

IPAMAA Lecture

March 7, 2024

Join us on Thursday, March 7th to kick off Recruitment Weekend with a Meet and Greet from 3:30-4:30, followed by an IPAMAA Lecture (details below) from 4:30-6pm. Both events will be in the Anderson Room- 1st floor, Michigan Union, 530 S. State St. - accessible entrance on south side.

Professor Christopher Ratté

Notion Archaeological Research Project: The Biography of an Ancient Greek Urban Community



Notion was a Greek city on the western coast of Anatolia (modern Turkey), 50 km south of Izmir. It was closely associated with the inland town of Colophon, 15 km to the north; from the 2nd century BCE onward, it was known as New Colophon, or Colophon-by-the-Sea.

Five years of UM-sponsored archaeological survey carried out between 2014 and 2018, showed that the visible remains of Notion date largely to the Hellenistic period, beginning with a major program of urban development in the mid-3rd century BCE, and ending with the abandonment of much of the city in the 1st century CE. In 2022, a new program of excavations was begun in collaboration with Sinop University, paying special attention to the evidence of domestic occupation. A surprising discovery in 2023 was a hoard of 50 coins (Persian darics, minted in the fifth or fourth century BCE) found buried in a pot in earlier levels beneath the courtyard of a Hellenistic house.