Core Faculty and Areas of Expertise

Caroline Bishop (Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania)
Assistant Professor of Classics

Linda R. Gosner (Ph.D. Brown University)
Assistant Professor of Classical Archaeology (from 2020)

David H. J. Larmour (Ph.D. University of Illinois)
P.W. Horn Professor of Classics

Donald E. Lavigne (Ph.D. Stanford University)
Associate Professor of Classics

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Daniel Schindler (Ph.D. UNC-Chapel Hill)
Instructor of Classics

William Tortorelli (Ph.D. Brown University)
Assistant Professor of Practice

Christopher Witmore (Ph.D. Stanford University)
Professor of Classical Archaeology

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Assistant Professor of Classics

Greek and Roman Intellectual History, Latin Prose, Classical Tradition

Roman Archaeology, Ancient Technology and Production, Archaeological Method and Theory, Western Mediterranean

Greek Literature, Latin Satire, Narratology, Literary Theory, Ancient Sports, Comparative Literature, Classical Tradition

Archaic Greek Poetry, Greek and Latin Epigram, Gender and Critical Theory

Greek Historiography, Political Theory, Race and Identity, Ancient Warfare and Trauma Narratives

Classical Archaeology, Ceramics, Ancient Economy

Greek and Latin Lyric, Textual Criticism, Cognitive Science

Mediterranean Archaeology, Archaeological Theory, Material Culture of Ancient Greece

Latin Poetry, Hellenistic Philosophy, Greek and Roman Intellectual History, Animals, Classical Tradition

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