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THE DECLINE AND FALLS OF THE ROMAN

MATERIAL ECONOMY

OR "HOW TO TRASH TALK ROME"

INAUGURAL SIENKEWICZ LECTURE ON ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY

7:30 PM NOV 2

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WHETHER ROME DECLINED, fell or just stumbled into the Middle Ages, it did so neither on an empty stomach nor without some wine to ease the transition. Much has been written about the political, cultural and social reasons for Rome's transformation, but less attention has been given to the daily lives of the people during Rome's twilight. Learn how trash from the late third through the second half of the 5th century discovered on Palatine Hill has much to say about the waning years of the Roman Empire.



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The Thomas J. and Anne W. Sienkewicz Lecture on Roman Archaeology was established by an anonymous donor in 2017 to support the annual archaeological lecture series sponsored by the Monmouth College Department of Classics and the Western Illinois Society of the Archaeological Institute of American. Tom Sienkewicz was Minnie Billings Capron Chair of Classics at Monmouth College from 1985 until 2017. During his career he taught a wide range of Classics courses, many with strong archaeological features, including Classical Mythology, the Ancient Family, and Africa in the Ancient World. In 1984 he founded the Western Illinois Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, which, since its inception, has hosted hundreds of archaeological lectures at Monmouth. His wife, Anne, has been a loyal supporter of archaeology and over the years has hosted countless speakers.