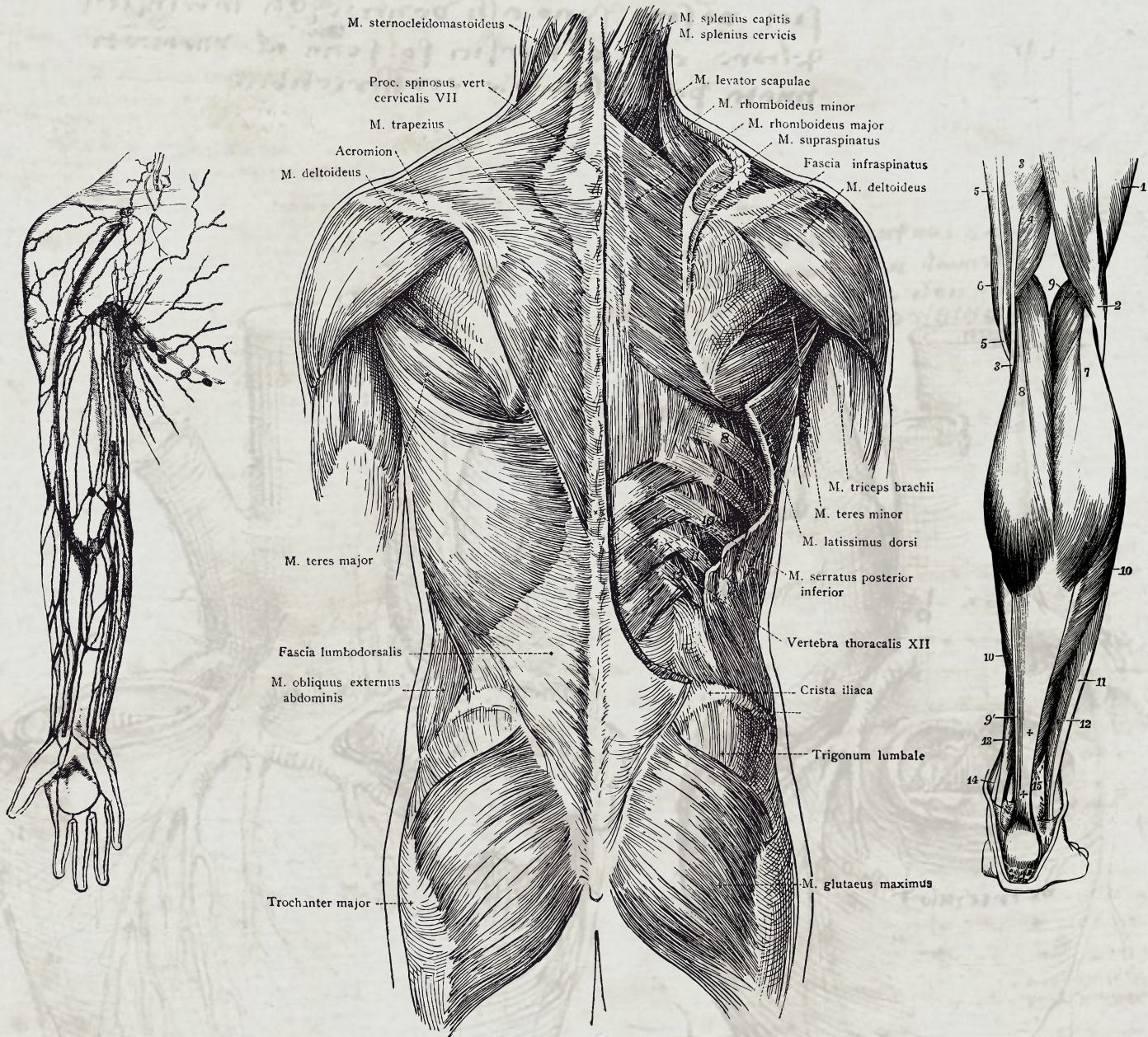




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# ARCHAEOLOGICAL HEALTHSCAPES: EXPLORING HEALTH, ILLNESS, AND TREATMENT IN THE PAST

