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SHIPWRECKS

of the South China Sea Region & Ancient Maritime Trade

In this presentation, the speaker will highlight several shipwrecks found in the South China Sea region, including the 800-year-old Java Sea Shipwreck, to discuss large-scale maritime exchange networks during the early second millennium AD. The Java Sea Shipwreck was an Indonesian ship discovered off the coast of Java in the late 1980s by fishermen and was excavated in 1996. Included in the vessel's cargo are high-fired ceramics and iron from China and earthenware, resin, and ivory from Southeast Asia and other parts of the Indian Ocean World. Also present are items likely used by the crew and merchants onboard, such as sharpening stones, scale bars and weights, glass, and other sundries. Not only does the ship's cargo attest to the massive scale of production and exchange of material goods at the time, it also presents intriguing possibilities regarding the people



Ceramics from the 12th-13th-century Java Sea Shipwreck.
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involved in early mass production and globalization.

Dr. Lisa C. Niziolek received her Ph.D. in Anthropology (Archaeology) in 2011 from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she studied

pottery production and distribution in the prehispanic Philippines. Her current research focus is ancient maritime trade in East and Southeast Asia using shipwreck collections. From 2013 to 2016, she served on the curatorial team for two exhibitions focusing on China's culture and history at Chicago's Field Museum. The first was the museum's permanent exhibition, the *Cyrus Tang Hall of China*, which covers more than 10,000 years of Chinese prehistory and history; the second was *China's First Emperor and His Terracotta Warriors*. She is the author of numerous publications and co-editor, with Drs. Deborah Bekken and Gary Feinman, of *China: Visions through the Ages*.

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