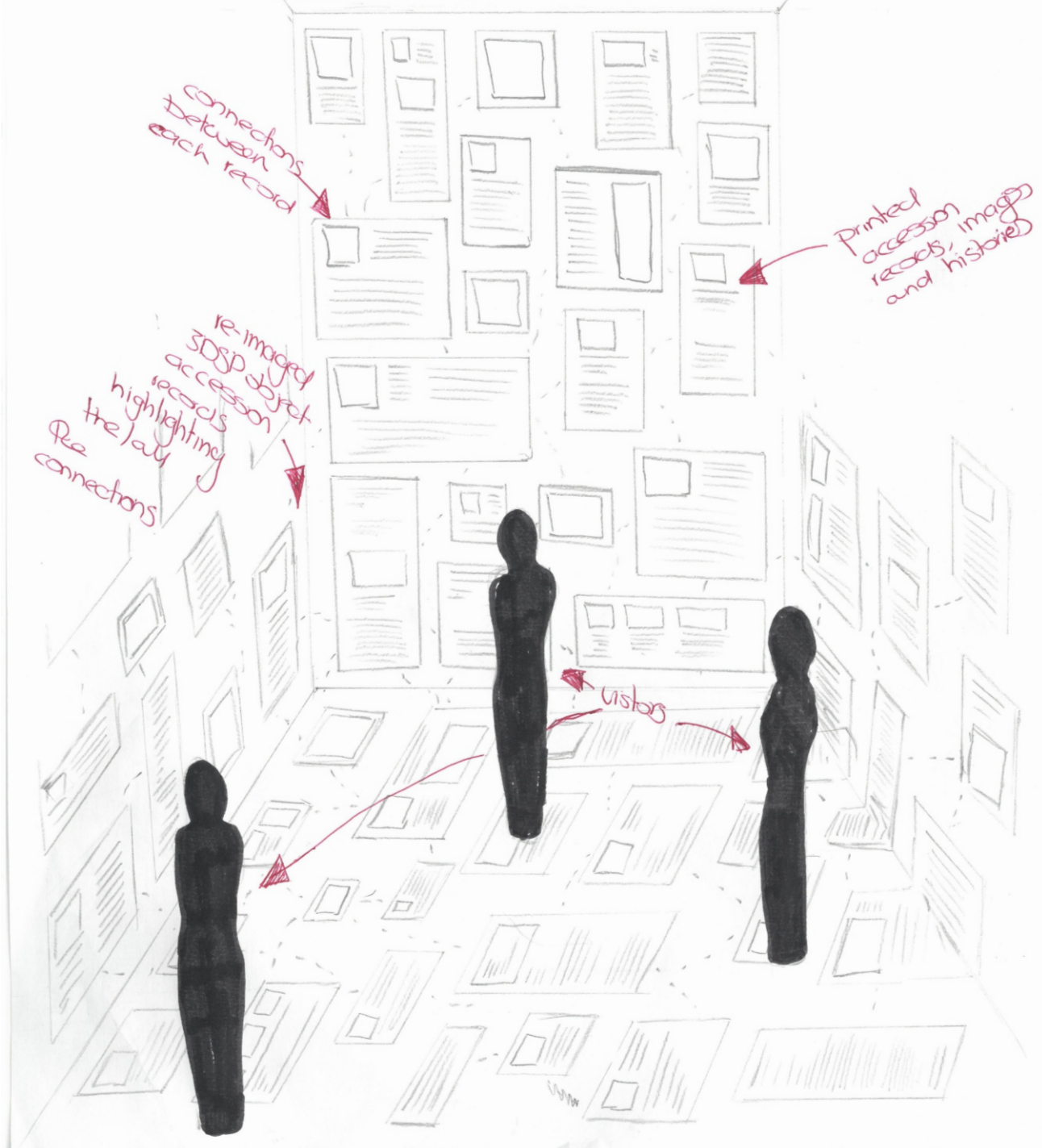
Neil photocopied and added his own notes and reflections to his 'Curators Box'. The addition of this type of information reveals new insights to not only how to work with 3DSP but also the associated information for documenting 3DSP objects.

Thomas was keen to explore how 3DSP could help to reveal the polysemy of the Votive Offering and added maps, translations and inscriptions to his 'Curators Box' to show the kind of information he wished to add to the interpretation points on the 3D scan of the Votive Offering.



