Dr. Renberg’s talk will focus on the role of dreams in Greek, Roman and Greco-Egyptian religion, exploring in particular the evidence preserved on hundreds of Greek and Latin inscriptions from throughout the ancient Mediterranean world.

Gil H. Renberg is a classicist and ancient historian whose work is devoted to religion among both the Greeks and Romans, especially the evidence for their beliefs and practices revealed by documentary sources and material culture. His first book, Where Dreams May Come: Incubation Sanctuaries in the Greco-Roman World, which has been recognized with the 2018 Charles J. Goodwin Award of Merit, is the first comprehensive analysis of the evidence for ritual incubation (dream-divination at holy sites) across a 3,000-year period that begins with the Sumerians and ends in Byzantine and Merovingian times. Renberg received his Ph.D. at Duke University in 2003 and has since taught at Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and Washington University in St. Louis, among other programs.