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Politics, Identity
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Friday & Saturday, 8 & 9 April 2016
### WORKSHOP
**Friday, 8 April · 9:30AM-5:00PM**
**Smithcamp Alumni House**

- **9:30-10:00** Registration and Coffee
- **10:00-10:15** Opening Remarks
  - Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval
  - (Dean of College of Arts and Humanities)
- **10:15-10:45** Introductions
  - Brian Catlos & Sharon Kinoshita
  - (Mediterranean Seminar)
- **10:45-11:35** Josephus at the Crossroads in the Roman Oikoumenē
  - Honora Howell Chapman
  - (California State University, Fresno)
  - Respondent: Fred Astren (SFSU)
- **12:10-1:20** The Monument and the World: Zuart’noc’ and the Problem of Origins
  - Christina Maranci (Tufts University)
  - Respondent: Sharon Kinoshita (UC Santa Cruz)
- **1:20-2:20** Lunch
- **2:20-3:30** Bughā and the Bagratunik: Caliphal Military Campaigns in the Caucasus in the 3rd/9th Century
  - Alison Vacca (University of Tennessee Knoxville)
  - Respondent: David Wacks (University of Oregon)
- **3:45-4:45** Featured Scholar: Michael Morony (UCLA)
  - Coincidence or Cause?
  - The Crisis of the 11th Century
- **4:45-5:15** Concluding Remarks
  - Reception

### ROUND TABLES
**Saturday, 9 April · 10:00AM-4:00PM**
**VERC Conference Room**

- **10:00-10:30** Registration and Coffee
- **10:30-10:45** Opening Remarks
- **10:45-11:45** How Monotheistic was the Mediterranean?
  - Moderator: Sergio La Porta (Fresno State)
  - Fred Astren (San Francisco State)
  - Samuel Cohen (Sonoma State)
  - Roberta Ervine (St. Nersess Armenian Seminary/Fresno State)
  - David Wacks (U of Oregon)
- **12:00-1:00** Was the Sea Necessary to “the Mediterranean”?
  - Moderator: Sharon Kinoshita (UC Santa Cruz)
  - Sergio La Porta (Fresno State)
  - Aaron Stamper (Princeton)
  - Fariba Zarinebaf (UC Riverside)
  - Nina Zhiri (UC San Diego)
- **2:15-2:30** Introduction to the Digital Manuscript Collections at the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library
  - Daniel Gullo (Curator, Malta Collection: HMML)
- **2:30-3:30** How is Mediterranean Studies Useful outside the Mediterranean?
  - Moderator: Brian A. Catlos (University of Colorado at Boulder)
  - Steve Adisamito-Smith (Fresno State)
  - Tamar Boyadjian (Michigan State)
  - Kristi Eastin (Fresno State)
  - John Karr (Fresno State)
  - Robert Levine (Fresno State)
  - Yuen-Gen Liang (National Taiwan U)
  - Matthew Lynch (UNC Chapel Hill)
- **3:30-4:00** Closing Discussion