

AIA Lecture: "The Trireme: Ancient and Modern"

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07:30pm – 09:00pm

John C. Paulus Great Hall, Collins Legal Center

Free

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Powered by 170 rowers, triremes were the premier warships of the ancient Mediterranean. Although these ships helped to shape the history of the Greco-Roman world, modern scholars knew little about their design or operation until recently. In 1987, the *Olympias*, a modern replica of a 5th century BC Athenian trireme was launched. Based on the sea trials of the *Olympias*, this presentation will examine what daily life may have been for the crews of these ancient vessels.

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