

THE SOCIETY FOR ANCIENT MEDICINE AND PHARMACOLOGY AND THE UC DAVIS EARLY SCIENCE WORKSHOP PRESENT:

WRITING THE PLAGUE:

How Roman Disease Infected Literature:

A conversation with Hunter Gardner (U of SC) and Caroline Wazer (Lapham's Quarterly)

Plagues are paradoxical. Even as they wreak havoc on bodies and stress institutions, they can be grimly productive. As contagion reaches out to touch us, it vividly articulates the strands of our social networks and casts new light on the shapes and natures of our communities. For this reason, the implacable destruction of pestilence is an especially powerful metaphor for imagining social and civil strife. Join us on Zoom, November 19th at 5pm(EST) to hear Hunter Gardner (U of SC) and Caroline Wazer (*Lapham's Quarterly*) discuss Gardner's new book, *Pestilence and the Body Politic in Latin Literature*. We will explore the power of pestilence on both the Roman literary imagination and its civic mentality. We will also examine how it can speak to our own nosological and civic plagues. For information, please contact Colin Webster (cwebster@ucdavis.edu) or Calloway Scott (calloway.scott@uc.edu).

You can sign up to receive the Zoom link here: <https://forms.gle/kaJbtNv6scMwSmZc7>

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