Inside the Museum collection, the space will allow visitors to see the complexity that exists ~~that~~ within the collection database, and reveal the polysemy ~~that~~ of objects that 3DSP interpretation revealed and attempted to expere.

Visitors will be able to enter the space and see new object connections that would traditionally be ignored by CMS. The aim is to reveal the complexity of 3DSP objects, and their position in the Museum. While challenging the traditionally collecting and cataloguing practices of the Museum.





Plan separate areas in which show how 3DSP is different in each museum departments

- Audiences can walk round move objects and create their own museum

The form of the installation is designed to break the linearisation of the museum combining space as the research shows 3DSP has the potential to...

3DSP objects can be placed here forming a collection archive

curator's maps from MS

Audiences will be invited to enter the space and move objects between the two spaces disrupting the collection and creating their own form of curatorial

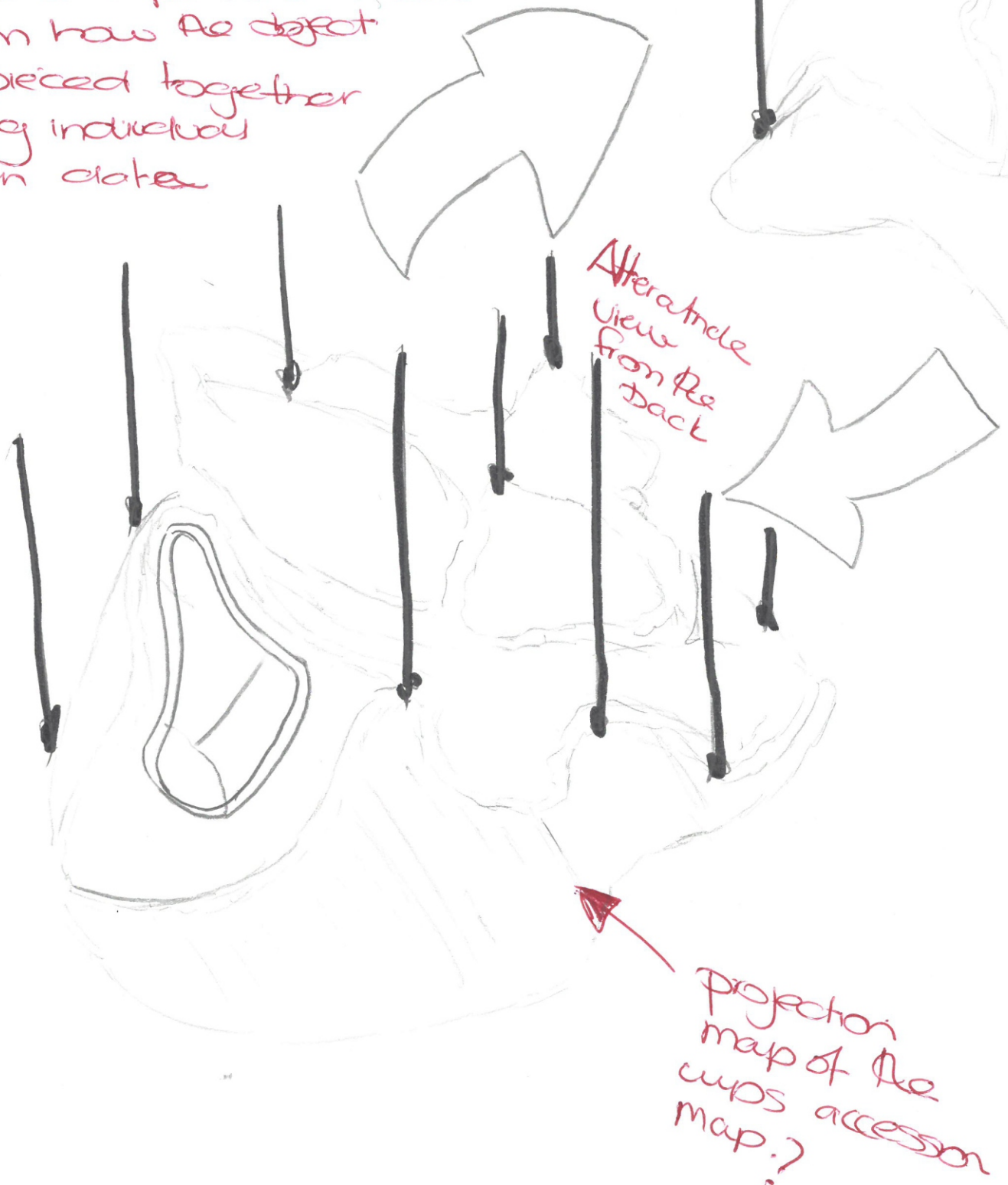
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Steps involving visitors into the space to play

curators quotes that explore the transitional spaces between collection and curators

Broken apart object (Ringlemere cup used as an example) with museum information, interpretation and accession records showing the transition of 3DSP and its role.

