

ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE EXPLORES ACHAEMENID VISIONS OF EMPIRE



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The Bible Lands Museum will be open 6:30-7:15 p.m. and after the lecture. The lecture and reception to follow are free and open to the public. Contact the Museum with questions at 412-924-1395.

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