Western Wyoming Community College
2500 College Drive, Room 3650A | Rock Springs, Wyoming

March 28, 2019 | 6:00 PM
Doors open at 5:30 PM for a free, light dinner and snacks.

6:00 PM  The Three Most Important Buildings in the World: The Parthenon, the Dome of the Rock and Hagia Sophia
Dr. Naomi Pitamber, Department of Visual and Literary Arts, University of Wyoming

The Parthenon in Athens, the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, and the Church/Mosque of Hagia Sophia in Istanbul are three of the most highly visited buildings in the world. Dr. Naomi Pitamber will share the intriguing and often contentious histories of these three works of architecture, including little known stories about their “darker” periods of history, their roles in wartime and peacetime, and why they are so important today. Dr. Pitamber has conducted field-work in each of these buildings in connection to her research on them as part of her new book project, “Conquering the Sacred East.”

6:50 PM  Dr. Feelgood or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the FDA
Dr. Randal Goff, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Western Wyoming College

The Food and Drug Administration plays an important role in American healthcare and in the development of new ways of combating disease. But the public often sees their activities as opaque and arcane. Dr. Randy Goff’s talk aims to demystify the process of drug development and then gaining FDA approval. As part of the presentation, he will describe his experience in the field of drug discovery and the process of obtaining FDA approval for Mylotarg, an innovative anti-cancer drug.

7:40 PM  Ritual and Political Structure in the Andes of Ancient Peru
Dr. Jason Toohey, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Director of the George C. Frison Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Wyoming

Archaeological excavations by the University of Wyoming in the Andes mountains of Peru have unveiled a civilization older than the Incas—the Cajamarca Culture. The recent discovery of a monumental circular plaza at the 600-acre site of Callacpuma is not only the first feature of its kind in northern Peru, but may constitute the earliest ritual and political architecture in the region. Join Dr. Toohey as he describes this exciting find and mines it for information about public and political organization of the Cajamarca Culture.