

Dining on the Deep Blue Sea

Food, Sailors, and Mediterranean Labor

This lecture, led by Archeologist Andrew Donnelly, investigates two shipwrecks: the 6th century CE Marzamemi 2, sometimes known as the "Church Wreck," which sank off the coast of southeast Sicily, and the 7th century CE Yassiada, located off the Bodrum peninsula in southwest Turkey. Here he examines the ceramic assemblages of each ship, focusing in this case on dining and cooking materials. Learn what these small, humble sherds of pottery can tell us about the lived lives of those who have walked more softly through history, the crews of the ships.

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Andrew Donnelly

Andrew Donnelly is assistant professor of the history of the early Mediterranean world at Texas A&M University-Commerce. His work currently focuses on textual and material evidence for cooking and foodways in the ancient world, especially in late antiquity. He has been involved in several excavations, including at Ostia Antica and Marzamemi, and recently co-wrote an article on the Marzamemi 2 wreck for the American Journal of Archaeology

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