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FORTRESS ROME: HOW THE AURELIAN WALL CHANGED EVERYTHING

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In 271 AD, Rome was the largest and most famous city in the world, the center of an empire so vast and so powerful that no foreign invader had threatened it since Hannibal 500 years earlier. Beginning in 271, however, Emperor Aurelian began to surround the previously unfortified city-center with the largest masonry structure the world had ever seen, a city wall 12 miles in circumference imposed on the midst of Rome’s sprawling urban fabric. Neighborhoods were cut in two; roads and bridges blocked; houses, tombs and public buildings either demolished or absorbed by the wall. Professor Dey explores a tiny sampling of the ways in which the look and the life of the city changed forever, with emphasis on infrastructure.

Wednesday, November 5, 2014
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

(Reception with light refreshments to follow at 6:00 p.m. Open to the public. Free parking.)
Location: Mandel Center for the Humanities, G03

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The Image is: Snapshot of a graffiti-stencil on a wall on the Esquiline Hill in Rome, one of a number of similar images of the Aurelian Wall that mysteriously showed up around Rome in 2010 (Prof Hendrik Dey 2014).