

# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## SPRING 2017

April–June



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## 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 the day before Thanksgiving (10am-3pm), and  
December 24 and 31 (10am-4pm).*

## COST

Free | Suggested donation:

Adults \$10, Children 12 or under \$5

## PLAN A VISIT TO THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

Self-guided tours, docent-led tours, and hands-on tour programs for eight or more people require scheduling by our reservations staff.

Visit [oi.uchicago.edu/tours](https://oi.uchicago.edu/tours) for details.



### Self-Guided Audio Tour

For rent at the Suq  
General \$5, members Free

Learn more about the exhibits with a series of audio guides to the collection.

# EXHIBITIONS



## **PERSEPOLIS: IMAGES OF AN EMPIRE**

**In the Special Exhibit Gallery, through September 3, 2017**

See the magnitude and grandeur of the ruins of this center of the Achaemenid Persian empire (ca. 550–330 BC) through prints of iconic photographs taken during the Oriental Institute's Persian Expedition (1931–1939), quotations from travelers to the site, and a multimedia display featuring the architecture of Persepolis and surrounding topography.

## **DRONES IN THE DESERT: ARCHAEOLOGY FROM ABOVE**

**In the lower level of the Oriental Institute, ongoing**

This photo show explores how aerial perspectives allow archaeologists to detect patterns that may be invisible or unrecognizable from the ground. Kites, fishing poles, ladders, balloons, unpiloted aerial vehicles (UAVs), full-size helicopters and planes, and satellites are all used to produce images that aid in assessing and planning archaeological monuments, sites, and landscapes. The exhibit addresses how recent technological developments, coupled with sophisticated software, are creating new and vibrant opportunities for archaeologists to do more with images from the air. The photos illustrate the use of drones at sites in Jordan and Israel for broad-scale archaeological survey of sites, monitoring of landscape change (including looting), and mapping of excavations.



## GALLERY TALKS

### **Nubia — A Cultural Heartland in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds**

**Thu, Apr 6, 12:15–1pm**  
Free

*Registration not required*

Join Bruce Williams, research associate at the Oriental Institute, to explore Nubia as a cultural heartland in the ancient and medieval worlds.

### **Monumental Buildings and Statues from Tell Tayinat of Ancient Turkey**

**Thu, May 4, 12:15–1pm**  
Free

*Registration not required*

The archaeological site of Tell Tayinat, the Iron Age city of Kunulua, was excavated by the Oriental Institute in the 1930s. James Osborne, assistant professor of Anatolian archaeology, outlines the findings of that expedition, including monumental buildings and sculptures, plus those of the renewed excavations at the site, drawing on the objects on display in the Henrietta Herbolsheimer, MD Syro-Anatolian Gallery.

### **Egypt under the Ptolemies and Romans**

**Thu, Jun 1, 12:15–1pm**  
Free

*Registration not required*

Foy Scalf, PhD, head of Research Archives, provides visitors with an overview of how ancient Egyptian culture adapted to, and in some ways flourished under, the foreign rule of the Greco-Roman era, highlighted by objects in the Oriental Institute Museum galleries.

## TOURS/ACCESS PROGRAM

### **Multisensory Tour: Making Sense(s) of the Past in Mesopotamia**

**Fri, Apr 14, 2–3pm**  
Free

*Registration required*

Explore different building and craft materials in use in ancient Mesopotamia. Capture a little of the experience of Mesopotamian worship. Listen to a re-creation of one of the most ancient pieces of music we have. Encounter the smells of the Mesopotamian kitchen.

### **Verbal Imaging Tour**

**Fri, May 12, 2–3pm**  
Free

*Registration required*

Experience the Oriental Institute Museum with a trained guide who gives detailed verbal descriptions of the artifacts in the permanent galleries. Designed for partially sighted and blind audiences. Object replicas are also available

for participants to touch and feel the rich material culture housed at the Oriental Institute.

### **Multisensory Tour: Written in Clay — The Origins of Writing in Mesopotamia**

**Fri, Jun 16, 2–3pm**

Free

*Registration required*

Mesopotamia is the home of the earliest writing in the world. This tour is a hands-on look at the development of this revolutionary technology, where participants can practice with tools and materials like those used to create the tablets preserving records and knowledge for millennia.

## **COURSES**

### **WORKSHOPS**

#### **Cooking Class: Ancient Cooking with Assyrian Kitchen**

**Sat, Apr 1, 1–3pm**

General \$40, members \$35,

UChicago Arts Pass \$15

*Registration required*

*Register by Mar 28*

Take a journey to discover the diverse and flavorful culinary heritage of the ancient Near East with Atorina Zomaya from Assyrian Kitchen, and Susanne Paulus, assistant professor

in Assyriology, University of Chicago. Be inspired by the ancient origins of modern ingredients. At the end of the class, you will enjoy a delicious meal and socialize with other food enthusiasts. Class meets at Whole Foods Market cooking classroom (3640 N. Halsted St., 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60613).

