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# **“Exploring the Roots of the Vine: The History and Archaeology of the earliest Wines”**

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**GRAPE: The Gadachrili Gora Project Excavations, Georgia**

**Tues Oct 25, 2016 at 6:00**

**Location: Anthropology Bldg AP130 19 Russell Street, University of Toronto**



Wine is one of the most commonly enjoyed and alcoholic beverages in the modern world. But what is the antiquity and history of this otherworldly drink? When and how was it first developed? How did it spread from its point of origin? Dr. Stephen Batiuk will show how new archaeological field work and bio-molecular chemistry and genetics are helping unlock this story, pushing its origins back to the Neolithic period and to the region of Caucasia, modern Georgia, Armenia and GRAPE: the Gadachrili Gora Project Excavations. GEORGIA GRAPE: the Gadachrili Gora Project Excavations. GEORGIA Azerbaijan, and how one of our earliest and best documented examples of an ancient migration probably led to the spread of wine and wine culture across the

Ancient Near East, and then eventually across the rest of the Mediterranean World.



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