

PROGRAMS & EVENTS **WINTER 2016**



THE
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EXHIBITIONS



The Oriental Institute Museum welcomes groups. Self-guided and docent-led tours and hands-on tour programs for eight or more people require scheduling by our reservations staff. Visit our website and complete and submit a Tour Reservation Form.

PERSEPOLIS: IMAGES OF AN EMPIRE Through September 11, 2016

Persepolis: Images of an Empire presents large-format photographs of the ruins of one of the greatest dynastic centers of antiquity built at the height of the Achaemenid Persian empire (550–330 BC). The photographs, taken during the Oriental Institute’s Persian Expedition (1931–1939), record the forests of columns, monumental audience halls, and stone relief carvings of the people who came from all corners of the empire to honor the Persian king.

A REVISED EXHIBIT OF THE ORIGINAL SHOW **OUR WORK: MODERN JOBS — ANCIENT ORIGINS** Through April 24, 2016

Our Work: Modern Jobs — Ancient Origins, an exhibition of photographic portraits, explores how cultural achievements of the ancient Middle East have created or contributed to much of modern life. To show the connections between the past and today, artifacts that document the origins or development of professions are paired with a person who is the modern “face” of that profession.

A THREATENED HERITAGE Ongoing

In many parts of the world, political instability and conflict have displaced populations and created ever-greater threats to archaeological sites, landscapes, and museums. This series of panels in the galleries documents threats to heritage in the Middle East and suggests possible ways you can help prevent further losses and build a stronger future for the past.

EDUCATORS



ONLINE WORKSHOP

Investigating Nutrition: The Advent of Agriculture in Mesopotamia (8 weeks)

Feb 1-Mar 28

General \$175, members \$135.

Registration required.

30 Clock Hours.

Use this virtual workshop to practice the basics of scientific inquiry (observation, inference, evidence, and classification) using authentic archaeological data. Trace the shift from hunting and gathering to the development of agriculture in the ancient world. Learn inquiry-based methods for teaching social studies, English language arts, science, and health enhancement with Common Core State Standard alignment.

Participants will receive a print copy of Project Archaeology's new *Investigating Nutrition* curriculum guidebook Recommended for middle school teachers.

EDUCATOR PASS

The Educator Pass provides two membership cards and all the benefits of a Friend of the Oriental Institute to two adults and their children or grandchildren under the age of 18. K-12 educators receive a special membership price of \$25 (regularly \$75).

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discount for professional development programs
- A print copy of Field Trip Planning & Exhibition Guide
- Special benefits at the Hyde Park Art Center

For more information, visit oi.uchicago.edu/educators.

ADULTS

NEW FEATURE

Multisensory Tour: For Visitors Who Are Blind or Partially Sighted

Fri, Feb 12, 2-3pm

Free.

Registration required.

Visitors who are blind or have low vision are invited to experience touchable moments of the ancient world in the Oriental Institute Museum. The tour engages visitors with multiple senses while they learn from an archaeologist or Egyptologist. Sighted companions are welcome.

In honor of Low Vision Awareness Month, this tour is offered free of charge.

TOURS

Stroller Tour: Stars Over Mesopotamia

Tue, Mar 8, 2-3pm

General \$15; members, UChicago students/faculty \$10, for up to two adults.

General \$7, members \$5 for additional adult registrant. Babies in strollers are free.

Registration required.

Enjoy a light-hearted gallery tour that is open for caregivers and their pre-toddler-age (18 months or younger) children. Join us for a journey through the Mesopotamian night sky. We'll encounter familiar constellations and forgotten stories, and we'll talk about the role the stars played in Mesopotamian religion, mathematics, and daily life.

GALLERY TALKS

Nubia in Chicago: Celebrating 10 Years of the Robert F. Picken Family Nubia Gallery

Thu, Feb 4, 12:15-1pm

Free.

Registration not required.

Debora Heard, PhD candidate in Anthropology, will provide a retrospective of the last decade of programming centered on the Nubia Gallery. The talk explores the gallery design, the Oriental Institute's historical role in bringing Nubian artifacts to Chicago and in preserving the history of Nubia's 4th Cataract region, and how the gallery brings ancient Nubian history to life in Chicago.