### **3D Technology in Archaeology**

**Sat, Apr 8, 1–4pm**

General \$25, members \$20,

UChicago Arts Pass \$8

*Registration required*

*Register by Apr 3*

This workshop introduces attendees to the emerging world of 3D scanning, which is becoming increasingly useful for archaeological applications. We discuss the science and current methods of 3D scanning and find out how it is being used here at the Oriental Institute. 3D scanning equipment will be present for hands-on experience.

Instructor: Josh Cannon, PhD candidate in Near Eastern art and archaeology

## ON-SITE COURSES

### **The Khan and the Emperor: Genghis, Kublai, and the Mongol Empire (6 weeks)**

**Sat, Apr 15–May 20, 10am–12pm**

General \$350, members \$295,  
UChicago Arts Pass \$90

*Registration required*

*Register by Apr 9*

In this six-week course, we study the history of the Mongol empire through the biographies of the two most important Mongol khans. First we learn about the legendary conqueror who began it all: Temujin, later known as Genghis Khan. Then we examine the interesting life of the last of the Great Khans and founder of the Yüan Dynasty in China: Kublai, grandson of Genghis. Through these two khans, one a conqueror, the other an empire builder, we will come to understand the shape and history of the Mongol empire and trace the lasting impact left by the empire and its greatest personalities.

Instructor: Michael J. Bechtel, PhD candidate in Islamic history and civilization

### **Dura Europos: Life on the Roman Empire's Edge and Its Discovery (3 weeks)**

**Sat, Apr 22–May 6, 10–11:30am**

General \$175, members \$150,  
UChicago Arts Pass \$45

*Registration required*

*Register by Apr 16*

This three-week seminar traces the rise of Dura Europos as a multi-ethnic and multi-religious community in the first centuries AD. We explore its daily life, as well as its fall, including the possible use of chemical weapons by its Sasanian Persian conquerors. Students learn about the afterlife of the city, including its discovery and the modern challenges of preserving its cultural heritage.

Instructor: Tasha Vorderstrasse, PhD, research associate, Oriental Institute

## ONLINE COURSES

### Before the Alphabet: Writing Systems in the Ancient World (8 weeks)

**Mon, Apr 3–May 29**

General \$395, members \$350,

UChicago Arts Pass \$100

*Registration required*

*Register by Mar 20*

This course surveys the ways in which humans make language visible. Topics include the definition of writing, the typology of writing systems (including logographic, syllabic, and alphabetic systems), the invention and evolution of writing, and some of the cultural issues that are intertwined with scripts. The earliest, original writing systems (the so-called pristine writing systems from Sumer, Egypt, China, and Mesoamerica) and the social, cultural, and historical contexts of their inventions are a major focus of this course, as well as their decipherment by modern scholars.

Instructor: Massimo Maiocchi, PhD, is a historian with expertise in early urbanization, the social and political history of Mesopotamia, and cuneiform texts from the third millennium BC.

## LECTURE SERIES

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

Visit us online at [oi.uchicago.edu/programs](https://oi.uchicago.edu/programs) for full descriptions.  
*Registration recommended*

### Be My Baby in Babylonia: Girl Meets Boy and Vice Versa

**Wed, Apr 5, 7–9pm**

Free

Andrew George, professor of Babylonian, University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies

### The Epigraphic Survey at 93: Changing the Face of Archaeology with New Digital Technologies at Chicago House in Luxor, Egypt

**Wed, Jun 7, 7–9pm**

Free

W. Raymond Johnson, director of the Epigraphic Survey, Oriental Institute

## 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).

# EDUCATORS



## SPECIAL EVENT

### Teacher Appreciation Week

Tue–Sun, May 2–7

During Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2–7, teachers and educational-support professionals receive a FREE audio tour for their visit to the Museum. Explore topics such as the highlights of the collection, the ancient Middle East in the time of Tutankhamun, a kid’s tour of ancient Egypt, and the Bible and the ancient Middle East. Simply present your school ID at the gift shop to enjoy this special benefit.

## EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS BY REQUEST

Interested in scheduling a professional development workshop for your K-12 educator group to increase content knowledge about the ancient world and hone teaching skills? Educator Workshops by Request are available Tuesdays through Thursdays between 10am and 3pm at the Oriental Institute. They range from 1.5 to 3 hours based on the participants’ choice.