The shape are taken from how the object is pieced together using individual scan data



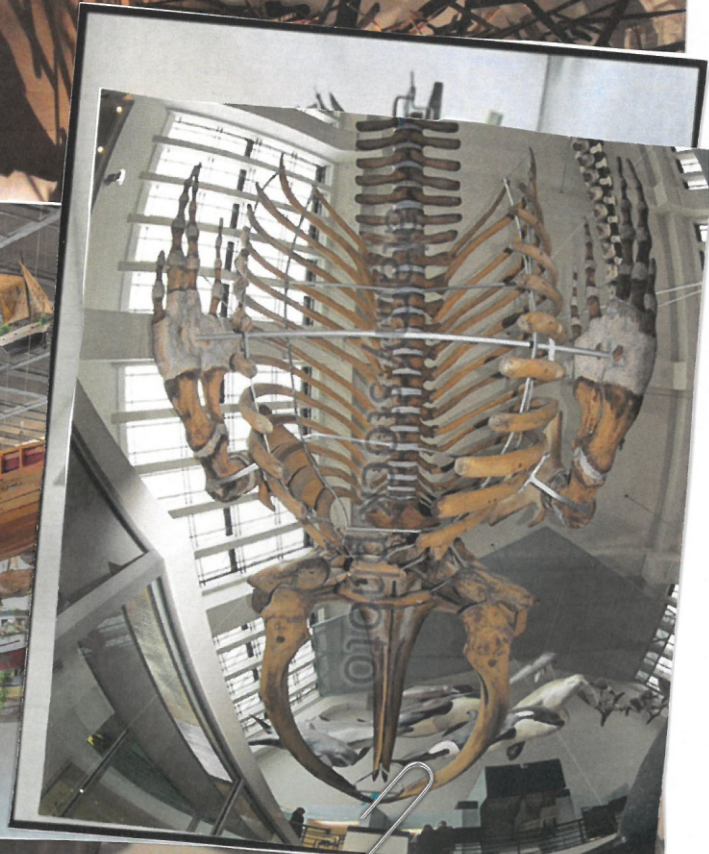


