THE BALANCED SKILL.
PSEUDO-VAULTS AND VAULTS IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
THURSDAY APRIL 24TH AT 4:00 PM
IN THE GAMBLE ROOM OF RUSH-RHEES LIBRARY.
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PUBLIC LECTURE - FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The use of pseudo-vaults and vaults in architecture can be found in Ancient Near East (Mesopotamia, Assyria and Egypt) as early as the 4th millennium BCE, while in the classical Mediterranean world the true-vault started only from 4th-3rd century BCE. This hiatus led some scholars to believe a re-invention, developed in Greece, Rome or Etruria. Recent discoveries from Etruria, as the lecture will show, give new arguments for the debate on the development in the west of arched-based architecture.

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