Greek 9902 (2011) - Drunk on Talk: Plato's Symposium

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Description: Plato's Symposium will be read in Greek. Topics for discussion will include (but are not limited to) the Greek symposium, Greek erotic practices, the nature of ideal Platonic love, Plato's manipulation of literary and religious genres, the characterization of the participants, and the dialogue's function as a defence of Socrates.

Objectives:
* To consolidate skills in reading Attic Greek
* To become familiar with the major interpretative issues that should be considered when approaching this dialogue
* To develop skills in conducting and sharing research, both in the form of an oral presentation and a written paper
* To participate in a collaborative community of scholars who meet to share ideas and observations about a seminal text from Classical Athens.


Evaluation:
- preparation and participation 15%
- presentation 15 minutes 15%
- paper (based on presentation, 10-12 pages) 15%
- term test (translation, commentary) Nov. 1 20%
- final exam (translation, commentary ) TBA 35%
Select Bibliography – Plato’s Symposium


Lesher, James. 2007. *Plato's Symposium: Issues in Interpretation and Reception*. Cambridge,
Mass.: Harvard University Press.