

The World of Ancient Persia: Achaemenid Archaeology, History and Religion

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**Introductions
10:00-10:30am**

Dr. Thomas Klammer
Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, CSUF

Introduction

Dr. Touraj Daryaee
Professor of Ancient History,
CSUF

*Achaemenid Persia in the context
of World History*

**Session I
Achaemenid Persians: Native and Western Perspectives
10:30-12:00**

James Harrington
Graduate Student, CSUF

*Peacocking out of Asia: An
analysis of the Greco/Barbarian Dichotomy in
Greek Literature*

Warren Soward
Graduate Student, CSUF

*Achaemenid Blooper Reel:
Cinematic Portrayals of Ancient Persia*

Khodadad Rezakhani
Graduate Student, UCLA

*Pre-Bardiya Religion of Persia:
Observations on Behistun
Inscription*

**Session II
The Persian Religious World
1:30-3:00pm**

Dr. Jennifer Rose
Professor of Zoroastrianism
Claremont Graduate University

*"Excellent in soul and nobly bred to
grandeur": Contemporary External
Texts relating to Achaemenid Belief and Practice*

Dr. Touraj Daryaee
Professor of Ancient History
CSUF

*When Achaemenid Kings Become
Gods: The Post-Imperial
Tradition at Persis/Parsa*

Session III
In Search of Achaemenid Persians
3:30-6:00

Dr. M. Rahim Shayegan
Professor of Iranian Studies,
UCLA

*Bardiya and Gaumata and the
Issue of Succession in the Early
Achaemenid Empire*

Dr. Kamyar Abdi
Professor of Anthropology,
Dartmouth College

In Search of Pre-Imperial Persians

Dr. Ali Mousavi
Archaeology Associate,
UC Berkeley

*The Archaeology of Achaemenid Period:
An Assessment*

Closing Comments

Dr. Touraj Daryaee
Professor of Ancient History, CSUF



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