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“Helmets from the Sea: Military Finds from the Battle of the Aegates Islands (241 BCE)” Andrew L. Goldman, Professor of History, Gonzaga University

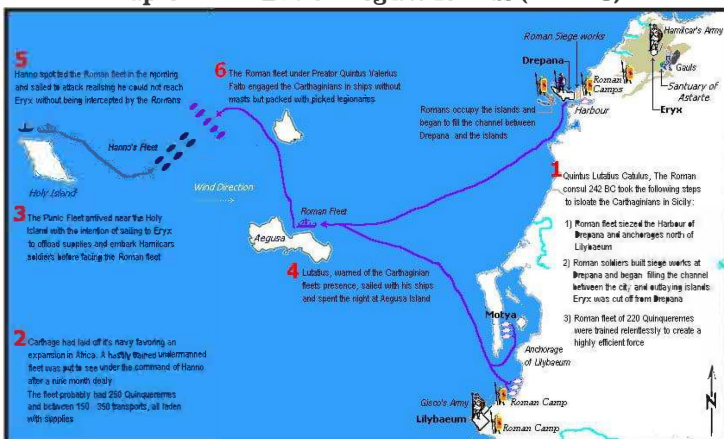
Sunday, September 29, 2019, 3:00pm
Sabin Hall G90, 3413 N. Downer Ave, Milwaukee, WI
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On 10 March, 241 BCE, the final naval battle of the First Punic War was fought off western Sicily, where a large Roman fleet engaged an equally large Carthaginian fleet near the Aegates Islands. The ancient historian Polybius tells us how the Romans won a decisive victory and forced the Carthaginians to sue for peace shortly thereafter. Almost 2300 years later, the site of the battle has been located off Levanzo Island. This lecture will discuss the ancient battle as we understand it from surviving literary sources like Polybius and will present what the new archaeological finds have revealed about the conflict and its combatants, the early legionaries of Rome and the mercenary forces of Carthage.

Andrew L. Goldman teaches at Gonzaga University in both the History and Classical Civilizations Department. He has also worked in institutes in Turkey, Rome, and at the Penn Museum, where he still holds a research appointment. His fields of special interest are the history and archaeology of the ancient Mediterranean and Black Sea regions. He received his BA from Wesleyan University (1988), and his MA and PhD from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (1993 and 2000, respectively).

Map of the Battle of Aegates Islands (241 BC)



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