

Building Narratives of Roman Power, Past and Present
University of Notre Dame
205 McKenna Hall

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Welcome and Introduction 8:45–9:00

Christopher Baron, University of Notre Dame

Panel 1: Polybius and Rome 9:00–10:30

1A Anders Holm Rasmussen, University of Copenhagen
“Polybius and the Narrative of Roman Power”

1B Regina Loehr, Washington University in St. Louis
“The World in Turmoil: Reevaluating and Contextualizing Greek Views of Roman Imperialism (Polybius, *Histories* 36.9)”

Coffee Break 10:30–11:00

Panel 2: Explaining Power 11:00–12:30

2A Josiah Osgood, Georgetown University
“Perceptions of Roman Power on the Eve of the Third Punic War”

2B Liv Mariah Yarrow, Brooklyn College
“*Non Sine Deo?* The Historiographical Limits of Religious Explanations for Rome’s Imperium”

Lunch 12:30–14:00

Panel 3: Traumatic Episodes 14:00–16:15

3A Jessica Clark, Florida State University
“Turning Coriolanus Around: Performative Concession in Roman Historiography”

3B Andrew Scott, Villanova University
“Mass Suicide in Roman Historical Narratives”

3C Caitlin Gillespie, Brandeis University
“Sex and Power in Roman Imperial Expansion: Wartime Rape in Tacitus”

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Panel 4: Narratives and Readers 9:00–10:30

4A Kit Morrell, University of Queensland
“Useful Histories: Ancient Historiography on Roman Imperialism as Constructive Criticism”

4B Kyle Khellaf, University of California, Riverside
“The Pillars of Heracles: Bridging Culture in Ancient Historical Digressions”

Coffee Break 10:30–11:00

Panel 5: Josephus, Judaea, and Rome 11:00–12:30

5A Jennifer Gerrish, College of Charleston
“Writing Around Civil War in Josephus’ *Jewish War*”

5B Jon Davies, University of Copenhagen
“‘This suffering which afflicted Jerusalem’: Constructing Imperial Dominance in Josephus’ *Jewish Antiquities* 14”

Lunch 12:30–14:00

Panel 6: Imperial(?) Greek Authors 14:00–16:15

6A Mads Ortving Lindholmer, Danish Institute in Rome
“Creating an Empire, Destroying a Republic: The Role of φιλοτιμία in Appian’s History”

6B Christopher Burden-Strevens, University of Kent
“Degenerate Imperialism: The Case of Cassius Dio”

6C Antonio Pistellato, Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia
“Zosimus on ‘The Dark Side of the Moon’: A Late Greek Response to Roman Imperialism under Gallienus”

Friday, April 4, 2025

Panel 7: Power and Space 9:00–10:30

7A Jesper Majbom Madsen, University of Southern Denmark
“The Conquest of Spain in Roman Historiography”

7B Cynthia Damon, University of Pennsylvania
“‘Ambracia is the first city of Greece’: Imperialism in situ”

Coffee Break 10:30–11:00

Panel 8: Assigning Names and Blame 11:00–12:30

8A Sulochana Asirvatham, Montclair State University
“Blaming the Greeks for their Enslavement”

8B Kathryn Welch, University of Sydney
“Pirates or Warlords: Ancient and Modern Strategies of Delegitimization”

Concluding remarks 12:30–13:00