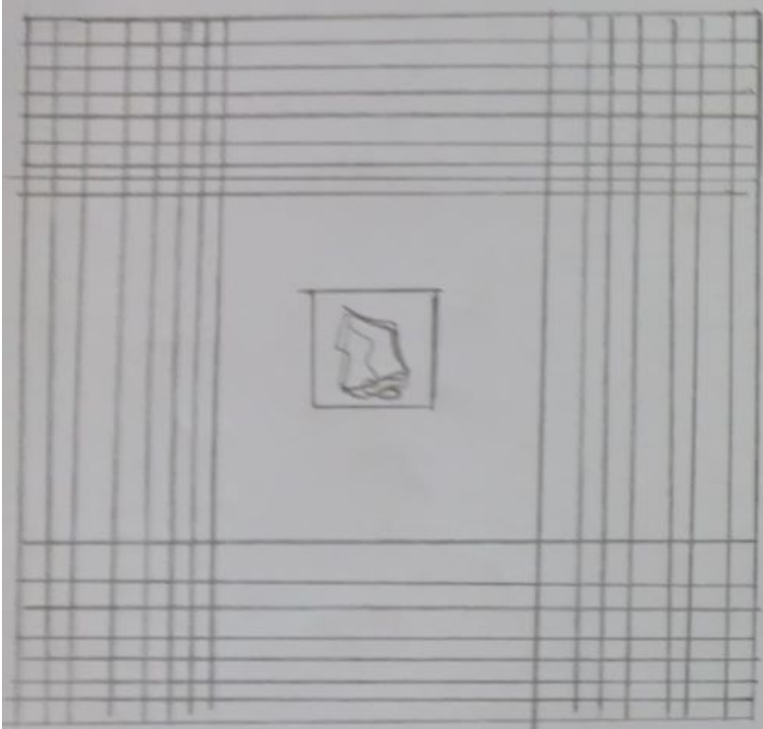


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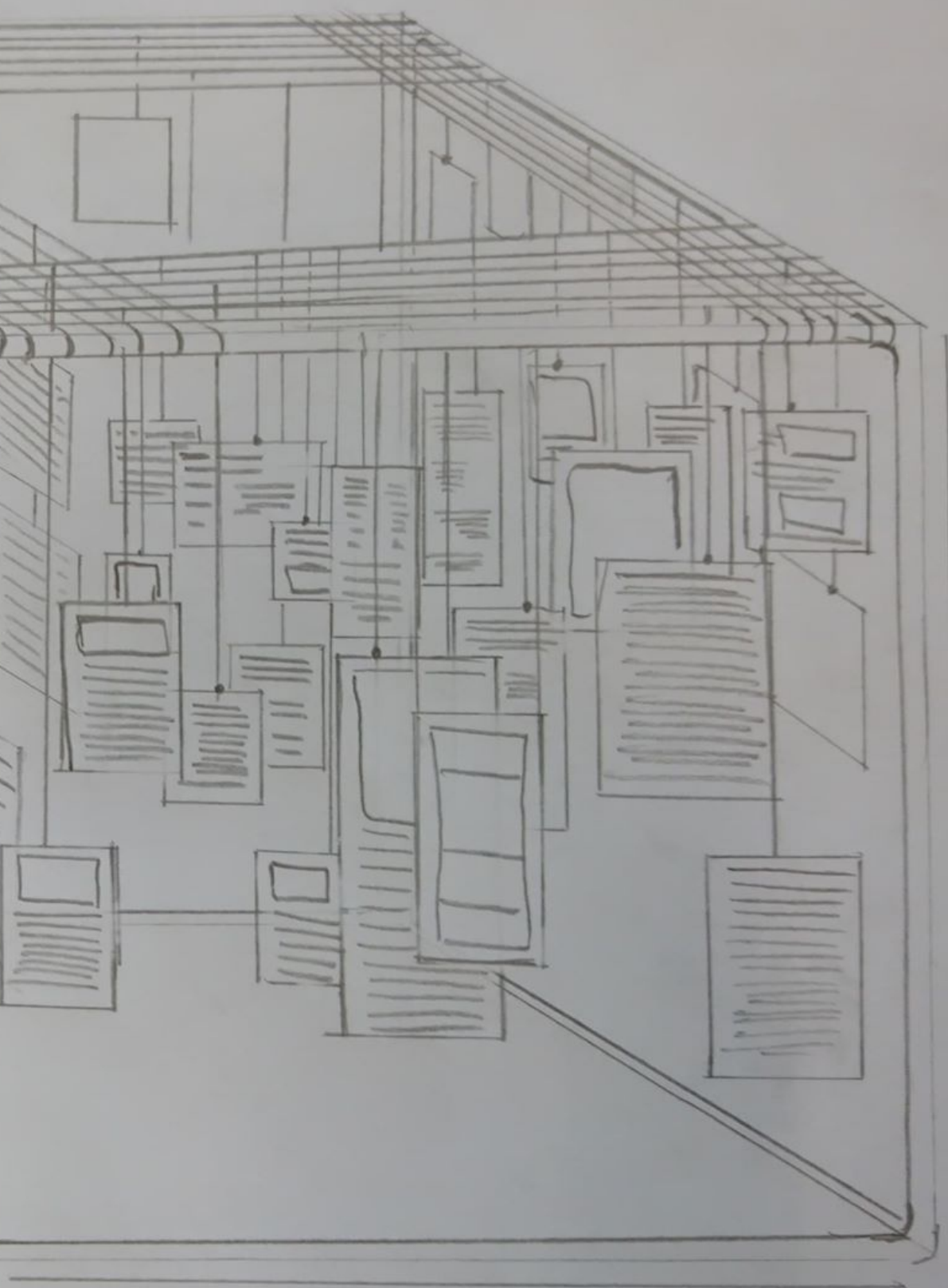




