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9:00-9:10 WELCOME

STRONG HALL B-001

DR. LARRY MCKAY, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH AND FACILITIES
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

9:15-10:15 THE BEAUMONT KEYNOTE LECTURE

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DR. CASEY DUÉ, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
“ACHILLES UNBOUND: FINDING LOST ILIADS”

10:15-10:30 Morning Break

10:30-11:40 FIRST PAPER SESSION

SESSION#1

STRONG HALL 103

Presider: Dr. Reema Habib

- 1: Cult and Industry: An Analysis of Religious Shrines in the Commercial Spaces of Pompeii
Abigail Staub, *University of Virginia*
- 2: Augustus and the Cult of Venus in Pompeii
Kirsten Mason, *Mount Allison University*
- 3: Reconstructing the Archaeology of Grain Storage in Egypt: Karanis and Granary C65
Shannon Burton, *University of Michigan*

SESSION#2**STRONG HALL 104**

Presider: Dr. Robert Sklenář

- 1: Vergil and the Name of the Hebrew God
Harrison Dinsbeer, *Davidson College*
- 2: Vergil's Conception of the Ideal Roman
Arnav Tandon, *Columbia University*
- 3: Bee-ing a Farmer: Exploring the Implications of Apian Politics in Vergil's *Georgics IV*
Frank DeGuire, *University of Wisconsin*

12:00-1:00 LUNCH AT CUMBERLAND HOUSE HOTEL

1:30-2:40 SECOND PAPER SESSION**SESSION#3****STRONG HALL B-001**

Presider: Dr. Theodora Kopestonsky

- 1: Why the Beer Disappeared: Social and Environmental Factors of Alcohol Production in Archaic and Classical Greece
Rachel Prichett, *University of Texas*
- 2: The Digital Restoration of Block W XI of the Parthenon Frieze
Emily Jordan, *Vanderbilt University*
- 3: Investigating *Deinos* in Sophocles' *Antigone*
Dylan McKibban, *University of Texas*

SESSION#4**STRONG HALL 103**

Presider: Dr. Justin Arft

- 1: The End of Choice: Plot Mechanisms and Audience Perception in the *Odyssey*
Nathan Moore, *University of Georgia*
- 2: On the Threshold of Power: Interior Liminal Spaces in the *Odyssey*
Charissa Skoutelas, *Pennsylvania State University*
- 3: The *Iliad* According to Aristotle
Jake Hoyer, *University of St. Thomas*

SESSION#5**STRONG HALL 104**

Presider: Dr. Christopher Craig

- 1: The Court of Public Opinion: How Horace Explores Public Opinion in His Satire
Jane Seage, *Austin Peay State University*
- 2: Virgil, Foucault, and Wendell Berry: Land and the Self
Taylor McClain, *Bryn Mawr College*
- 3: Multiple Explanations for Multiple Explanations? Epistemology and Rhetoric
in *De Rerum Natura*
Grant Hussong, *University of Kansas*

2:40-2:55 Afternoon Break

3:00-4:10 THIRD PAPER SESSION**SESSION#6****STRONG HALL B-001**

Presider: Dr. Maura Lafferty

- 1: Metaphoric Speculation: Rereading Book XV of Augustine's *De Trinitate*
Emeline McClellan, *University of Georgia*
- 2: Violent Death: From Mockery to Triumph
Theodore Mantzikos, *New York University*
- 3: Funding for the Apostle Paul's Missionary Journeys
Alexandra Pardo, *University of North Carolina-Greensborough*

SESSION#7**STRONG HALL 103**

Presider: Dr. Dylan Bloy

- 1: The Unconquered Sun: The Mysteries of Mithras
Mitchell Heesch, *University of St. Thomas*
- 2: Patroclus, Enkidu, and Death's Thresholds
Arjun Srirangarajan, *University of Southern California*
- 3: Candace Amanirenas: Dismantling Roman Colonialism
Aimee Lafon, *University of Tennessee*

SESSION#8

STRONG HALL 104

Presider: Dr. Jessica Westerhold

- 1: Tacitus' Celtic Dido: Imperial Criticism through the *Dux Femina*
Brooke McArdle, *Marquette University*
 - 2: Graceful Giving: The Role of the Female in Seneca's *De Beneficiis*
Helen Ruger, *Columbia University*
 - 3: "Mom Said I'm in Charge": Understanding the Motivations of the Gracchi Brothers,
Caesar, and Augustus through their Maternal Parenting
Lydia Davis, *University of Tennessee*
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4:15-4:30 CLOSING REMARKS

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