### THEME SELECTIONS

- Inquiry & Discovery: Teaching through Archaeology and Primary Sources
- Ancient Art and Architecture
- Investigating Nutrition: The Advent of Agriculture in Mesopotamia
- Investigating Shelter: Investigating a Neolithic Dwelling at Jarmo

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Prices range from \$75 to \$350. For more information, visit [oi.uchicago.edu/workshopsbyrequest](https://oi.uchicago.edu/workshopsbyrequest)

# FAMILY & YOUTH



## FEATURE

### Ancient Earth Day | AGES 5-ADULT

Sat, Apr 22, 1-4pm

*Free. Registration recommended.*

Get crafty! We use recycled and natural materials to explore creative engineering and the innovative thinking you need to build with limited resources.

### DROP-IN (FOR AGES 5-ADULT)

#### Families Day

Sat, Apr 8, 10am-4pm

Free

*Registration recommended*

In the spirit of Autism Awareness Month, our inaugural Families Day provides a series of self-directed sensory activities to help you and your children explore and connect with the ancient Near East.

#### Ancient Game Day

Sat, Jun 3, 1-4pm

Free

*Registration recommended*

Join us for the annual celebration of ancient games! Try your hand at games from Mesopotamia, Egypt, Persia, and Nubia. Learn the principles of making board games, and create your own.

#### Drawing Hour

Sat, Jun 17, 1-2pm

Free

*Registration recommended*

Practice looking closely at art and develop drawing skills. Choose ancient sculptures and pottery to sketch, or grab a drawing worksheet to loosen up and get inspired. All materials are provided and you are welcome to bring your own sketchbook (only pencil is allowed in the gallery). No drawing experience is necessary. Drop in at any time.

### TOURS & TOTS

#### LamaSeuss | AGES 0-8

Fri, May 19, 1:30-2pm

Free

*Registration recommended*

Join us for a pre-Stroller Tour story time! In keeping with the traditions of both our Dr. and the ancients, LamaSeuss pairs a

classic story of Dr. Seuss with an activity inspired by our collection. Perfect for budding, baby archaeologists.

### **Stroller Tour | AGES 0-ADULT**

**Fri, May 19, 2-3pm**

Free

*Registration recommended*

A light-hearted tour for caregivers and their pre-toddler-aged (18 months or younger) children. Experience different learning opportunities with a social component that allows for adult conversation where no one minds if a baby lends his or her opinion with a coo or a cry.

## **WORKSHOPS (FOR AGES 5-12)**

### **Junior Archaeologists**

**Sat, May 13, 1-3pm**

General \$14, members \$10 (1 child + 1 adult); \$7/\$5 each additional registrant

*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. Includes an interactive guided tour of the galleries. Fun patches available on-site.

### **All Bones About It**

**Sat, May 27, 1-3pm**

General \$14, members \$10 (1 child + 1 adult); \$7/\$5 each additional registrant

*Registration required. Adults must register and attend with child.*

Think skeletons are just for Halloween? The bones inside you would disagree: you use your skeleton every day! What's more, written on your own bones is the story of the physical activities you take part in and the food you eat. Explore how this knowledge helps archaeologists learn about the lives of ancient people. We'll give you a kids' crash course in bioarchaeology while you get hands-on with our own skeletal puzzles.



# MEMBERS



## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

At the Oriental Institute we inspire curiosity, discovery, and learning about ancient Near Eastern civilization through outstanding research, collections, exhibitions, and education. Experience the Oriental Institute the best way possible — as a member! You will receive exclusive access, discounts, and subscriptions to Oriental Institute publications. The Oriental Institute depends upon members of all levels to support the learning and enrichment programs that make our institute an important — and free — international resource.

Upgrade your support by joining as a James Henry Breasted Society member. Become part of a community that provides an annual renewable source of unrestricted funds for the most pressing research projects of the Oriental Institute.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

Are you between the ages of 22 and 45? Consider joining our Young Professional members group. Receive the benefits of associate members and opportunities to network with peers at a special series of YP events. Join today! With our new pricing, annual membership is only \$125.

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## PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for all programs and events may be completed online at [oi.uchicago.edu/register](https://oi.uchicago.edu/register) or by mail.

Please make checks payable to Public Education Department, and address the envelope to The Oriental Institute, c/o Public Education, 1155 East 58th Street, Chicago, IL 60637.

## REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

All refund requests can be made by phone or email at least one week before the program's scheduled start date. No full refund requests will be accepted after the one week point. The Oriental Institute reserves all rights in refund and program cancellation.

## ACCESSIBILITY, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND PARKING

Visit [oi.uchicago.edu/visit](https://oi.uchicago.edu/visit) for more information about parking and transportation, as well as for information about accessibility for persons with disabilities who need accommodation.

## CONTACT US

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