Israel Outside the Bible

Thu, Mar 3, 12:15-1pm

Free.

Registration not required.

The Bible is an incredibly rich source for learning about ancient Israel. But did you know that there are inscriptions about Israel from elsewhere in the Middle East, and that there are important examples of these at the Oriental Institute? Join Joey Cross, PhD candidate in Hebrew Bible and Egyptology, and learn about ancient Israel outside the Bible.

LECTURES

Oriental Institute lectures are a unique opportunity to learn about the ancient Middle East from world-renowned scholars. Lectures are free and open to the public, thanks to the generous support of Oriental Institute members.

The Battle of Kadesh: A Debate between the Egyptian and Hittite Perspectives

Wed, Jan 6, 7–8pm
Free.

Join us for a lively debate presented from the two sides of the ancient conflict, provided by noted Oriental Institute scholars Robert Ritner, for the Egyptian side, and Theo van den Hout, for the Hittites.

Luwian Hieroglyphs: An Indigenous Anatolian Syllabic Script from 3,500 Years Ago

Wed, Feb 3, 7–8pm
Free.

This lecture, presented by Petra Goedegebuure, Associate Professor of Hittitology at the Oriental Institute, will explore where Luwian Hieroglyphs came from, how widely the script was used, and who could read it.

The Long and Winding Crossroads: The Evolution of an Exhibition Concept

Wed, Mar 2, 7–8pm
Free.

On the Ides of March 2015, the Milwaukee Public Museum opened *Crossroads of Civilization*, its latest foray into the ancient worlds of the Near East and Mediterranean. Carter Lupton, the curator for *Crossroads*, who also worked on the previous Milwaukee incarnation, *Temples, Tells and Tombs*, will offer insights into the challenges of making an old topic new when faced with increased budgets, decreased space, and unfamiliar technologies.

WATCH AN ORIENTAL INSTITUTE LECTURE

If you cannot attend in person, you can still watch full-length recorded lectures at your convenience on the Oriental Institute's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/jameshenrybreasted](https://www.youtube.com/jameshenrybreasted).

COURSES

The Archaeology of Iraq: An Armchair Tour (6 weeks)

Sat, Jan 23–Feb 27, 10am–12pm
General \$350, members \$295.
Registration required.

Mesopotamia — the area of modern-day Iraq — has fascinated archaeologists since the earliest days of the discipline. This course, taught by Sam Harris, PhD candidate in Mesopotamian archaeology, takes students on a virtual tour of Iraq's archaeological heritage, including many sites that have been irrevocably damaged or destroyed. We'll examine the significance and history of key sites and regions and take a look at some of the preservation issues facing Iraq's archaeological heritage today.

Tales of the Dead: From Bioarchaeology to Forensic Anthropology (6 weeks)

Sat, Mar 5–Apr 9, 10am–12pm
General \$350, members \$295.
Registration required.

This course, taught by Maureen E. Marshall, PhD, will examine the basic principles of analyzing human skeletal remains in both archaeological and modern forensic contexts. While forensic work focuses on identification and cause of death, bioarchaeology

is used to investigate a suite of questions about aspects of people's lives in the past, including diet, disease, aging, activity, and violence. Participants will have the opportunity to apply various investigative methods through short lab exercises using skeletal remains and relevant materials from the Oriental Institute.

Archaeological Reconstruction Drawing Workshop

Sat, Mar 12, 1–3:30pm
General \$25, members \$20.
Registration required.

Spend a Saturday afternoon creating a unique technical drawing of an ancient Egyptian pottery sherd from the Old Kingdom under the guidance of Natasha Ayers, PhD candidate in Egyptian archaeology. Students will also learn how archaeologists use pottery and pottery drawings in their research. No previous experience is necessary. Supplies can be purchased at registration.

EVENING SOCIAL

Epic Wednesday

Wed, Mar 9, 5-8pm

General \$20, members \$15.

Registration required.

