

California Classical Association—Northern Section  
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## Colin Webster: "Tools for Doing and Tools for Thinking: Hippocrates' Diseases 4 and Prosthetic Cognition"

**H**ow do changing material realities shape scientific assumptions being made today? How and why does technology and its use inform reality and human understanding? When did this really begin? As Colin Webster, Ph.D., will demonstrate, these very timely questions find their root answers in Greco-Roman antiquity. On October 27, Dr. Webster will lead a discussion to explore how the development of simple devices (pipes, cupping glasses, inverted amphorae, wax tablets, among others) changed the landscape of the ancient mind and informed the development of the sciences, including biology, botany, optics, astronomy, and, most importantly, medicine. Further, he will explore what he refers to as "prosthetic cognition," whereby tools become more than implements for doing; rather, they become implements for thinking and further discovery.

**WHEN: Saturday, October 27, 12-2pm**

**WHERE: Osteria, 3277 Sacramento Street, San Francisco**

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**Colin Webster** took his PhD in Classics from Columbia University and has been an assistant professor of Classics at UC Davis since 2014. In November 2015, he published "Voice Pathologies and the 'Hippocratic Triangle' in the collection, *Homo Patiens: Approaches to the Patient in the Ancient World*. Dr. Webster's current book, *Tools for doing and Tools for Thinkings: Hippocrates' Diseases 4 and Prosthetic Cognition*" is due for publication shortly.

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