

THE DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS & THE OFFICE OF
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From Myth to Model: Computational Approaches to Ancient Epic



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH | 2:00-3:30PM |

WES Room, Worner

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High-performance computational tools and AI models are often associated with large datasets, but they also offer unique opportunities for analyzing smaller, "low-resource" datasets. With fewer than thirty thousand lines, the Homeric epics—The Iliad and The Odyssey—fall squarely into this category, making them an ideal subject for computational exploration in the realm of low-resource research. In this talk, Annie Lamar will explore the unique challenges and opportunities that arise from using computational modeling in low-resource data contexts. Through a series of three case studies—including approaches with generative AI, statistical modeling, and word embeddings, Lamar demonstrates how such methods allow scholars to gain new insights into ancient texts.

Dr. Annie Lamar

