

THE SECOND MEDITERRANEAN ARCHAEOLOGY
COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION (MACS) WORKSHOP 2025

MORTUARY TRADITIONS IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD

7-8 March 2025

In-Person Location

Archaeology Center,
19 Ursula Franklin
Street, Ap 130,
University of Toronto

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Day One: 7 March 2025

- 09:00 – 09:20 am Coffee
09:20 – 09:30 am Opening Remarks

Theme 1: Theoretical Approaches

- 09:30 – 10:00 am Burial as Containment: Closure and Continuing Bonds
Carl Knappett, *University of Toronto*
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Performative Pots: Mortuary Inclusions as Social Agents
Anne Porter, *Independent / University of Toronto - Online*
- 10:30 – 11:00 am Cremation Burial and Iron Metallurgy in Early Greece
Sarah Murray, *University of Toronto*
- 11:00 – 11:15 am Discussion Session
- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm Coffee Break

Theme 2: Methodological Approaches

- 12:00 – 12:30 pm Things Forgotten: İkitzepe, the Black Sea Region of Anatolia, and Strontium Isotope Analysis in Türkiye
Lynn Welton, *University of Toronto*
- 12:30 – 01:00 pm Connectivity and Mobility in the Early Bronze IV of the Southern Levant: Social and Spatial Network Analysis of Mortuary Landscapes
Tucker Deady, *University of Toronto*
- 01:00 – 02:00 pm Lunch Break

Theme 2: Methodological Approaches Continued

- 02:00 – 02:30 pm New Archaeogenetic Insights into the Albanian Bronze and Iron Age
Lorenc Bejko, *University of Tirana*; Xiaowen Jia, *Munich University and Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Genetics - Online*
- 02:30 – 03:00 pm A Bioarchaeological Investigation of Crisis (and Collapse) at Roca Vecchia during the Early Iron Age
Megan Savoy, *University of Michigan*

3:00 – 03:30 pm Mortuary Traditions in Southern Italy Before and After the Greek Colonization: Disentangling biological and Constructed Identities
Giulia Saltini Semarari, *University of Michigan*

03:30 – 03:45 pm Discussion Session

03:45 – 03:55 pm Concluding Remarks

Day Two: 8 March 2025

09:00 – 09:30 am Coffee

Theme 3: Materiality of Death

09:30 – 10:00 am Hidden in Plain Sight: Reconstructing a Third Millennium Wagon in Tomb 7 Tell Banat
Zeynep Kuşdil Sak, *University of Toronto*

10:00 – 10:30 am Pinning Identity: A Case Study on Pins from the Late Bronze to Iron
Age Mortuary Contexts in Albania
Anisa Mara, *University of Toronto*; Zhaneta Gjyshja, *University of Michigan*

10:30 – 11:00 am Deathless Mortality: Attitudes Towards Death in the Orphic -bacchic Tradition
Katerina Apokatanidis, *University of Toronto*

11:00 – 11:30 am Coffee Break

Theme 3: Materiality of Death Continued

11:30 am – 12:00 pm Death in Plastic: Perfume, Plasticity, and Mortuary Practice in the Ancient Greek World
Niharika Russell, *University of Toronto*

12:00 – 12:30 pm ‘Don’t Fear the Reaper’? Imag(in)ing Death in the Roman Imperial Period
Bjorn Ewald, *University of Toronto*

12:30 – 12:45 pm Discussion Session

12:45 – 12:55 pm Concluding Remarks