

# INJURY, DISEASE, AND DEATH IN EARLY BYZANTINE GREECE: THE STORY FROM CHRYSSI ISLAND

Chryssi is a small island off the southeast coast of Crete and is the location of two small graves from the Early Byzantine Period. These two graves contained the remains of at least 35 people, young and old, male and female. The high number of pathologies represented in this small group of people speaks to ancient lives of disease, trauma, hardship, and often early death. In this talk I will present a bioarchaeological analysis of the human remains and discuss what these people from the past can tell us about their lives and deaths on this small island.



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Dr. Susan Kirkpatrick Smith received her BA in Anthropology from The Florida State University and her MA and PhD in Anthropology from Indiana University. She has been conducting research on human skeletal remains from archaeological sites in Greece for many years, with a current focus on material from the island of Crete. She is interested in the biocultural analysis of human remains with a focus on understanding how life experiences affect the body.

## **ALL WELCOME**

No registration required Reception to follow

## **WHEN**

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 5 p.m.

#### WHERE

Hagey Hall Room 1108



