

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

INTRODUCTION | 9:00-10:00

- 9:00 **OPENING REMARKS**
Christopher Woods, Director of the Oriental Institute, *University of Chicago*
Kathryn R. Morgan, Organizer, Postdoctoral Fellow, *University of Chicago*

 - 9:30 **RETHINKING POLITICS IN THE DEEP PAST**
Gary Feinman & Linda Nicholas, *The Field Museum*
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SESSION 1: MAKING SPACE | 10:00-1:00

Session Chair: Jean Evans

- 10:00 **SCHISM: AUDIENCE ADHERENCE TO CONTESTED POWER AT TELL BANAT, SYRIA**
Anne Porter, *University of Toronto*

 - 10:30 **SPACIOUS OR EMPTY? MAKING COURTYARDS IN MESOPOTAMIA**
Augusta McMahon, *University of Cambridge*

 - 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK | LASALLE BANKS ROOM**

 - 11:30 **SIGN/SIGNAL: ETHNIC ENCLAVES AND THE CREATION OF FAMILIARITY FOR URBAN MIGRANTS PAST AND PRESENT**
Monica Smith, *University of California, Los Angeles*

 - 12:00 **THE REINVENTED SOCIAL SOMATICS OF RITUAL PERFORMANCE ON EARLY CRETE: ENGAGEMENTS OF HUMANS WITH ZOOMORPHIC VESSELS**
Emily Anderson, *Johns Hopkins University*

 - 12:30 **RESPONSE & DISCUSSION**
Jean Evans, *University of Chicago*

 - 1:00-2:15 LUNCH BREAK**
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SESSION 2: ACTING IN SPACE | 2:15-5:15

Session Chair: Seth Richardson

- 2:15 **"I WILL NOT AGAIN INTERCHANGE THE SPRING AND AUTUMN FESTIVALS": HITTITE KINGS BETWEEN RELIGIOUS PIETY AND POLITICAL PERFORMANCE**
Amir Gilan, *Tel Aviv University*

- 2:45 **BOTCHED, TWEAKED, REINTERPRETED: THREE CASE STUDIES OF ROYAL RITUAL BEHAVIOR IN ANCIENT EGYPT**
Katja Goebis, *University of Toronto*

- 3:15-3:45 COFFEE BREAK | LASALLE BANKS ROOM**

- 3:45 **PERFORMING COMMUNITY: RITUAL, COPPER PRODUCTION, AND LOCAL POLITICS IN ARCHAIC CYPRUS**
Catherine Kearns, *University of Chicago*

- 4:15 **CITY AND SOUL: MARIAN PROCESSIONS IN EARLY MEDIEVAL ROME**
Margaret Andrews, *University of Chicago*

- 4:45 **RESPONSE & DISCUSSION**
Seth Richardson, *University of Chicago*

- 5:15-6:30 RECEPTION | MESOPOTAMIAN GALLERY**

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

SESSION 3: REACTING IN SPACE | 9:30-1:00

Session Chair: Gil Stein

- 9:30 **FUMBLING TOWARDS COMPLEXITY: COLLECTIVE ACTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AT EARLY PHRYGIAN GORDION**
 Kathryn R. Morgan, *University of Chicago*
- 10:00 **AN IMPERIAL AUDIENCE: THE PROVINCIAL RECEPTION OF ASSYRIAN POLITICAL RHETORIC**
 Lauren Ristvet, *University of Pennsylvania*
- 10:30 **THE GREAT SILENCE: POLITICS AND RESISTANCE IN THE SYRO-ANATOLIAN CULTURE COMPLEX**
 James Osborne, *University of Chicago*
- 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK | LASALLE BANKS ROOM**
- 11:30 **NEW FORMS OF POLITICAL EXPRESSION AND IDEOLOGICAL MANIPULATION AT THE DAWN OF STATE FORMATION: THE EVIDENCE FROM FOURTH MILLENNIUM ARSLANTEPE, TURKEY**
 Marcella Frangipane, *Sapienza University of Rome*
- 12:00 **RESPONSE & DISCUSSION**
 Gil Stein, *University of Chicago*
- 1:00 LUNCH BREAK (end)**