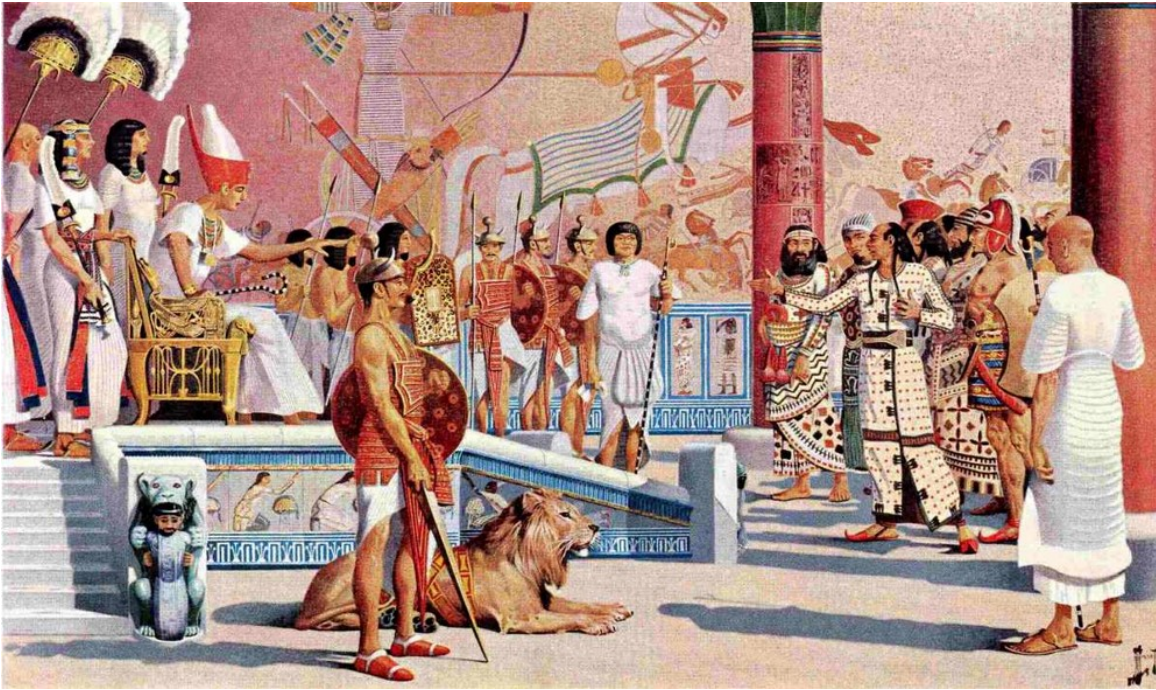


A lecture by

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**“PHARAOH AS DIPLOMAT: RAMESSES II
AND THE EGYPTIAN-HITTITE PEACE PROCESS”**

Monday, March 25 at 4:00 pm
University Hall Room 010 (basement)

Professor Brand—a UTA alumnus (BA, History, 1990)—will explore the ideological obstacles that prevented the pharaohs from making peace following the Egyptian-Hittite war of the late 14th-early 13th century until Ramesses II's 21st regnal year (ca. 1258 BCE). A canny statesman, Ramesses manipulated Egyptian royal ideology and the political insecurities of his Hittite counterpart, King Hattusili III, to negotiate his treaty and conduct diplomacy. Thirteen years after the treaty, he married a Hittite princess, presenting the event as an Egyptian triumph. Behind the scenes, diplomatic letters reveal that the pharaoh had engaged in tough negotiations with the Hittite Queen Pudukhepa. Ramesses II's career as a diplomat is a case study in how ancient ideologies collided with the realities of inter-state relations in the ancient world.

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