

Building Narratives of Roman Power, Past and Present
University of Notre Dame, 2025
Conference schedule

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:00–8:30 Breakfast in McKenna Hall

8:30–8:45 Welcome and Introduction

8:45–11:00 Panel 1: Polybius and Rome

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)”

1C Carsten Hjort Lange, Aalborg University
“The *Flottenprofessoren* Polybius & Mommsen: The First Punic War as a Matter of Strategy”

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 Panel 2: Explaining Power

2A Josiah Osgood, Georgetown University
“Perceptions of Roman Power, from the Fall of Macedon to the Destruction of Numantia”

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

13:00–14:30 Lunch in McKenna Hall

14:30–16:45 Panel 3: Traumatic Episodes

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”

17:00–18:00 Campus tour/Museum Visit

18:30–20:30 Dinner at Rohr's (on campus)

Thursday, April 3, 2025

8:30–9:00 Breakfast in McKenna Hall

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

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"

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

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

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"

12:30–14:00 Lunch in McKenna Hall

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

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"

18:30–21:00 Dinner off-campus

Friday, April 4, 2025

8:30–9:00 Breakfast in McKenna Hall

9:00–10:30 Panel 7: Power and Space

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”

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

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

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”

12:30–13:00 Concluding remarks
(Boxed lunches to go)