



Archaeology Society of Alberta OCTOBER 2023 ACTIVITY BULLETIN MONTHLY MEETING: MARINA FISCHER

WHO: Marina Fischer, Curator of Numismatics, University of Calgary

WHAT: Coins and Archaeology: Introduction to Ancient Greek and Roman Numismatics

WHEN: October 24th, 2023 at 6:30 pm (casual chat time), meeting starts at 7 pm

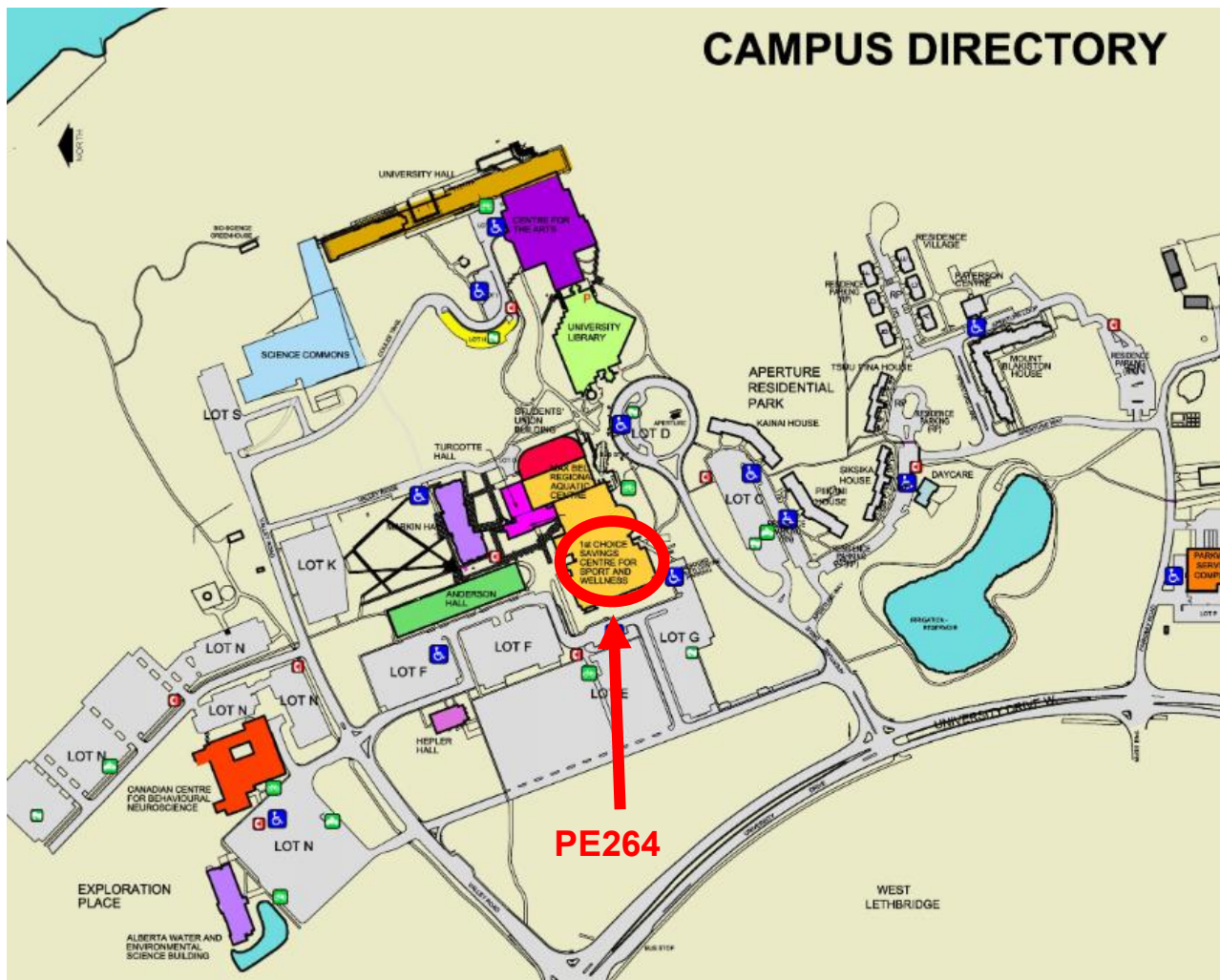
WHERE: PE264 (across from the Tim Hortons in the Sports and Wellness Centre building)

Numismatics is a scholarly study of coins and other currencies. Ancient coins are an essential source of primary evidence for understanding the ancient world. The interpretation of numismatic evidence requires specialized knowledge and expertise. Marina Fischer will discuss the methodology for the identification of ancient Greek and Roman coins - coin anatomy, dating, legends, denominations, metal composition, minting techniques, and many more. She will share her excitement of numismatics with us and will have examples from the University of Calgary's Nickle Numismatic Collection on display!



