

*Pompeii and the life history of a city*

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The history of Pompeii is often reduced to a single moment: its destruction and burial in AD 79. Vivid images of the ruins and the casts of Vesuvius' victims bring a focus onto the "death" of the city while its full life history remains underappreciated. How the city developed, changed, and functioned over the course of six centuries is increasingly understood through archaeological research. This talk examines the life history of a small Pompeian neighborhood excavated by the "Pompeii Archaeological Research Project: Porta Stabia", from the earliest occupation in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC to the final years of the city's existence.