

Identity and Self-Worth

Am I enough of an archaeologist?

Are you an archaeologist without fieldwork?

Being told you are not a "real" archaeologist

Disappointing yourself / not contributing enough

Being viewed as unworthy of "the tribe"

Being underestimated as a "non-professional"

Over-identification with the profession

Perceptions and Myths

Archaeology is only digging

The myth of archaeology / the archaeologist

Victims of our own media

"Doing it for the love"

Illusion of freedom

Relevance and future

Becoming disconnected from the real world

Risk of irrelevance (individual / profession)

Fear of the discipline disappearing

Concerns about usefulness / impact of work

Professional Structures and Power

Rigid definitions

Narrow boxes limiting opportunities

Strict hierarchy

Risk of missing opportunities if you disagree

Tradition acting as a constraint

Workplace Culture and Behaviour

Bullying by peers

Sexism and double standards

Petty feuds blocking progress

Mixing personal and professional

Others limiting us

Taking things too seriously

Recognition and Opportunities

Being overlooked for contributions

Loss of funding

Exclusion from "the tribe"

Being taken advantage of (unpaid work)

Risk and Fear Culture

Theft of ideas

Others claiming moral superiority

No room for failure or experimentation

Fear of speaking out

Small fears accumulating into big challenges

Pressure to conform