Office Hours  Wednesday 1:15-3:15 in 5106 Humanities (265-2522)
   or by appointment

Course Description
Rather than focus narrowly on legal questions or exclusively on the facts of individual cases, we will use speeches delivered in Athenian courts as sources for Athenian politics, society, and culture. We will examine how politicians used the courts to harm their rivals, how law became a stage to pursue, not end, disputes, and how court cases reveal to us Athenian values and beliefs. From a case concerning a husband who murdered his wife’s lover to a case where a prominent political leader was accused of engaging in prostitution, the Attic orators provide us a unique opportunity to explore both exceptional and ordinary disputes, disagreements, and conflicts, and they give us a glimpse into the daily lives of Athenian men and women.

Required Readings
available at the University Bookstore and on reserve at Helen C. White College Library
Carey, C. Trials from Classical Athens (London and New York 1997) = Trials
Todd, S. C. Lysias (Austin 2000) = Lysias
Course Packet (available at Bob’s Copy Shop, University Square) = CP
Online Handouts

Course Requirements
1. Participation (10%) based on participation in discussion sections.
2. Mid-Term Examination (25%) on March 7. Ten short factual questions; critical analysis of one passage selected from the ancient sources; one essay question.
3. One Term Paper (20%) 4-5 pages. Choose either Topic 1 (due in your section meeting on February 17/18) or Topic 2 (due in your section meeting on April 28/29).
4. Final Examination (35%). Ten short factual questions; critical analysis of two passages selected from the ancient sources; two essay questions.

No student will be permitted an alternate time or day to complete scheduled requirements except (1) in the case where the scheduled requirement conflicts with a personally observed religious holiday provided that the student notifies the instructor within the first two weeks of class, (2) in the case of a student with a serious illness that requires medical treatment and/or hospitalization, or (3) in the case of a student with disabilities who requires additional time for quizzes and/or examinations provided that s/he contacts the instructor within the first two weeks of class.
PART 1
LAW AND THE ATTIC ORATORS

Jan 19  Introduction

Jan 24  Law in its Social Setting
        CP 12: Moore, “Law and Social Change: The Semi-Autonomous Social Field as an Appropriate Subject of Study”

Jan 26  Athenian Political Institutions
        Handout (online)
        Ober, 104-55
        Lysias, pp. xix-xxvi

Jan 31  Rule of Law

Feb 2   Interpreting Forensic Speeches
        Lysias 7: Concerning the Sekos
        S. Todd, “The Use and Abuse of the Attic Orators” (online)
        C. Carey, “Legal Space in Classical Athens” (online)

PART 2
LAW AND RHETORIC

Feb 7   The Litigant and The Jury
        CP 2: Burns, A Theory of the Trial
        CP 3: Bers, “Dikastic Thorubos”
        A. Wolpert, “Address to the Attic Jury” (online)

Feb 9   Law as Civic Memory
        Lysias 18: On the Property of Nicias’ Brother
        A. Wolpert, “Lysias 18 and Athenian Memory of Civil War” (online)

Feb 14  Law as Drama
        Lysias 24: For the Disabled Man

Feb 16  Methods of Persuasion
        CP 13: Humphreys, “Social Relations on Stage”
        CP 11: Johnstone, Disputes and Democracy
        CP 14: Lanni, “Arguing from ‘Precedent’: Modern Perspectives on Athenian Practice”
PART 3
LAW, POLITICS, AND THE STATE

Feb 21  The Scrutiny of Public Officials  
Lysias 16: *For Mantitheus*, Lysias 25: *On Overthrowing the Democracy*  
Lysias 26: *Against Evandrus*  
CP 4: Hunter, *Policing Athens*

Feb 23  Bribery in Athenian Politics  
Lysias 21: *On the Charge of Accepting Bribes*  
CP 15: Harvey, “Some Aspects of Bribery in Greek Politics”

Feb 28  Sykophancy and Athenian Courts  
CP 16: Osborne, “Vexatious Litigation in Classical Athens”  
CP 17: Harvey, “The Sykophant and Sykophancy”

March 2  Politics and Religion  
Andocides 1: *On the Mysteries* (in Antiphon and Andocides or online)  
Online handout

March 7  Midterm Exam

PART 4
LAW AND SOCIETY

March 9  Demosthenes vs. Meidias  
Demosthenes 21: *Against Meidias* (online)

March 14  Mass and Elite  
Ober, 3-52, 156-77

March 16  Mass and Elite (continued)  
Ober, 192-292

March 28  Hubris and Citizenship  
Fisher (online)

March 30  Settling Feuds  
Demosthenes 54: *Against Konon for Battery* (in Trials)  
Lysias 3: *Against Simon*  
Cohen, 87-142

April 4  Law and Inheritance  
CP 5: Thompson, “Athenian Attitudes Toward Wills”

April 6  Homicide  
Antiphon 1, 5, 6 (in Antiphon and Andocides or Trials)
April 11  Torture
CP 18: Hunter, “Constructing the Body of the Citizen”
M. Gagarin, “The Torture of Slaves in Athenian Law” (online)

April 13  Hubris and Slaves
CP 20: Fisher, “Hybris, Status, and Slavery”
Online Handout

PART 5
LAW AND SEXUALITY

April 18  Adultery
Lysias 1: On the Murder of Eratosthenes
(online)
CP 9: Wolpert, “Lysias 1 and the Politics of the Oikos”

April 20  Women and the Household
Demosthenes 27-29: Against Aphobus I-III (online)
CP 6: Hunter, “Women’s Authority in Classical Athens: The Example of Kleoboule and Her Son (Dem. 27-29)”

April 25  Courtesans and Prostitutes
Demosthenes 59: Against Neaira (in Trials)
CP 21: Hamel, Trying Neaira, Chapter 1

April 27  Greek Homosexuality
Fisher, Against Timarchos, 1-24
Aeschines 1: Against Timarchos

May 2  Greek Homosexuality (continued)
CP 19: Winker, The Constraints of Desire, Chapter 2
Cohen, 143-62
Fisher, Against Timarchos, 25-67

May 4  Review for Final