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# *THE LOST LIVES OF GREEK VASES*

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6:00 pm

CWY 109  
(C.W. "Bill" Young Hall)  
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Athenian vases, favored in antiquity for their high quality and vivid decoration, are today prized treasures in museum collections around the globe. With their lively scenes drawn from Greek myth and life, these vases were popular exports throughout the ancient Mediterranean, particularly in central Italy, where the Etruscans often placed them among their tomb goods. The discovery of ancient Greek vases at such Italian sites as Nola and Vulci in the 1820's launched an explosion of antiquarian interest in these vessels in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Many were unearthed on private land, and with few laws regulating their excavation, most were sold on the art market to museums and collections with little or no record of their original context. Dr. Bundrick has been researching the "lives" of Greek vases as they made their way from Athens to Etruria and ultimately across the Atlantic, and recounts the success she has had in tracing the biographies of selected vessels currently in American museums.

Light reception at 5:30 by the Classical Society of USF.

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