

The CU Boulder Department of Classics presents a Mary E.V. McClanahan lecture

Uncovering the City of the Baboon: *New excavations at Hermopolis Magna, Egypt*

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Thursday, March 16th | 7 p.m. | Hale Sciences 230 & Zoom



In January 2023, CU's Classics Department and the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities began a new excavation and conservation project at the Greco-Roman city of Hermopolis Magna in Egypt. This talk gives an overview of the history of Hermopolis (Pharaonic Khemenu), previous archaeological work at the site, and a preview of what the new excavations have discovered, focusing on the city's magnificent 5th century CE Christian Basilica which was built from the pieces of several Ptolemaic buildings and other earlier structures. The work at the Basilica site has revealed important evidence for understanding the forms of early Ptolemaic architecture and the history of worship at Hermopolis. These discoveries are only the beginning of what the city has to offer historians of ancient Egypt.



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