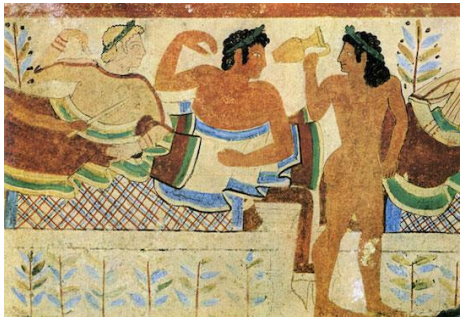


CLAS 140/HIST 140-2

# The Archaeology of Food and



## Feasting

**.25 Course**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 8 Weeks**  
**Fall Semester**  
**12:30-1:45 TT**



**Instructor: Matinez**

This course offers an introduction to food and feasting, as expressed in the art, archaeology and texts of civilizations from across the globe. Open to all students.

This course begins with discussions on how to define archaeology and feasting and how archaeology can be used to illuminate the different modes and meanings of food and drink production, distribution and consumption. We will then discuss examples of individual and collective expressions of these universal and socially meaningful aspects of life. Topics covered may include the goals of feasting, architecture, ritual requirements, opulence, the gaining of allies, frightening enemies, negotiating war and peace, celebrating rites of passage, and communicating with the gods. Possible areas of focus will be Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Central and South America, and the Mediterranean.

