

Bright as the Sun:

A Look at the Lives of Women in Ancient Egypt

A lecture with Dr. Heidi Saleh

Ancient Egyptian women enjoyed more rights and freedoms than their counterparts in Mesopotamia, Greece, and Rome. And even though women played a pivotal role in ancient Egyptian society, they have been traditionally overlooked and/or downplayed by modern scholars. Join us in a lecture that explores the lives and occupations of a wide spectrum of ancient Egyptian women from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. We will examine women Pharaohs as well as female servants and work to understand their full complexity as leaders and workers as well as wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters.

Wednesday, April 27, 12:00-1:30pm

Dr. Heidi Saleh is an Egyptian-American scholar interested in identity politics and art of the ancient Mediterranean world. As an undergraduate, she majored in Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin. For graduate school, she attended the University of California, Berkeley, earning her M.A. and Ph.D. in Egyptian Art and Archaeology through the Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures. Currently, she is an Art History Professor at Santa Rosa Junior College, teaching global art survey courses. Dr. Saleh strives to share her passion for art and art history with everyone and is always searching for ways to make museums, monuments, and art more accessible.

