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February 12, 2013

John Bodel (Classics and History)

“Roman Teamsters: *muliones* (muleteers and the (dis)organization of transport in the Roman empire”

March 12, 2013

Kurt Raaflaub (Classics and History)

“The Despotist Template: Authority, Politics, and Religion in Ancient Greek and Hebrew Political Thought”

April 9, 2013

Ken Sacks (History and Classics)

“Diodoros Siculus and the Hellenistic Mind”

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September 10, 2013

Saul Olyan (Religious Studies)

“Friends and Family”

October 8, 2013

John Steele (EAWAS)

“Real and Constructed Time in Babylonian Astral Medicine”

November 12, 2013

Stephen Kidd (Classics)

“Xenophon’s *Cynegeticus* and its Defense of Liberal Education”

December 10, 2013

Zsuzsanna Varhelyi (Classics, Boston University)

“Self-talk: The rhetoric and the spaces of representing the self from the mid-Republic to the early Empire”

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February 11, 2014

Graham Oliver (Classics)

“Total Recall? Lycurgus, Biography, and Civic Honor in Athens”

March 11, 2014

Michael Satlow (Judaic Studies)

“Ownership or Essence? The Holiness of Objects among Jews in Late Antique Palestine”

April 1, 2014

Julia Troche (PhD candidate, EAWAS)

“On the Origins of Apotheosis in Ancient Egypt”

May 6, 2014

Susan Harvey (Religious Studies)

“Guiding Grief: Liturgical Poetry and Ritual Lamentation in Early Byzantium”

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September 16, 2014

Rebecca Falcasantos (Religious Studies)

“Violence, Space, and Religious Boundaries in Fourth-Century Constantinople”

October 14, 2014

David Pritchard (University of Queensland, School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry)

“Public Spending and Democracy in Classical Athens”

November 11, 2014

Felipe Rojas (JIAAW and Egyptology & Assyriology)

“Vertigo, Shivers, and Funk: Heightened Self-Awareness and Religious Spaces in Anatolia”

December 9, 2014

Matthew Rutz (Egyptology & Assyriology)

“The Text after the Sacrifice: Divination Reports from Kassite Babylonia”

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February 10, 2015

Andrew Tobolowsky (PhD candidate, Religious Studies)

“Biblical History as Ethnic History: A Reassessment”

March 10

Jennifer Swalec (PhD Candidate, Classics)

“Late Hellenistic Sacred Textiles and the Construction of Greek Identities”

April 14

Johanna Hanink (Classics)

“Why 386?”

May 12

Pura Nieto Hernández (Classics)

“Female Figures in Pindar: Colonization and Panhellenism”

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Sept 15, 2015

Anne Chen (History of Art and Joukowsky Institute)

“Omitted Empresses: The (Non-)Role of Imperial Women in Tetrarchic Propaganda”

Oct 13, 2015

David Konstan (Brown Emeritus and NYU)

“The Freedom to Feel Grateful: The View from Classical Antiquity”

Nov 10, 2015

Harold Cook (History and Renaissance and Medieval Studies)

“The “Discovery” of Palmira and Persepolis at the beginning of the eighteenth century”

Dec 8, 2015

Saul Olyan (Judaic Studies and Religious Studies)

“Friendship in Narrative”

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Feb 9, 2016

Tara Mulder (Classics)

“Listen to the (Wo)men: Systems of Knowledge in Galen”s *De Semine*”

March 8, 2016

Scott diGiulio (Classics)

“Imperial Reading Practice and the Latin Table of Contents”

April 12, 2016

Stratis Papaioannou (Classics and Renaissance and Medieval Studies)

“Greek literature at the end of Late Antiquity”

May 10, 2016

Gaia Lembi (Judaic Studies)

“Writing Jewish History in a Graeco-Roman World: From Polemics and Apologetics to Competition”

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Sept 13, 2016

Saul Olyan (Judaic Studies and Religious Studies)

“Are there Legal Texts in the Hebrew Bible that Evince a Concern for Animal Rights?”

Oct 11, 2016

Felip Rojas (Joukowsky Institute and Egyptology & Assyriology)

“Persia on their minds: Achaimenid memory horizons in Roman Anatolia”

Nov. 8, 2016

María Paz de Hoz García-Bellido (University of Salamanca)

“Epigraphy as a source for elementary education in the Greek world”

Dec. 6, 2016

Barbara Blythe (Classics)

“Apples to Apples: Forbidden Fruit in Petronius’ *Cena Trimalchionis*”

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Feb. 14, 2017

Antonio Dourado Lopes (The Federal University of Minas Gerais)

“Eros in Hesiod: the intricacies of the anthropomorphic theogony”

March 14, 2017

[CRAM meeting cancelled by Brown “snow day”; Raaflaub presentation rescheduled for May]

April 4, 2017

Eva Stehle (Emerita University of Maryland)

“Dionysus and Madwomen (before *Bacchae*): Where, When, and according to Whom?”

May 9, 2017

Kurt Raaflaub (Brown Emeritus)

“The ‘Great Leap’ in Early Greek Politics and Political Thought: A Comparative Perspective”

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Sept. 12, 2017

Michael Satlow (Judaic Studies and Religious Studies)

“Josephus’ knowledge of scripture”

Oct. 12, 2017

Graham Oliver (Classics and History)

“The Economics of Shoemaking: market size and the supply of footwear in Classical Athens”

Nov. 14, 2017

Steve Kidd (Classics)

“Why mathematical probability failed to emerge from ancient gambling”

Dec. 5, 2017

Lothar Willms (Classics/University of Heidelberg)

“Aristotle’s theory on slavery: a critical and semiotic reconsideration”

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Feb. 13, 2018

John Steele (Egyptology & Assyriology)

“The Continued Relevance of MUL.APIN in Late Babylonian Astronomy”

March 20, 2018 [rescheduled from 3/12/2018 because of a snow day]

Eva Mol (Joukowsky Institute)

“Embodying Egyptian deities within Roman domestic religion: Isis cult statuettes in Pompeii”

April 10, 2018

Thomas Martin (Holy Cross)

“The Worst Day in the History of Athens: Cognitive Dissonance, the Deification of Demetrius Poliorcetes, and Innovation in the Relationship between Religion and the State 307-280s BCE”

May 8, 2018

Martin Pehal (Egyptology & Assyriology/Charles University Prague)

“Death and the Right Fluids: perspectives from Egyptology and Anthropology”

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