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A LECTURE BY PROFESSOR ELIZABETH CARTER

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Located in southeastern Turkey between the modern sites of Gaziantep and Kahramanmaraş, is one of the largest settlements of the Halaf period (sixth millennium BC). It is there that a large burial pit was discovered, containing a number of highly fragmented prime-age animals and humans. The burial represents an episode in a complex communal ritual, possibly a human and animal sacrifice. Who were the humans found in the pit? Do we have evidence of cannibalism during the Neolithic period? These are some of the questions that will be discussed by Elizabeth Carter, Ph. D., Chair and Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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