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- 9:00 Speakers' registration  
9:45 Welcome speech
- 10:00-12:30 **Materialising Healing: Evidence from the Archaeological Record (Session 1) Chair: George Apeitos**
- 10:00-11:00 *Keynote speaker: Dr Chiara Thumiger: The Sea, The Sea: Waters, Beaches and Coastal Environments in the Medicine of Caelius Aurelianus*
- 11:05-11:25 **Alessandra Schultz: L'Arringatore: The Case for its Recontextualisation as an Etrusco-Roman healing votive**
- 11:30-11:50 **Julia Ogden: Exploring Ritual Healing and Disability in the Petsofas Votive Figurine**
- 11:55-12:15 **Eirini Tsakiri: Poseidon and Amphitrite as Healing Deities in the Aegean: Health, Cult, and Therapeutic Practices at the Sanctuary of Tinos**
- 12:15-12:30 Q & A
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30-15:45 **Health Relating to Womanhood and Childhood in the Past (Session 2) Co-Chair: Hannah Rae Burn, Rosa Chen**
- 13:30-13:50 **Jana Nedelkoska: Loss of Womanhood? Exploring archaeological evidence for experiences of menopause in antiquity**
- 13:55-14:15 **Jessica Bates: It Takes a Village: A Bioarchaeological Perspective on Health-Related Caregiving in European Neolithic Communities**
- 14:20-14:40 **Maia Klaustermeier: Enslaved Maternal Health in Colonial Peru**
- 14:45-14:05 **Antonie Brenne: Throwing The Baby Out With The Bath Water? Rethinking Infant Burials in Late Antiquity**
- 15:05-15:20 Q & A
- 15:20-15:30 Conclusions of the day
- 15:30-17:00 Coffee/tea, cake, biscuits

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- 10:00-12:30**     **Embodied Experiences of Health and Disease in the Past (Session 3) Chair: Caroline Croasdaile**
- 10:00-11:00**     *Keynote speaker: Dr Milena Melfi: The Place for Healing in Ancient Greece*
- 11:05-11:25**     **Lyra Christie:** The Andrews Diptych: Touch and Miraculous Healing in Early Christian Art
- 11:30-11:50**     **Yidan Zhang:** From Bodily Discipline to Public Health: Mapping the Discursive Transformation of Footbinding in Shenbao (1872–1949)
- 11:55-12:15**     **Elizabeth Gilkey:** Invisible Wounds: Veteran Trauma, Spiritualism, and the Archaeology of Psychological Survival after the First World War
- 12:15-12:30**     Q & A
- 12:30-13:30**     Lunch break
- 13:30-15:15**     **Social Significance of Health and Illness in the Past (Session 4) Chair: Lars Hofflin**
- 13:30-13:50**     **Benjamin Stratford:** Health and Disability in Early Iron Age Construction of Power
- 13:55-14:15**     **Tony Shi Wang:** Medicine of the Church of the East in Central Asia and China
- 14:20-14:40**     **Caroline Lankarani:** Significance, Health, and Wealth: Dental Modification in the Classic Maya Period
- 14:40-15:00**     Q & A
- 15:00-15:15**     Conclusions of the day
- 15:15-17:00**     Coffee/tea, cake, biscuits

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- 10:00-12:30** **Food, Environment, and Health in Past Populations: Evidence from Archaeology (Session 5) Chair: Akari Goda-Maurezzutt**
- 10:00-11:00** *Keynote speaker* TBC
- 11:05- 11:25** **Campbell Martin:** Fish as Food and Folklore: Diet and Health Across Lake Victoria's Longue Durée
- 11:30-11:50** **Eva Hayward:** Deforestation as a catalyst for malaria transmission in Roman Italy
- 11:55-12:15** Q & A
- 12:15-13:30** Lunch break
- 13:30-15:15** **Archaeological Perspectives on Medicinal Plants (Session 6) Chair: Melody Li**
- 13:30-13:50** **Amanda Porter:** A Dose of Bronze Age Medicine: Evidence for Aegean Herbal Remedies
- 13:55-14:15** **Alasdair Harrison:** 'Plant Whose Fragrance is Smelled Across the Mountains': Reconsidering Identifications of Medicinal Plants in Ancient Mesopotamia
- 14:20-14:40** **Jenna Deep:** Physical and Metaphysical: Black Nightshade and Perspectives on Medicine in Mississippian America
- 14:45-15:00** Q & A
- 15:00-15:15** Conclusions of the day and Conference
- 15:15-17:00** Coffee/tea, cake, biscuits