

# Memory across Time and Disciplines: Tracing, Storing, Reawakening In Memory of Our Beloved Colleague, Prof. Jean Alvares

April 16–17, 2025

**In-person:** Schmitt Hall, Room 327, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ 07043, USA

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## Overview

Memory is more than just a function of the human brain—it is a fundamental structure embedded in the natural world, human culture, and technological systems. From the stratified layers of the Earth to the neural networks of the mind, from the meticulous organization of historical archives to the complex architectures of digital storage, memory takes many forms.

Memory across Time and Disciplines is an interdisciplinary conference that brings together researchers from the sciences, humanities, and technology to explore the diverse ways memory is formed, stored, forgotten, and recovered. By bringing together scientists, historians, archivists, geologists, linguists, technologists, and artists, the conference aims to uncover the deep connections between how we remember—whether through neurons, fossils, books, or bytes. This conference will not only highlight cutting-edge research but also inspire new ways of thinking about memory in a rapidly changing world.

## Organizing Committee, Montclair State University

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# Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

## 9:30–9:45 | OPENING REMARKS: In Memory of Our Beloved Colleague, Prof. Jean Alvares

Deborah Chatr Aryamontri, PhD (Dept. of Classics & General Humanities, Montclair State University)

Ling Fan, PhD (Dept. of World Languages and Cultures, Montclair State University)

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## SESSION I: Cultural & Historical Memory – Recording, Interpreting, Preserving

**Chair:** Sophia Hudzik, MA (Dept. of Classics & General Humanities)

**9:45–9:55** | Chair's Welcome

**9:55–10:25** | Morgan Palmer, PhD (Dept. of Classics & Religious Studies, University of Nebraska–Lincoln)

*Remembering Ancient Roman Priestesses: The Vestal Virgins and Construction of Memory*

**10:25–10:45** | Dahlia Reigns (Independent Artist, New Jersey)

*Time in Focus: Artistic Perspectives on Antique Imagery*

**10:45–10:50** | Discussion

**10:50–11:05** | **Coffee Break**

**11:05–11:30** | William Peniston, PhD (Librarian and Archivist, Newark Museum)

*The Librarian and Archivist as Keeper of Institutional Memory*

**11:30–11:50** | Joanna Madloch, PhD (Dept. of Classics & General Humanities, Montclair State University)

*Photography: Death, Memory, and the Dialectics of the Gaze*

**11:50–12:00** | Discussion

**12:00–2:00** | **Lunch Break**

## SESSION II: Local and Global Approaches to Memory – Neuroscience, Cultural Heritage, Environmental Imprint, and Digital Memory

**Chair:** Deborah Chatr Aryamontri (Dept. of Classics & General Humanities, Montclair State University)

**2:00–2:05** | Chair's Welcome

**2:05–2:25** | Haidy M. Behman, MD (Affiliations: Old Bridge Medical Center, JFK University Medical Center, Raritan Bay Medical Center, New Jersey)

*Evaluation and Management of Memory Decline*

**2:25–2:45** | Thomas J. Hudzik, PhD (Founder/Principal Executive at ALA BioPharma Consulting)

*The Neuroscience of memory – Everything is connected to Everything Else*

**2:45–2:55** | Discussion

**2:55–3:00 | Coffee Break**

**3:00–3:30 |** Peter Siegel, PhD (Dept. of Anthropology, Montclair State University)

*Archaeological History, Memory, and Heritage at the White Marl Site, Jamaica*

**3:30–3:50 |** Jacob Welch, PhD (Dept. of Anthropology, Montclair State University)

*Ancient Memory and Ancestral Places in Yucatán, Mexico*

**3:50–4:10 |** Greg Pope, PhD (Dept. of Earth & Environmental Studies, Montclair State University)

*Memory in the Landscape: Exploring Evidence of Inheritance at Earth's Surface*

**4:10–4:30 |** Michele Collauto, VCP, PMP (Vice President Information Technology at Cantor Fitzgerald)

*Data, Memory, AI*

**4:30–4:40 |** Discussion & Final Remarks for Day One

**4:40–5:00 | Mix & Mingle:** Light refreshments and informal discussion with speakers

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## Thursday, April 17th

### SESSION III: Reawakening and Mapping Memory of Present and Past

**Chair:** Joanna Madloch, PhD (Dept. of Classics & General Humanities, Montclair State University)

**9:30–9:40 |** Chair's Welcome

**9:40–10:10 |** Tiziana Rinaldi Castro, PhD (Dept. of Classics & General Humanities, Montclair State University)

*Counter-Mapping the City: Reawakening Radical Memory in Urban Space*

**10:10–10:40 |** Christopher W. Parker, EdD (Dept. of Classics & General Humanities/Theatre and Dance, Montclair State University)

*Igniting the Spark: Bridging Creative Thinking and Classical Memory in the Journey of Recovery*

**10:40–10:50 |** Discussion

**10:50–11:00 | Coffee Break**

**11:00–11:30 |** Alexandra Counter (Senior Student, Classics Major/Intern, Center for Heritage and Archaeological Studies, Montclair State University)

*Preserving Repositories of Memory: Bookbinding Workshop*

**11:30–12:00 |** Sophia Hudzik, MA (Dept. of Classics & General Humanities, Montclair State University/NJ Historical Commission)

*Historical Commemoration: The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution*

**12:00–12:20 |** Ling Fan, PhD (Dept. of World Languages and Cultures, Montclair State University)

*Memory and Experience: Strategies for Effective Language Learning*

**12:20–12:30 |** Discussion and **Final Remarks**