

Course Number

Classics 350

Course Title

Comedy and Culture Wars In Antiquity

Quarter/Year

Spring 2021

Day/Time

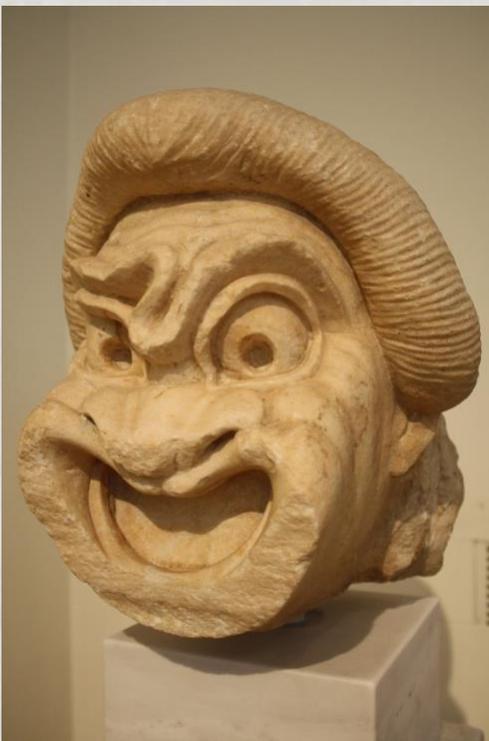
MW 3:30-4:50pm

Instructor

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Degree/Distro Fulfillment

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Course Description:

Every culture, it would seem, has its wars. In this course, we will examine how the medium of comedy – both on the stage and on the page – has been used as a means to move the needle in these wars, and to force members of their cultures to reflect on the disputes and the debates that raged. Along the way, we will read comic plays by Aristophanes and Plautus, satire from ancient Rome, and many others.

Required Textbooks

Aristophanes: *Frogs and Other Plays*: A new verse translation by Stephen Halliwell. ISBN-13: 978-0192824097 with introduction and

Assessments

Attendance/participation, presentation, midterm and final essay.