

Founding Narratives: The Evolution of Ancient Athenian and Early American Democracy

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Thursday, March 4, from 6:00-7:30 pm

The concept of democracy is constantly evolving. The framers of the U.S. Constitution had surprisingly diverse visions for American democracy, and found inspiration in multiple sources, including classical scholars from ancient Greece and the Roman Republic and the theoretical work of Enlightenment philosophers such as John Locke and Charles Montesquieu.

Join the Wisconsin Academy via Zoom for a [Roots of Democracy series](#) discussion with two historians:

- **Adriana Brook**, an expert on Greco-Roman history and culture and author of *Tragic Rites: Narrative and Ritual in Sophoclean Tragedy*
- **John Kaminski**, founder and director of the Center for the Study of the American Constitution in the Department of History at UW-Madison

Panelists will provide participants with an introduction to early Classical and Enlightenment experiments in democracy and the way ideas from these periods ultimately shaped the American Constitution. This online discussion and Q&A is open to the public with advance online registration. Zoom information is provided upon registration (phone-only options are available).

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