

Joint Colloquium

UWM Departments of Anthropology,
Art History, and Classics (FLL)

Fitting Archaeology into a Multidisciplinary Grand Challenge Program: "Planet Texas 2050"

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Planet Texas 2050 (<a href="https://bridgingbarriers.utexas.edu/">https://bridgingbarriers.utexas.edu/</a>) is the first "theme" to be launched under the "Bridging Barriers" grand challenge initiative at the University of Texas at Austin. Each theme addresses a challenge that UT Austin is uniquely positioned to confront, with impact both within the state of Texas and beyond. In this colloquium, we will explore the role of interdisciplinary research into past societies within a larger research project that is otherwise primarily focused on building resiliency to rapid urbanization and extreme weather in Texas in the present and the future. We will pay particular attention to the opportunities and challenges involved with the integration of digital data from a variety of heterogeneous -- and sometimes incommensurate -- sources.

Professor Rabinowitz studies Greek colonization, cultural interaction, ancient food and drink, archaeology of daily life, and digital approaches to archaeology. He has also several digital humanities projects about the Classical past funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.