Natalie Munro

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Christopher Clark, a specialist in United States history, is a Professor of History at the University of Connecticut and currently heads the History department. Before coming to Connecticut in 2005 he taught at the University of York and then the University of Warwick, both in England. Among his publications are *The Roots of Rural Capitalism: Western Massachusetts, 1780-1860* (1990); *The Communitarian Moment: The Radical Challenge of the Northampton Association* (1995); a volume (co-authored with Nancy Hewitt) of the American Social History Project’s *Who Built America?* (2000; 2007); and *Social Change in America from the Revolution through the Civil War* (2006), which was his project while he was a UCHI External Fellow in 2002-3.

Natalie Munro is a professor of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut. She is an archaeozoologist who studies the transition from forager to farmer societies in the eastern Mediterranean using ancient animal remains. Munro has published widely in peer-reviewed journals including *Science, PNAS, Current Anthropology* and the *Journal of Human Evolution*. Munro’s talk investigates three transitions at Franchthi including socioeconomic reorganization and increased social complexity in Late Pleistocene hunter-gatherer societies (20,000-8000 years BP), the nature of the transition to agriculture (ca 8,000 years BP) and the evolution of herd animal economies and the organization of labor in small-scale agricultural villages (7,000-3,5000 years BP).

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