FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

**Introductory Lecture**
Carolina Lopez-Ruiz *(The Ohio State University)*
“The Phoenicians and the Making of a Global Mediterranean”
3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Panel 1: The Mediterranean in Motion (Sponsored by the Migration, Mobility, and Immobility Discovery Theme)**

Melissa Velpel *(Texas Tech University)*
“The Development and Migration of Dionysian Cults around the Ancient Mediterranean”
4:00 – 4:30 PM

Ryan Johnson *(University of British Columbia)*
“The Curse Tablets of Selinous as an Indicator of Inter-Cultural Contact”
4:30 – 5:00 PM

Yanxiao He *(University of Chicago)*
“Between the Two Worlds: The Public Image of Palmyra and the Palmyrene Tax Inscription”
5:00 – 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

**Opening Remarks**
10:00 – 10:05 AM

**Panel 2: Tongues and Eyes in the Near East**
Emanuele Zimbardi *(University of Rome La Sapienza/Freie Universität Berlin)*
“Graeco-Aramaic Bilingualism: Ancient Sources and New Perspectives”
10:10 – 10:40 AM

Maria Americo *(NYU-ISA)*
10:40 – 11:10 AM

Arnold Alahverdian *(UCLA)*
“Enjoying Persian Elephants in Late Antiquity: Shared Roman, Christian, and Islamic Fantasies of Sasanian War Elephants”
11:10 – 11:40 AM

**Panel 3: Prophets in Context**
Michael Biggerstaff *(The Ohio State University)*
“Greek Baggage: Prophétès in the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East”
1:00 – 1:30 PM

Xavier LaFontaine *(Université de Strasbourg/ University of Rome La Sapienza)*
“Poetics of the Law in the Sibylline Oracles and Ps.-Phocylides”
1:30 – 2:00 PM

Benjamin Nikota *(NYU)*
“Generic Borrowing and Ambiguities of Language in Ezekiel the Tragedian’s Exagoge”
2:00 – 2:30 PM

**Break**
2:30 – 2:45 PM

**Keynote Lecture**
Johannes Haubold *(Princeton University)*
“A Bastardized and Unserious Inheritance: The Case of Chaldean Philosophy”
2:45 – 4:00 PM