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NEWSLETTER ♦ SPRING 2018



Sunday, February 11th 2018 ♦ 2:00 p.m.
142 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Martha Sharp Joukowsky Lecture
Dr. Floyd McCoy, University of Hawaii

The Late Bronze Age Eruption of Thera (Santorini)

The largest volcanic eruption of the past 10,000 years occurred in the southern Aegean Sea on an island known in antiquity as Thera (Santorini). A landscape was forever altered – as was a culture that thrived on that island, the Cycladic culture. Here was the core of a thriving maritime trade network, in close communication with the Minoan culture on Crete, vaporized in a four/five-day volcanic explosion with regional impact via ash fall, pyroclastic flows and surges, earthquakes, tsunamis, and possibly climate change. These effects were felt throughout the eastern Mediterranean region and as far north as the Black Sea. It appears the Cycladians had advanced warning of the impending disaster and escaped, some to Crete. Residues of their culture - cities (Akrotiri), farmsteads, landscape, soils, household goods, and more – are preserved today on Santorini beneath a thick blanket of LBA volcanic material that provides stunning documentation of a thriving culture 3,600 years ago - certainly the stuff of legends... one of perhaps the most astonishing events in human antiquity was also a disaster of epic proportions.



OTHER EVENTS AND LECTURES OF INTEREST IN SPRING 2018

Wednesday ◇ January 17th ◇ 4:00pm

370 Dwinelle Hall

Disability and the Dissident Body: Ancient Jewish Resistance to Empire

Dr. Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University

Thursday ◇ January 18th ◇ 6:00pm

Hearst Museum of Anthropology

Talking to Gods: Ainu Artifacts in the Hearst Museum

Dr. Christopher Lowman, UC Berkeley, Anthropology

Sather Lecture Series

2018 Sather Professor: Dr. Maurizio Bettini, Università degli Studi di Siena.

City of the Spoken Word: Orality and the Foundations of Roman Culture

Lectures held in 370 Dwinelle Hall unless otherwise noted.

More information at <http://www.classics.berkeley.edu/people/sather/maurizio-bettini>

Thursday ◇ February 8th ◇ 8:00pm

Maud Fife Room, Wheeler Hall

Memory and the Ear

Thursday ◇ February 15th ◇ 5:30pm

Fatum: Destiny in Greece and Rome

Thursday ◇ February 22nd ◇ 5:30pm

Fas: A Law with No Gods

Thursday ◇ March 1st ◇ 5:30pm

Ferdinand de Saussure and the Phonic Harmony of Archaic Latin Poetry

AHMA Noon Colloquium Series

For a full list of lectures, visit: ahma.berkeley.edu/ahma-noon-colloquium.

For additional information, email jesobert@gmail.com.

Ancient Art Council Lectures

Visit www.ancientartcouncil.org for an updated list of lectures and events. All lectures are held in the Florence Gould Theater at the Legion of Honor, San Francisco.

Saturday ◇ March 3rd ◇ 2:00pm

Archaeology, Museums, and War: Strategies for the 21st Century

Dr. Brian Rose, University of Pennsylvania

Saturday ◇ April 28th ◇ 2:00pm

The Munich Doryphoros: Venerated—Suppressed—Forgotten

Dr. Rolf Schneider, Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich

Saturday ◇ May 19th ◇ 2:00pm

Nature Tamed and Framed: Reimagining Paradise in the Late Roman and Early Christian World

Dr. Nathan Dennis, University of San Francisco

Center for Tebtunis Papyri Distinguished Lecture

Tuesday ◇ April 3rd ◇ 5:30pm

101 Doe Library

Dr. Brian McGing, Trinity College Dublin

Sara B. Aleshire Center for Greek Epigraphy Lecture

Monday ◇ April 16th ◇ 4:00pm

370 Dwinelle Hall

Dr. Paula Perlman, University of Texas at Austin

Heller Lecture Series, Classics Department

Monday ◇ April 30th ◇ 5:00pm

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Dr. Dan-el Padilla Peralta, Princeton University

American Research Center in Egypt Lectures

Visit the Northern California Chapter's website for an updated list of upcoming lectures:

<http://www.arce.org/chapters/northerncalifornia/home>. All lectures are held in Room 20 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley

The SF Society newsletter is available for download from:

<http://archaeological.org/societies/sanfrancisco>.

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