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Building Community at Salapia (Apulia, Italy): “Ruins” and Their Role, Then and Now



When: Thursday, 28 February 2019 7:30 P.M.,
Where: Center for the Fine Arts, Room 110 (“Round Room”)
Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois

Salapia, a port-town on the Adriatic Coast of southeastern Italy, was founded in the first century BCE and developed as a vibrant town until the mid-fifth century CE. Its fortunes were closely tied to trade and salt production. Excavations from 2014-2018 have identified extensive Roman-era remains. Since the fifth century CE, residents reoccupied the structures of Roman Salapia, transforming the buildings to suit their needs. Rather than reading them as ruins, the Roman structures informed the organization of the community over time, encouraging the continued habitation of this coastal zone. The archaeological remains form part of a living legacy that brings Salapia into the 21st century.

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