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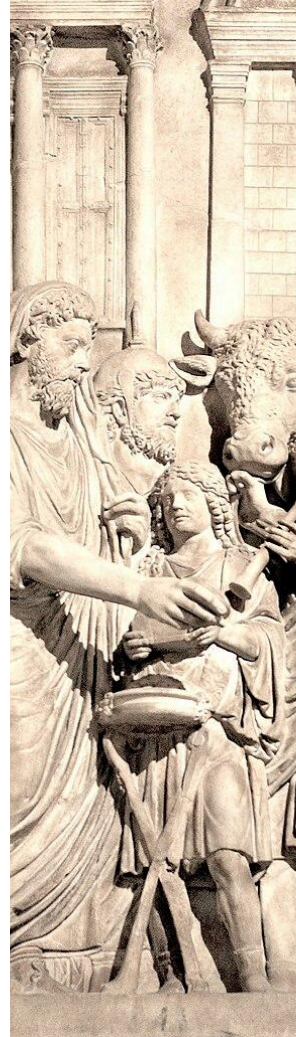
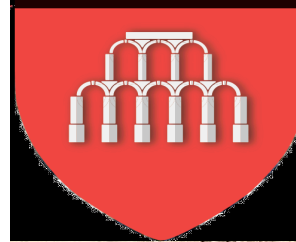


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“THE WINE WAS NEVER LACKING”: A ROMAN LIFE AND DEATH ON THE MARGINS

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Roman Street: Urban Life and Society in Pompeii, Herculaneum,

and Rome (Cambridge University Press, 2017 – Winner of the 2018 James Henry Breasted Prize from the American Historical Association), and *The Remarkable Life, Death, and Afterlife of an Ordinary Roman: A Social History* (Cambridge University Press, 2024)

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IN 1626, WORKERS DIGGING IN St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome accidentally unearthed the funerary ensemble of a second century CE Roman named Flavius Agricola. His life-sized marble portrait showed him reclining, half-naked, wine cup in hand. And his epitaph voiced his encouragement to visitors to enjoy life’s pleasures – especially wine and sex – because “after death, earth and fire consume all else.” Such sentiments did not go over well with papal authorities, who hushed up the find and destroyed the inscription. But Flavius’ funerary monument allows us to delve deeply into the life of an ordinary Roman – one who peered up at palaces rather than gazing out from them – and to consider his life and commemoration in death in multiple dimensions. Remarkably, Flavius’ monument – after moving among Baroque palazzi, Parisian workshops, and Manhattan galleries – resides in Indianapolis. These many contexts invite consideration of what Roman antiquities have meant across the ages.

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