

Piglets in the Underworld:

A Puppet Show Lecture with Mike Chin

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Hojel Hall, Institute of the Americas

In ancient Mediterranean thought, where did sacrificial animals go when they died? What about pets? This short puppet show uses materials from ancient funerary inscriptions, Greek ritual practice, and ancient Mediterranean mythology to tell the story of piglets navigating a new world underground. The accompanying lecture and discussion will explore the uses of object performance and object play as a way of approaching the ancient past.



Guest Speaker: Mike Chin, Associate Professor of Classics, University of California at Davis

Bio: Professor Chin is a practicing puppeteer whose work has appeared in numerous academic publications as well as in puppetry and theatrical venues across the United States.

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