

SEALING THEORIES AND PRACTICES IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

**MARCH 5-6
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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

INTRODUCTION | 9:00-9:30

- 9:00 **OPENING REMARKS**
 Christopher Woods, director of the Oriental Institute, *University of Chicago*
 Delphine Poinot, organizer, postdoctoral fellow, *University of Chicago*

SESSION 1: EXAMINING USES OF SEALS | 9:30-1:00

Session Chair: McGuire Gibson

- 9:30 **ONE SEAL, TWO SEAL, RED SEAL, BLUE SEAL: MULTIPLE SEAL OWNERSHIP IN MESOPOTAMIA IN THE EARLY SECOND MILLENNIUM**
 Oya Topçuoğlu, *Northwestern University*
- 10:00 **SEAL COLLECTING AND REUSE IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST**
 Agnete Wisti Lassen, *Yale University*
- 10:30 **PREVENTING FRAUD AND FORGERY OF SEALS IN THE HITTITE KINGDOM**
 Theo van den Hout, *University of Chicago*
- 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK | LaSalle Banks Room**
- 11:30 **A DIACHRONIC SURVEY OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN SEALING PRACTICES FROM THE PREDYNASTIC THROUGH THE GRAECO-ROMAN PERIODS**
 Brian Muhs, *University of Chicago*
- 12:00 **SEALING PRACTICES IN ANATOLIA UNDER ACHAEMENID RULE**
 Deniz Kaptan, *University of Nevada Reno*
- 12:30 **RESPONSE & DISCUSSION**
 McGuire Gibson, *University of Chicago*

1:00-2:15 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 2: EXAMINING ADMINISTRATIVE ARCHIVES | 2:15-5:15

Session Chair: Alain Bresson

- 2:15 **ONLY LUMPS OF CLAY? SEAL IMPRESSIONS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HELLENISTIC AND ROMAN BUREAUCRACY**
 Torben Schreiber, *University of Münster*
- 2:45 **SEALS AND DOCUMENTS TYPES IN THE PERSEPOLIS FORTIFICATION ARCHIVE**
 Mark B. Garrison, *Trinity University*
- 3:15-3:45 COFFEE BREAK | LaSalle Banks Room**
- 3:45 **IRDABAMA AND HER SEALS: THE ROOTS OF THE ACHAEMENIDS AND THE FORTIFICATION ARCHIVE**
 Wouter Henkelman, *Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes*
- 4:15 **SEALING WITH ANIMALS IN IRANIAN GLYPHIC, FROM THE ACHAEMENID TO THE SASANIAN DYNASTY**
 Delphine Poinot, *University of Chicago*
- 4:45 **RESPONSE & DISCUSSION**
 Alain Bresson, *University of Chicago*
- 5:15-6:30 RECEPTION | LaSalle Banks Room**

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

SESSION 3: EXAMINING BEYOND ADMINISTRATION | 9:30-12:30

Session Chair: Tasha Vorderstrasse

- 9:30 STAMPING MATERIAL AS SEALS IN ROMAN AND BYZANTINE MATERIAL CULTURE
Béatrice Caseau, Sorbonne Université
 - 10:00 ADMINISTERING MAGIC IN MEDIEVAL ISLAM
Karl Schaefer, Drake University
 - 10:30 SEALS IN CHINESE RELIGIOUS PRACTICE: METAPHOR AND MATERIALITY
Paul Copp, University of Chicago
 - 11:00-11:30 **COFFEE BREAK | LaSalle Banks Room**
 - 11:30 RESPONSE & DISCUSSION
Tasha Vorderstrasse, University of Chicago
 - 12:00-12:30 CONCLUDING REMARKS & FINAL DISCUSSION
Delphine Poinot, University of Chicago
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- 3:00-4:30 **Optional Workshop | LaSalle Banks Room**
LASTING IMPRESSIONS: USING SEALS IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST
Rhyne King, Susanne Paulus, Delphine Poinot, and Tasha Vorderstrasse, University of Chicago