Break your mid-week routine. Celebrate the delight of the coming Persian new year — Nowruz — with artisan food, craft beer, wine, and music. Gain unique perspectives on our

special exhibit, *Persepolis: Images of an Empire*, through expert-led gallery tours. Relax and immerse yourself in the glory of an ancient empire through the film *Persepolis Recreated*.

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FAMILY



WORKSHOPS

FOR AGES 10–18

Boy Scout Archaeology Badge Workshop

Sat, Jan 23, 9am–12pm

General \$20, members \$15.

Registration required.

Earn your archaeology merit badge at the Oriental Institute. Some items must be completed prior to badge workshop for badge certification. See oi.uchicago.edu/events for prerequisites. Badge certification available.

FOR AGES 9–12

Introduction to Hieroglyphs

Sat, Jan 23, 1–3pm

General \$10, members \$5.

Registration required. Adults must register and attend with child.

Learn some basics of the Egyptian hieroglyphic writing system. By the end of this workshop you will understand some of the principles of reading Egyptian hieroglyphs and recognize some key hieroglyphs and phrases that show up on Egyptian artifacts in many museums. Use our post-visit activities to create an ancient Egyptian-inspired code.

FOR AGES 5–12

Junior Archaeologists

Sat, Feb 13, 1–3pm

General \$10, members \$5.

Registration required. Adults must register and attend with child.

Let loose your inner Indiana Jones! Children and parents dig into our simulated excavation while learning about the real science of archaeology at the Oriental Institute's Kipper Family Archaeology Discovery Center. This program includes an interactive guided tour of the galleries. Fun patches available onsite.

HOMESCHOOL

FOR AGES 5–12

The Look

Thu, Feb 25, 1–3pm

General \$10, members \$5.

Registration required. Adults must register and attend with child.

Explore the origins of the ancient “look” and how ancient make-up, clothing, and other elements might have helped (and sometimes hindered) a person's survival. Find out how the changes in ancient “style” help archaeologists understand the past.

DROP-IN

FOR AGES 5–12

Secret of the Mummies

Sat, Feb 27, 1–3pm

Free.

Registration recommended.

Help us prepare our simulated mummy for the afterlife, then go on a mummy scavenger hunt and tour. Fun patches available onsite.

FOR AGES 5 AND UP

Ancient Game Day and Nowruz Celebration

Sat, Mar 12, 1–4pm

Free.

Registration recommended.

Play the favorite games of ancient Egypt, Nubia, Mesopotamia, and Persia in the museum galleries. Be the first to play the Oriental Institute's exclusive replicas of the game Hounds and Jackals. Learn the principles of making board games and create your own. Enjoy the stories and games associated with the Persian new year festival Nowruz.

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CONTACT US

If you have questions about program registration, or if you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please contact:

Public Education Department
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All programs meet at the Oriental Institute unless otherwise noted. All are subject to change without notice. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. To mail a payment, please make check payable to Public Education Department.

BECOME A MEMBER

Join or renew online at oi.uchicago.edu/getinvolved, or onsite at the gift shop.

HOURS

Monday Closed
Tuesday 10am–5pm
Wednesday 10am–8pm
Thursday 10am–5pm
Friday 10am–5pm
Saturday 10am–5pm
Sunday 10am–5pm

*Closed on January 1, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.
Reduced hours Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 10am–4pm.*

COST

Free | Suggested donation:
\$10 (Adults)/\$5 (Children 12 or under)

ACCESSIBILITY

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation in order to participate in events should contact us for assistance. Visit oi.uchicago.edu/visit/accessibility for more information.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Oriental Institute is accessible by CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) bus (Number 6), Red Line and Green Line CTA trains, as well as the Metra Electric train. Visit oi.uchicago.edu/visit/public-transport-directions for more information.

PARKING

Limited street parking is available around campus.

Parking Garages: The preferred visitor garage is located at 55th St and Ellis Ave. An additional parking garage can be found at 6054 Drexel Ave, near the Logan Center for the Arts, open to non-permit holders after 9am.

Parking Lot: Lexington Lot, located half a block south of the Oriental Institute on University Ave, is free after 4pm daily and all day on weekends.



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