

*THE LAST GENERATION OF  
THE ROMAN REPUBLIC AT FIFTY YEARS*

Organized by the Mario Del Chiaro Center for the Study of Ancient Italy and  
the Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology

**University of California, Berkeley**  
**September 26-27, 2024**

315 Wheeler Hall (Maude Fife Room)

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

*Welcome, 1:10-1:30*

SESSION I, 1:30-3:30 PM

*VIOLENCE AND POLITICS*

**Robert Morstein-Marx** (University of California, Santa Barbara), “Civil War Caused the Fall of the Republic—not Vice Versa”

**Dominic Machado** (College of the Holy Cross), “*Metus Servilis?* The Impact of Mediterranean Slave Revolts on Late Republican Politics”

*Break, 3:30-4:00*

SESSION II, 4:00-6:00 PM

*IDEOLOGIES AND NARRATIVES*

**Kathryn Welch** (University of Sydney), “Was there an ‘Optimate’ Ideology in the Republic?”

**Catalina Balmaceda** (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) “Gruen’s ‘Temptations of Hindsight’ and the Sallustian Narrative on Decline”

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

*Breakfast and Coffee, 9:15-10:00 AM*

SESSION III, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

*INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIAL RELATIONS*

**Josiah Osgood** (Georgetown University), “The Criminal Courts of the Late Republic: Sign of Health or Symptom of Breakdown?”

**Liv Yarrow** (Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, the City University of New York), “Debt and Duty, 51-50 BCE”

*Lunch, 12:00-1:30 PM (Ishi Court, Dwinelle Hall)*

SESSION IV, 1:30-3:30 PM

*GENERATIONS AND REPUBLICS*

**Harriet Flower** (Princeton University), “What is (in) a Generation in Republican Rome?”

**Daniel Kapust** (University of Wisconsin), “The Last Generation of the American Republic?”

*Break, 3:30-4:00 PM*

SESSION V, 4:00-4:45 PM

*REMARKS BY ERICH GRUEN & CONCLUDING DISCUSSION* (Arthur Eckstein, University of Maryland, and Amy Russell, Brown University, Chairs)

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*Conference Reception, 6:30 PM— (1045 Mariposa Avenue)*