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# Ancient Greece in America: Evidence from Chicago

**On Sunday, December 13, 2026, Hellenic Link–Midwest will present professor Ryan Platte, in a live lecture titled *"Ancient Greece in America: Evidence from Chicago."* The event will take place at 3 pm, at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 10249 West Irving Park Road at Schiller Park, Illinois (southeast corner of Irving Park Road and Mannheim Road). Admission is free.**

This talk will consider trends in how ancient Greece has been viewed in America's past and present with representative evidence drawn from Chicago itself. We will survey phenomena from the World's Fair and its political aftermath to contemporary culture, including film, and even local classrooms. Attention will also be paid to American conceptions and misconceptions about the relationship between ancient and modern Greece, which has too often been absent from the discussion. The talk will conclude with a survey of developments in Northwestern's study abroad program in Athens and efforts being made there to re-introduce modern Greece to students of Greece's past

*Dr. Ryan Platte* is professor of Instruction of Classics and Director of the Ancient Greek Program at Northwestern University. He earned his PhD from the University of Washington and joined the Department of Classics at Northwestern University in 2015 to direct the ancient Greek language program. His interests concern the history of language and poetic technique in Greek literature, while his research focuses principally on the Homeric corpus. This work privileges a linguistic approach to literary material and draws from the field of comparative Indo-European poetics. He has published on Greek lyric poetry and on epic, including a book, *Equine Poetics*, on Indo-European influences on the treatment of horses and horsemanship in Homer. He has also published on cinematic reception of Homer.