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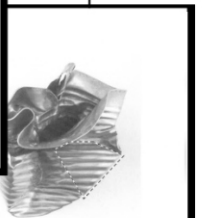
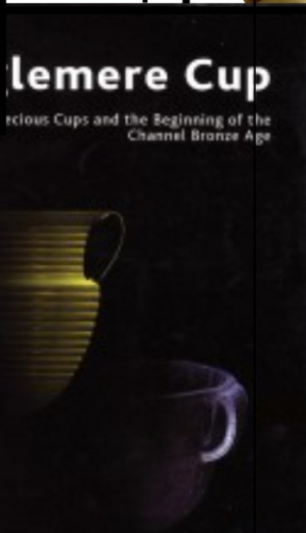
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The image overleaf is a rough design for the final concept for 'Frustrating the Linear'. The aim of the exhibition was to explore the relationship, categorisations and connections between museum data. In the initial stages of curation it was thought that by visually layering data outside of the museums systems new understandings could be made.

Prior to installing the exhibition, I experimented with layering images from The British Museum's database. The act of layering and re-layering images served as a method of finding relationships between data sets. I presented this exploration in a physical form by creating a prototype of the exhibition concept. It was through this process that the idea of treating the hanging of work as an act of curatorial performance came about.







Reconstruction 1 produced for the finder of the cup, from the very crude parallel, it's base was flattened so it cup be used in modern times. But Who



Ringmere Cup

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Ringmere Cup

**Buried Treasure:  
Finding Our Past**  
21 November 2003 – 14 March 2004  
Free  
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**Book 2**  
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The first major national exhibition of British archaeology in over 20 years, *Buried Treasure: Finding Our Past* will show how much chance archaeological discoveries have revolutionised our understanding of our past. The exhibition is a result of a unique collaboration between The British Museum and four other major UK museums in Cardiff, Manchester, Newcastle and Norwich. The exhibition will travel to each venue after London to allow people across England and Wales to view some of the most spectacular finds of British history.

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The vast majority of finds in the exhibition have been uncovered by metal detectors who now account for 90% of all treasure discoveries. Recent finds such as the Iron Age gold phoenician head in Winchester and the stunning Bronze Age gold cup from Ringmere, Kent have revealed important new information about Britain's prehistory. Responsible metal detecting and reporting of finds has greatly enhanced our historical knowledge. It has enabled archaeologists to examine the context of finds as well as the finds themselves helping us to understand how they were used, their ritual or social significance and why they came to be at a particular site.

The exhibition also aims to challenge people's perceptions of what constitutes 'treasure'. Although many of the objects in the exhibition are exquisite examples of gold or silverwork or feature precious gems, the seemingly humble object can be highly significant to understanding our history. Medieval 'poor' 'key' found on the banks of the Thames by the 'Society of Thames Marblers', an amateur metal detecting group, have little financial value but are important social documents and tell us a huge amount about everyday lives in the Middle Ages. Tudor dress fasteners, which tend to be found at crucial moments, rather than on specific cups, give us an insight into how people at the time went

Plate 6 Profile of intact segment A, the lower body

shoulder subconsciously replicates the concentric design described above. Intact segment C: Fortunately the third segment encompasses part of the rim and extends down through the mouth band and then the rim and all before some flattening or buckling of the rim towards (Fig. 10c, K 4). This segment is in profile, but calculations are shown and the bowl form unlikely to be much altered. It gives a good basis for the angle at which the rim stood and the profile of the upper neck. Although difficult due to the severe corrosion, it was possible to obtain discernible measurements of the rim itself and on (b) to find a reliable reconstruction of the mouth of the cup.

The mouth profile is, however, far from free relative to the lower body and shoulder. It is so are diligent all round to determine those plus (the rim) are impossible for most of its circumference because of the concentrating. The shape of the rim is therefore the best and the central vertically and the unaltered between the other profile sections. In

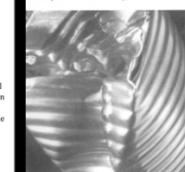


Plate 7 Profile of intact segment B (shoulder)

position, the established angles of the lower in conjunction with the measured depth of the rim as it lies in the lower body were used to the design.

For the virtual reconstruction (Golden P 3), the body was generated through a 'sided profile' and the handle was based on a 'sided profile' both available in standard computer graphics packages. The work was undertaken by Stephen Crumley.

