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February 12, 2013

John Bodel (Classics and History)

“Roman Teamsters: *muliones* (muleteers and the (dis)organization of transport in the Roman empire”

March 12, 2013

Kurt Raaflaub (Classics and History)

“The Despotic Template: Authority, Politics, and Religion in Ancient Greek and Hebrew Political Thought”

April 9, 2013

Ken Sacks (History and Classics)

“Diodoros Siculus and the Hellenistic Mind”

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September 10, 2013

Saul Olyan (Religious Studies)

“Friends and Family”

October 8, 2013

John Steele (EAWAS)

“Real and Constructed Time in Babylonian Astral Medicine”

November 12, 2013

Stephen Kidd (Classics)

“Xenophon’s *Cynegeticus* and its Defense of Liberal Education”

December 10, 2013

Zsuzsanna Varhelyi (Classics, Boston University)

“Self-talk: The rhetoric and the spaces of representing the self from the mid-Republic to the early Empire”

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February 11, 2014

Graham Oliver (Classics)
“Total Recall? Lycurgus, Biography, and Civic Honor in Athens”

March 11, 2014

Michael Satlow (Judaic Studies)
“Ownership or Essence? The Holiness of Objects among Jews in Late Antique Palestine”

April 1, 2014

Julia Troche (PhD candidate, EAWAS)
“On the Origins of Apotheosis in Ancient Egypt”

May 6, 2014

Susan Harvey (Religious Studies)
“Guiding Grief: Liturgical Poetry and Ritual Lamentation in Early Byzantium”

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September 16, 2014

Rebecca Falcasantos (Religious Studies)
“Violence, Space, and Religious Boundaries in Fourth-Century Constantinople”

October 14, 2014

David Pritchard (University of Queensland, School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry)
“Public Spending and Democracy in Classical Athens”

November 11, 2014

Felipe Rojas (JIAAW and Egyptology & Assyriology)
“Vertigo, Shivers, and Funk: Heightened Self-Awareness and Religious Spaces in Anatolia”

December 9, 2014

Matthew Rutz (Egyptology & Assyriology)
“The Text after the Sacrifice: Divination Reports from Kassite Babylonia”

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February 10, 2015

Andrew Tobolowsky (PhD candidate, Religious Studies)
“Biblical History as Ethnic History: A Reassessment”

March 10

Jennifer Swalec (PhD Candidate, Classics)
“Late Hellenistic Sacred Textiles and the Construction of Greek Identities”

April 14

Johanna Hanink (Classics)
“Why 386?”

May 12

Pura Nieto Hernández (Classics)
“Female Figures in Pindar: Colonization and Panhellenism”

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Sept 15, 2015
Anne Chen (History of Art and Joukowsky Institute)
“Omitted Empresses: The (Non-)Role of Imperial Women in Tetrarchic Propaganda”

Oct 13, 2015
David Konstan (Brown Emeritus an NYU)
“The Freedom to Feel Grateful: The View from Classical Antiquity”

Nov 10, 2015
Harold Cook (History and Renaissance and Medieval Studies)
“The “Discovery” of Palmira and Persepolis at the beginning of the eighteenth century”

Dec 8, 2015
Saul Olyan (Judaic Studies and Religious Studies)
“Friendship in Narrative”

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Feb 9, 2016
Tara Mulder
“Listen to the (Wo)men: Systems of Knowledge in Galen”s *De Semine*”

March 8, 2016
Scott diGiulio
“Imperial Reading Practice and the Latin Table of Contents”

April 12, 2016
Stratis Papaioannou
“Greek literature at the end of Late Antiquity”

May 10, 2016
Gaia Lembi
“Writing Jewish History in a Graeco-Roman World: From Polemics and Apologetics to Competition”

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Sept 13, 2016
Saul Olyan
“Are there Legal Texts in the Hebrew Bible that Evince a Concern for Animal Rights?”

Oct 11, 2016
Felip Rojas
“Persia on their minds: Achaimenid memory horizons in Roman Anatolia”

Nov. 8, 2016

María Paz de Hoz García-Bellido

“Epigraphy as a source for elementary education in the Greek world”

Dec. 6, 2016

Barbara Blythe

“Apples to Apples: Forbidden Fruit in Petronius’ *Cena Trimalchionis*”

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Feb. 14, 2017

Antonio Dourado Lopes

“Eros in Hesiod: the intricacies of the anthropomorphic theogony”

March 14, 2017

[CRAM meeting cancelled by Brown “snow day”; Raaflaub presentation rescheduled for May]

April 4, 2017

Eva Stehle

“Dionysus and Madwomen (before *Bacchae*): Where, When, and according to Whom?”

May 9, 2017

Kurt Raaflaub

“The ‘Great Leap’ in Early Greek Politics and Political Thought: A Comparative Perspective”