Join the Brandeis Department of Classical Studies in welcoming

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for her lecture

Loss and Recovery of Knowledge at Rome

October 24 from 5:00-6:30pm, Mandel Reading Room 303

How well do the Romans know their own history? In a world where records of the past rot away, are eaten by worms, mice, larvae, are accidentally or deliberately set on fire, how is a Roman of the late Republic supposed to understand Rome's past? In the De Lingua Latina (5.5), Varro wrote: uetustas pauca non deprauat, multa tollit; “there is little that time does not distort, much it obliterates completely.” Join me in an exploration of the challenges faced by Romans interested in understanding their city's history, and what kind of strategies they have developed to recover "lost" knowledge.

Light refreshments will be served

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