**Description of the reconstructed form**  
The Ringmere cup would have stood around 120mm tall, the greater part, shown, being the lower body to the shoulder (Fig. 10). The diameter at the shoulder was 50mm, but at the neck a minimum of about 40mm and at the rim 40mm. It is currently slightly off, 3g, which should be close to the original weight since very little of any metal has been removed at the push. Further dimensions, both measured and calculated, are given in the catalogue.



Plate 8 New view of intact segment C (shoulder) with the rim horizontal

The Ringmere Cup: Precision Cups and the Beginning of the Channel Bronze Age

# Frustrating the Linear A exhibition examining

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'Frustrating the linear' is a performance-based work that aims to reveal the frustrations, revelations and impact 3D scanning and printing have on the museum<sup>to</sup> archive. Images, datasets, histories and objects that are normally hidden in the digital archive are visualised to reveal the relationships often hidden by the structures of the digital archive.

The act of hanging is deemed a mode of curation as images, datasets, histories and objects relating to one museum artefact are visualised in the confines of the museum 'box'.

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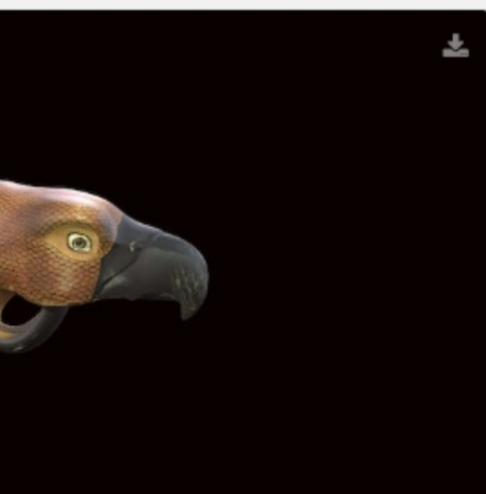
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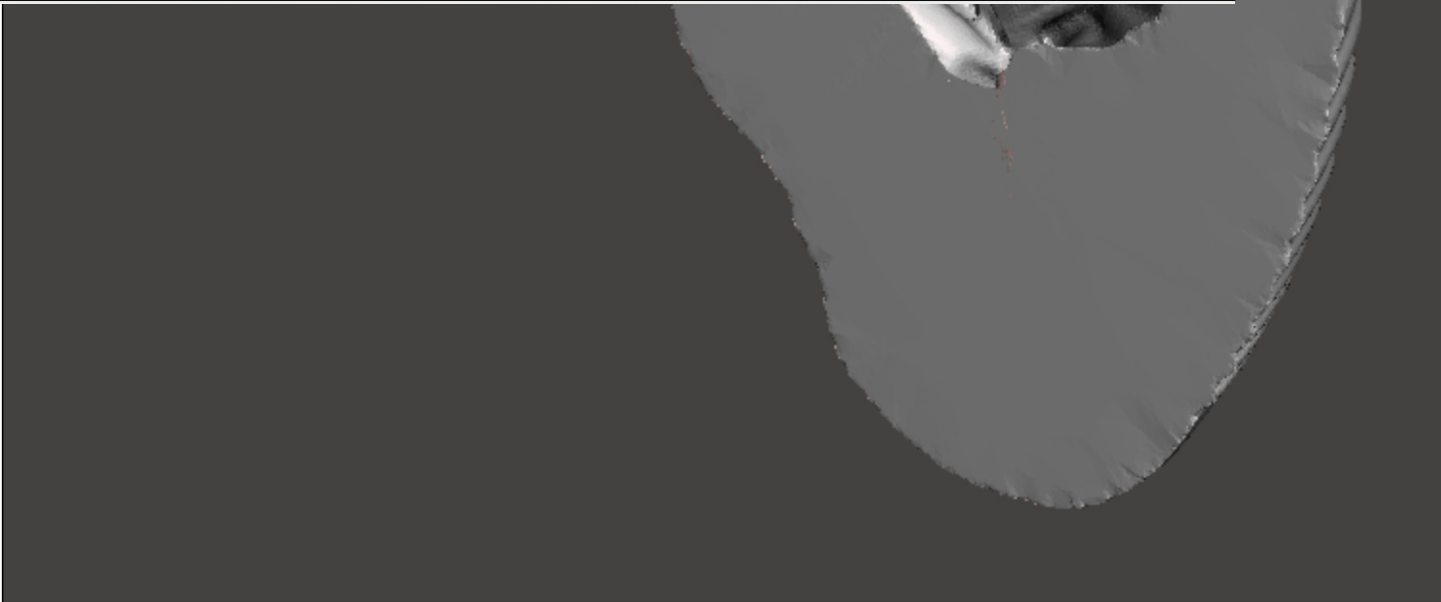
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The cup is still crumpled, mangled by a plough in the field where it was hidden around 1600 BC.

