

"Excavating Hidden Lives in Roman Pompeii"

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The Roman city of Pompeii, utterly destroyed by the volcano Mt. Vesuvius in 79 CE, has long occupied a privileged place in modern imaginings of the Roman past. Beyond the city's well-known monuments, however, lies a well of data that has barely begun to be tapped. This talk will introduce the research program of Tulane University's Pompeii I.14 Project, a new excavation that brings the most cutting-edge archaeological technologies to stratigraphic exploration below the floors, streets, and sidewalks buried by Vesuvius. A series of case studies will illustrate how the excavation team—made up of both international experts and student trainees—applies interdisciplinary techniques to restore the experiences of some of Pompeii's hidden and forgotten residents: the enslaved, the women, and the urban poor who might appear only rarely in traditional sources, but who shaped their town and their own lives in distinct ways.

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