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## Public Lecture

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### Islands and Identities:

### The Sea Peoples in Egyptian Sources

Because of their historical significance to a number of ancient Mediterranean societies, the so-termed 'Sea Peoples' have been extensively studied through extra-cultural materials, including those of the Hittite and Egyptian empires. This coalition of ethnic groups from island and coastal homelands are most famously preserved in Egyptian sources for their



attempted mass migration to, and successful repulsion from, Egypt in circa 1175 BC, during the reign of Ramesses III. Contact with the unique cultural identities, customs, and polities of the Sea Peoples altered the Egyptians' long-established categories of foreigners. The Sea Peoples, as a 'new' foreign people, warranted the Egyptians' development of new formulaic images for their visual representation, as well as the use of informed descriptions of their cultural identities. This lecture will present the Egyptian artistic stereotype of the Sea Peoples and their perceptions of the Sea Peoples' ethnic distinctiveness as recorded in Egyptian textual narratives as essential facets of understanding the identities and origins of the ancient Sea Peoples.

**Date: Thursday, February 15**

**Time: 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.**

**LOCATION: University of Toronto, Carr Hall, Room 405, located at 100 St. Joseph Street, St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. (First street north of Wellesley; parking lot is opposite Carr Hall).**

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