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## March 2019 LECTURE



### New Approaches to Old Data: The Emergence of Civic Cult on the Athenian Acropolis

By Trevor Van Damme

Tuesday, March 19, 7:30

**Cornett B111 (new room!),** UVic Campus, Victoria

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This talk examines the transformation of the Athenian Acropolis from a Mycenaean citadel to the focus of civic cult in ancient Athens. My current project integrates the study of historical sources (primarily Linear B texts and the Homeric corpus) with a stratigraphic analysis of material thrown off the Acropolis onto the North Slope, tentatively associated with the reorganization of the Athenian Acropolis around 700 BC. A detailed analysis of the ceramic finds offers new insights into both the manufacture and function of individual ceramic forms. I conclude with a new reconstruction of two major discard events documented in the deposit and how they impact our understanding of Athenian social transformations at the margins of history.

**Bio:** Trevor Van Damme got his B.A. and M.A. in Greek and Roman Studies from UVic before completing his Ph.D. in Archaeology at UCLA. His research interests focus on the social and economic development of early Greece and the contextualized study of Greek ceramics. Most recently, he had an article accepted for publication titled "Stoppers, transport stirrup jars, and the wine trade, 1200-1050BC". He has worked on archaeological projects in both Italy and Greece, including at the site of Eleon in Boeotia since 2008. His most recent project (and the subject of the night's talk) is a reanalysis of a large deposit of pottery discarded on the North Slope of the Athenian Acropolis.

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