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# ***The Heavenly Archer: Graeco-Iranian Iconography in Hellenistic Bactria***

**Jeffrey D. Lerner, Wake Forest University, North Carolina**



**Thursday, April 23, 2015**  
**Reception 5:30 pm, Lecture 6:00 pm**  
**Department of Classical Studies**  
**2175 Angell Hall, 435 South State Street**

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### **Description:**

The only evidence of the worship of Apollo-Mithra east of Mesopotamia are a few scattered sources. No statue of the deity, let alone a temple dedicated to him, has ever been identified. Professor Lerner will propose that the remains of the cult statue identified as Zeus found in the "Temple with Indented Niches" at the site of Ai Khanoum (northeastern Afghanistan) is in actuality the remains of a hitherto unrecognized cultic statue of Apollo-Mithra replete with temple and sanctuary.