

PROGRAM FALL 2016 / WINTER 2017

Sunday, September 18th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Room 1120, Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa

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Lecture by Mary-Ann Pouls Wegner, University of Toronto

Title: *Hatshepsut and the Rituals of Rebirth: Research on New Finds from Abydos, Egypt.*

Biographical notes

Mary-Ann Pouls Wegner is Associate Professor of Egyptian Archaeology in the Department of Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations at the University of Toronto. She has been directing archaeological fieldwork in North Abydos as the head of the Abydos Votive Zone Project since 1996. She teaches numerous courses in Egyptian history, archaeology, and culture as well as archaeological theory and excavation techniques. Her research interests include landscape archaeology, performance and popular religion, social identity, state formation, interregional interaction, and urbanism. In September, she will be contributing a paper entitled "Reading Abydos as the Landscape of Postmortem Transformation" at the *Ritual Landscape and Performance* Conference at Yale University.

Synopsis

The discovery of a very rare type of royal statue made of wood in the course of archaeological fieldwork by the Toronto Abydos Votive Zone Project posed a fascinating puzzle: which ruler did the statue depict? Many Egyptian kings built monuments at Abydos; the site was the epicentre of the cult of Osiris, god of death and regeneration and archetype of the deceased ruler. Analysis of aspects of the wooden statue suggests that it depicted Hatshepsut, a woman who ruled Egypt as king during the Late Bronze Age. The lecture will present some of the details of this research, along with a discussion of other finds from the site that provide fascinating glimpses into the ritual landscape of Abydos as a setting for the re-enactment of the journey leading to eternal life.

Reception to follow

Sunday, September 25th, 2016 at 2:00p.m.

Room 303, Paterson Hall, Carleton University

Lecture by Dr. Stephen Batiuk, University of Toronto

Title: *Preserving and Presenting the History of the Antioch Region in Turkey*

Biographical notes

Dr. Stephen Batiuk is senior research associate and lecturer in the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at the University of Toronto, managing the Computational Research on the Ancient Near East (CRANE) project .

He obtained his B.A in Classical Studies at the University of Ottawa, MA in Ancient Studies at the University of Toronto, and PhD in Near Eastern Archaeology at the University of Toronto. He has been a lecturer at the University of Toronto; Wilfred Laurier; John's Hopkins in Baltimore; and Koç University in Istanbul, Turkey.

He has worked on excavations for over twenty years all over the world, including Canada, France, Romania, Israel, Ethiopia and Turkey, where he has worked in the Antioch Region at Tell Tayinat for 17 years, being the director of excavations for the past 12 years. He also recently initiated a new project Gadachrili Gora regional archaeological Project Expedition (GRAPE) in the Republic of Georgia where they are looking for the earliest evidence of wine production in

the world.

Synopsis

The region around Ancient Antioch (modern Antakya in the Hatay province of Turkey), has been the focus of intensive archaeological research for almost a century, which has revealed occupation in the region going all the way back to the paleolithic period.

Excavations by foreign and Turkish scholars have unearthed architectural remains of palaces, temples, fortresses and homes filled with collections of works of art, historical records and mundane everyday objects from every major time period of occupation in the region.

The Hatay Archaeological Museum was founded in 1934 to house these collections, in particular the Roman Mosaics dated to the 2nd century BCE. Recently the museum was reconstructed on a much larger scale to house the numerous finds from the archaeological investigations of the past eighty years, becoming the third largest archaeological Museum in all of Turkey. At the same time, open-air archaeological parks have begun to be constructed at three important archaeological sites in the region to bring the past to life to visitors of Hatay.

This presentation will provide a brief history of Antioch/modern Antakya, and introduce the public to the new archaeological Museum and its collections as well as the Archaeological Park Programs.

Refreshments to follow

Sunday, October 30th, 2016 at 1:30p.m.

Ottawa Public Library, 120 Metcalfe Street, Auditorium.

Screening of the film:

"When the Moors Ruled in Europe" a BBC documentary narrated by British historian Bettany Hughes.

Refreshments to follow

Friday, April 7th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The Chamber Ben Franklin Place (101 Centrepointe Drive).

Featuring: Prof. Travis Bruce, Prof Faith Wallis, Prof. Mariana Esponda.

A Round Table Discussion: *Al Andalus: The Moors in Iberia*