The Ancient Borderlands
International Graduate Student Conference

Friday, March 21- Saturday, March 22
Begins at 1:00 PM on Friday
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McCune Conference Room,
HSSB 6020

Selected paper titles include:

- Ancient Vineyards, Modern Love
  Samuel J. Laurent, Drew University
- Trading Posts, Colonies and Indigenous Selectivity: The Shifting Identity of the Puebloan Presence in Iberia
  Eleftheria Pappa, Institute of Archaeology, Oxford University
- Sappho and the Persistence of Lydian Identity
  Neil Ashton, University of Alberta
- Who, What, Where, When: Shifting Borders in Western Sicily, 6th-5th centuries BCE
  Emily Moorall, University of Pennsylvania
- Pharaonic Artwork in the Roman Periphery: The Case of the Fayum Region
  Anna Kouroumelos, Institute of Archaeology, Oxford University
- Roman Identity and the Narrators of Barbarian History, ca. AD 500-800
  Spyros Caragianis, McGill University
- Going Native? Ethnicity and Cultural Hybridity in Greek Central Asia
  Paul J. Kosmin, Harvard University
- The Political Development of the Ghassan between Rome and Iran
  Greg Fisher, Keble College, Oxford University

Keynote:
The Women and Maidens You May Take, the Men and Old Women You May Kill: Gender, Purity and Prophetic Violence in Indigenous and Colonial Borderlands
  Dr. James F. Brooks, School of American Research

Dr. James F. Brooks is the President and CEO of the School of American Research and the author of His Captives and Cousins: Slavery, Kinship, and Community in the Southwest Borderlands (2002) as well as the forthcoming Mesa of Sorrows: Archaeology, Prophecy, and the Ghosts of the Awat’o Pueblo.

The conference seeks to build on the foundation laid by contemporary scholars working with borderlands (frontier zones lying along given boundaries, limits beyond which something -- a discipline, an ethnic group, a 'nation' -- transforms into something else) by applying borderlands theories and concepts to the ancient world. The articulation, maintenance, and even transgression of such boundaries is a vibrant activity that can be observed not only within material culture, but also in the rhetorical strategies adopted by ancient authors, in the political and military tactics pursued by those seeking or maintaining power, or in the establishment of ideological perimeters by believers looking to define or defend their faith. As the nature of such research is inherently interdisciplinary, presenters and respondents are invited from diverse disciplinary perspectives, including anthropology, archaeology, art history, classics, history, literature, philosophy, and religious studies.

For more information and a complete schedule for the conference, please go to our website at:
http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/research/borderlands-conference.html

Sponsored by the Ancient Borderlands Research Focus Group at UCSB, the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, the Multi-campus Research Group for Late Antiquity, the Graduate Division, and the departments of History, Religious Studies, Classics, Art History, Philosophy, English and Anthropology.