However, a 3D computer reconstruction has revealed its sensuous beauty. It is taller and more shapely than the archaeologists assumed.

The Ringlemere Cup is one of only five that can tell us, below. They are believed to have been intended for practical use, beaten from single sheets of gold. The cup was found in 2001 by Cliff Bradshaw, an amateur metal-detector enthusiast. He will share the money paid by the museum with the landowner.

The cup has been described as a find which rewrites history. Yesterday the British Museum's director, Neil MacGregor described it as "a remarkable birthday present" for the museum's 250th anniversary.

world around them by making and sharing objects. Stonehenge, curated in partnership with the British Museum, tells the story of these changing prehistoric connections through stone, chalk, gold and bronze. The exhibition runs from 12 October 2018 until 21 April 2019.

Explore some of the star objects from the exhibition that they can tell us, below.

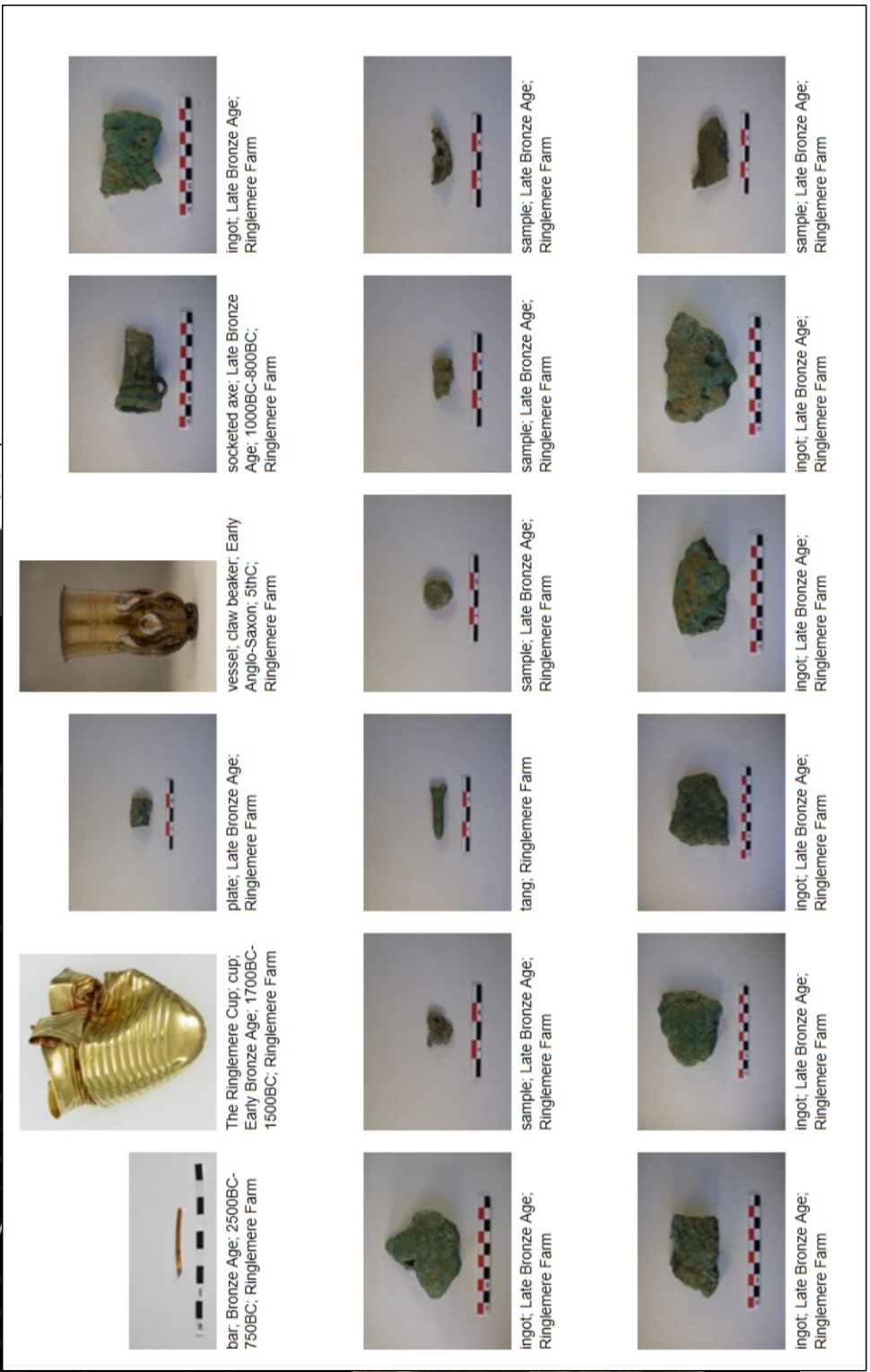
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### Buried Treasure: Finding our Past

