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Sarah Brown is a professor in the University of York's History of Art Department, where she is director of its renowned MA in Stained Glass Conservation and Heritage Management. It is the only course of its kind in the English-speaking world, whose graduates fill key roles in conservation all over the UK, Europe, and North America.

After a long career in the heritage sector, she settled in York in 2008 and until her retirement in 2025 was also the director of the York Glaziers Trust, where she led the team responsible for the care of York Minster's internationally acclaimed collection of historic stained glass. This involved overseeing the conservation of the Great East Window and the launch of the current strategic plan for stained glass conservation there. She continues to fulfil advisory roles for the diocese of York and two English Cathedrals and is active in the international stained-glass community through the Corpus Vitrearum, of which she is national president. Sarah has published widely on medieval architecture and stained glass of all periods, and the windows of York Minster are at the heart of her research. She is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of the Royal Historical Society and an Honorary Fellow of the British Society of Master Glass Painters. In 2023 she was awarded the Royal Warrant Holders Association's Anna Plowden Medal for her exceptional contribution to stained glass conservation.

She lives in York with two cats who sadly do not share her interest in stained glass.