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Marina Fischer is a Curator of Numismatics at Nickle Galleries, Libraries and Cultural Resources at the University of Calgary. She holds an M.A. in Ancient History with specialization in Art History from the University of Calgary. She oversees the university's vast money collection of 23,000 objects spanning from the beginning of coinage in the 7th century BCE to the modern period. She is a recipient of a University of Calgary Teaching Award, and lectures frequently in various departments across campus.



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Obituary: Janet Blakey



It is with deep sadness that we mourn the sudden passing of Janet Stephanie Blakey, beloved sister, aunt, and friend, at the age of 48 years. She will be lovingly remembered by her brother, Winston; sister-in-law, Andrea Murray; nephew, Thomas; niece, Sydney; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other extended family. Janet will also be dearly missed by her many close friends and her colleagues at Lifeways of Canada in Calgary, Alberta. She was predeceased by her loving parents, Don and Mary Blakey.

Janet was born in Winnipeg on March 12th, 1975 and was a graduate of the I.B. program at Kelvin High School. Throughout her youth, she was actively involved with the YM/YWCA Leadership program as well as Camp Stephens and Camp Manitou, where she forged long-lasting friendships and connections. She attended the University of Winnipeg and graduated with bachelor's degrees in both Arts and Science (Honours). Janet pursued her passions in Archaeology and moved to Calgary in 1999 where she began her lifelong career at Lifeways of Canada shortly thereafter.

At Lifeways, Janet worked as Assistant Project Archaeologist in charge of the lab, artifact analysis and the administrative processing of artifact collections. She joined in archaeological and palaeontological projects across Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories. Her zeal for field studies drove her to participate in investigations at many important and named sites across Alberta, including the Everblue Springs Site, the FM site, the Junction Site, the Stampede Site, and Spitzee Post. As the head of lab analysis, Janet co-authored many technical reports, and with her expertise in computer graphics, she designed numerous award-winning conference posters and information pamphlets.

Janet was passionate about and devoted to public education in Archaeology, and her interest reached beyond professional obligations when she joined the Archaeological Society of Alberta. She served as Director, three years as Vice President and six years as President of the Calgary Centre before stepping down to Past-President. Janet was a force who provided insight, energy and guidance to the operations of the Archaeological Society.

While her professional accomplishments, passions and accolades are many, it is who she was and how she loved that will stay with us all the most, embedded in our memories. Over and over since she has passed, Janet has been described as a treasure. Meeting Janet meant that you almost instantly became her friend, and she

quickly and wholeheartedly welcomed you into her circle, where you would always remain and feel a close bond with her.

Thomas and Sydney, her niece and nephew, were beloved to her as she was to them. Whether it was on a trip out to the mountains, Christmas, the lake, or a sleepover with Auntie Janet, time spent together with her meant being made to feel special. She took delight in spoiling the kids with thoughtful, beautiful gifts on a regular basis, and they in turn reacted with joy and glee at the things she chose for them. There are mementos from Janet everywhere - a teacup, cozy sweaters, countless stuffies- mundane items that have now become a reminder of how precious she was to us all and the generosity of spirit that she inspired.

Everyone who was lucky enough to know Janet had a unique and special relationship with her. Some will remember the warmth with which she greeted them, no matter how long it had been since she'd last seen them; some will remember the never ending collection of David's Tea paraphernalia or the cute foxes, bison and pigs that decorated her condo; others were lucky enough to see the more closely-guarded sides of her wondrous personality, drawn out only at her most comfortable - her cheeky sense of humour, her penchant for video gaming, her love of 90s movies, the odd tipple of gin or tequila and, of course, the annual hockey pool. But what is true for all those who knew her is that her absence will leave a giant hole.

The treasure that was Janet will forever live in the hearts of those who had the good fortune to cross paths with her. She will be dearly missed.

For those who wish to attend, informal celebrations of life will take place in both Winnipeg and Calgary.

Winnipeg: Sunday, October 22nd, 2pm in the Galleria at St John's College, 92 Dysart Rd

Calgary: Saturday, November 4th, time and location TBD

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Archeological Society of Alberta, Diabetes Canada, Crohn's and Colitis Canada or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

We wish to thank all friends, family and colleagues for their unwavering support during this time.