Date: 2004-05-17

What is treasure? Is it gold, silver or precious jewels that glitter and glimmer, or can it be objects that tell us extraordinary stories about our ancestors lives?

14 May - 5 September  
National Museum & Gallery, Cardiff

Opening Friday 14th May at the National Museum & Gallery, Cardiff *Buried Treasure: Finding our Past* – a major archaeological exhibition – showcases some of Britain's most spectacular treasures some on display for the first time in Wales.

The exhibition aims to demonstrate the important public role in treasure finds and how chance discoveries by farmers, labourers and metal detector users have revolutionised our understanding of the past. Celebrating the success of the Treasure Act 1996 and the Portable Antiquities Scheme the exhibition also highlights the role of the National Museums & Galleries of Wales and the British Museum in the treasure process including research and further archaeological investigation at the location of the finds.

The exhibition at the National Museum & Gallery will additionally feature some of Wales' most significant finds. Discovered near Abergavenny in 2002, the Roman bronze cup is one of the finest Roman vessels ever found in Wales. The handle is in the form of a leopard and further analysis revealed that the leopard spots are silver and that the eyes are inlaid with amber. The cup had been placed upside down in a small pit containing human remains and is believed to have been a burial site in a cemetery lying beside the Roman road.

In 1918, Ifor Lewis, a workman digging for manganese, near Llanbedr, Gwynedd found a remarkable hoard from the late medieval period. The hoard contained items made of copper, alloy and iron including an ewer, a cauldron, two skillets and a hand tray, domestic items that would have been found in the kitchen of a wealthy household. The earliest object, a late thirteenth century or early fourteenth century 'aquamanile', in the form of a stag was a vessel for holding liquid and would have been used for ceremonial hand-washing in a church, monastery or at the feast table. An Iron Age wooden weaving sword was found during excavations at the Breiddin Hillfort, Powys and is a unique find as ancient wood rarely survives.

Finds from Scotland and England include the magnificent Mildenhall treasure, a 34 piece Roman silver tableware set will be on display in its entirety and the iconic Lewis Chessmen, featured in the first Harry Potter movie. Found on the Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides, Scotland, the elaborate chess pieces made from walrus and whales teeth is the only single surviving group of objects from the eleventh century made for recreational purposes.

The images overleaf and on this current page represent my attempts of layering museum data for the Ringlemere cup. The system for choosing which images to layer was an organic one, I selected an images based on colour, form, layout, and content, placing images next to, on top off and underneath to create networks of previously unrelated data. I added in data that was not in the museums systems, such as my own images and exhibitions and positioned them alongside 'approved museum data' in an attempt to disrupt our notions of value with the systems of data catagorisation

Reconstruction I produced for the finder of the cup, from the very crushed original. parallel, it's base was flattered so it cap be used in modern times. Sue White




### Ringlemere Cup



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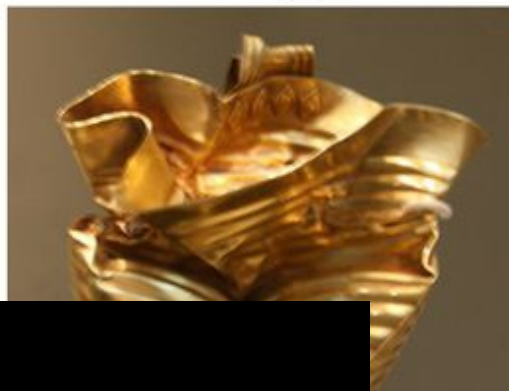
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These photographs show different perspectives of 'Frustrating the Linear', including a working curators desk and the physical museum archive.





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