



## Trent Oshawa Anthropology Lecture Series

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### **Civilization Before the State**

Since the beginning of academic anthropology, the spread of civilization has been linked to the expansion of the first states. Using examples from around the world, this talk argues instead that what we think of as "civilizations" were often the unintended consequences of chaotic first decades of urban life.



*Dr. Jennings is currently an Associate Curator at the Royal Ontario Museum. His current research centers on state expansion and consolidation in the Ancient Andes. Over the last seven years, the focus of his fieldwork has been on the impact of the Wari (AD 600 - 1000) and Inca (AD 1430 - 1532) states in the Cotahuasi Valley of southern Peru. He is currently directing excavations of burial and domestic contexts at the Wari-influenced site of Collota.*

**Monday, January 24, 2010 at 1:00 pm**

**Trent University Oshawa, Room 125**

**55 Thornton Road South, Oshawa**

**Coffee reception to follow**

**Everyone is Welcome**