



The Friends of the ANU Classics Museum
invite you to a lecture by

Dr Lily Withycombe

8 pm Thursday 22 October, 2015
Haydon-Allen Lecture Theatre (The 'Tank')
(park in the Baldessin Carpark, on Ellery Crescent)

Augustus and the temple of Jupiter Feretrius

In the late 30s BC, the ancient city of Rome, still suffering from civil war, was apparently filled with decaying religious sites. One particular temple, the temple dedicated to Jupiter Feretrius on the Capitoline hill, was allegedly in ruins. In a powerful ideological move, the young Octavian restored this temple and placed it at the centre of his religious and political policy. The temple's associations with victory and the correct procedure for the declaration of war made it an appealing candidate for attention, but the nature and the outcome of the rebuilding appears to have been quite unusual. In this talk Dr Withycombe will examine a number of Roman coin issues and literary sources to explore this unique temple restoration and offer a case study of early Augustan temple rebuilding in Rome.



Lily Withycombe graduated with a PhD from Royal Holloway, University of London, in 2014, having written a thesis on religious architecture and topography of Augustan and early Imperial Rome. She has since been working as a curator at the National Museum of Australia, and is particularly interested in the architectural and topographical reconstruction of ancient cities, as well as multimedia and digital displays in Museums.

Supper in the Museum will follow, where items of merchandise will be on sale, all proceeds of which help us support the ANU Classics Museum.

