March 18th: Dr. Michael Degani, Johns Hopkins University

“Of Meters and Metis:
The Politics of Electricity in Urban Tanzania”

Dr. Michael Degani is a cultural anthropologist who studies energy use and infrastructure in African cities. His main research project is an ethnography of the municipal power grid in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. In his work he explores how residents devise informal economies of electricity distribution, and analyzes their effects on the rhythms and textures of daily life. Dr. Degani is an alumni of the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University. He completed his Ph.D. at Yale University in 2015, and is currently an Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins University.

March 25th: Dr. Praveena Gullapalli, Rhode Island College

"Playing with Fire: Reconstructing Ancient Pyrotechnologies in South India"

Dr. Praveena Gullapalli is an archaeologist and Associate Professor of Anthropology at Rhode Island College. She is an archaeologist who received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania, where her research investigated the organization of iron production in northwestern India. She is interested in and has investigated the ways in which archaeological knowledge is constructed and disseminated, especially within the context of museums and other popular media in colonial and post-colonial contexts.

April 15th: Dr. Andrew Hemmings, Florida Atlantic University

“The Paleoindian World: A View from Vero”

Dr. Andrew Hemmings is an archaeologist who works at the South Florida “Vero Man” site, one of the most extensive Paleoindian excavations currently underway in North America. The Vero site artifacts are of great significance; one human artifact from 11,000 years ago demonstrates the contemporaneous presence of humans and late Pleistocene animals, changing our understanding of the Ice Age, and allowing us to better understand the culture of early American inhabitants, as well as the causes of many North American animal and plant extinctions.

These talks are all free and open to the public.
LOCATION: AD 103 (auditorium), FAU Jupiter Campus
TIME: 1:00pm on the scheduled date
A reception with the speaker will follow each talk.