

McClanahan Lecture Series



Forgotten cities hidden in plain sight: archaeology and ancient landscapes in Greece presented by Professor Dimitri Nakassis

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Archaeology is usually associated with excavation, a process that brings the past into the present by peeling away layers, revealing ancient surfaces and structures along with their associated artifacts. In places like Rome and Athens, there is a city beneath the city: ancient monuments of stone underneath the modern concrete jungle. But there is also an archaeology hidden in plain sight, a way of exploring the past while walking across the terrain of the present day. This archaeology reveals entire forgotten cities, towns, and villages, and inquires into the countryside that surrounded them. This lecture will illustrate how this kind of archaeology helps us to understand the Greek world and one part of it in particular: the western Argolid. For the past three years, CU faculty and students explored this region as members of the Western Argolid Regional Project. This program of archaeological research has made many new discoveries and revealed a complex history of occupation over the past five millennia.

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