

Odyssey Day XLIV

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You will find letters next to each talk: A and I. A = appropriate for all levels; I = for grades 10-12. These designations are merely suggestions. All students are welcome to attend any talk or workshop.

9:00 – 9:30 A.M. Arrival and Check-In
Student Union, in front of the Auditorium lower level

9:30 – 9:45 A.M. Welcome and Introduction to the Day
Student Union, Auditorium

10:00 – 10:40 A.M. Seminar Session I

Auditorium **Plenary Session. Joe Goodkin**, UT Classics Haines-Morris Distinguished Lecturer, “A performance and conversation with UT’s Dr. Justin Arft” **A**

10:40 – 10:55 A.M.

Registration desk **Morning Snack**

10:55 – 11:35 A.M. Seminar Session II

Room 169 **Dr. Stephen Collins-Elliott**, Classics, “Human Sacrifice and Religious Violence in Ancient Italy” **I**

Room 262 B/C **Dr. Lorenzo Del Monte**, Classics, “An Eye on Roman Paintings Through the Ages” **A**

Room 262 A **Dr. Tristan Barnes**, Classics, Roman army camp demo (available through lunch) **A**

Room 270 **Dr. Clerk Shaw**, Philosophy, “Asp-backwards: Cicero's Argument Against the Epicurean Account of Virtue” **A**

Room 362 **Dr. Reema Habib**, Classics, “Homer's Witchy Women” **A**

11:45 – 12:55 P.M.

The Roman Lunch. You may pick up your lunch at the tents in the 21st Mortgage Plaza. There are tables under the tents and many great outdoor lunch spaces on campus. The auditorium is available for those who prefer indoor eating or in case of bad weather.

Room 169 12:00-12:40 Trivia hosted by the **UT Classics Club**

PLEASE RETURN TO THE AUDITORIUM BY 12:45 P.M.

Auditorium 12:45 P.M. Door Prize Drawing. Must Be Present to Win!
12:50 P.M. Lunch Welcome to Campus by Divisional Dean Beauvais Lyons

1:10 – 1:50 P.M. Seminar Session III

Room 169 **Dr. Dylan Bloy**, Classics, “Polyphemus the Cyclops, Brute or Cute?” **A**

Room 262 B/C **Dr. Aleydis Van de Moortel**, Classics, “How Real Is Nolan’s *Odyssey*? The Archaeological Evidence” **A**

Room 262 A **Teacher Business Meeting**

Room 270 **Dr. Samantha Blankenship**, Classics, ““Maybe WE are the Sea Peoples”: Homeric Greece in a Bronze Age Context” **A**

Room 362 **Dr. Nikola Golubović**, Classics, “Homer in the Ancient Classroom” **I**

2:05 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. Seminar Session IV

- Room 169** Dr. Tina Shepardson, Religious Studies, “Violent Justice: Christians in Roman Courts” I
- Room 262 B/C** Dr. Aleydis Van de Moortel, Classics, “How Real Is Nolan’s *Odyssey*? The Archaeological Evidence” A
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2:50 P.M. VALETE!