To honor JoBeth Van Gelderen on the occasion of her 96th year, the UCSB History Associates has created an annual lecture to showcase the work of advanced graduate students. Our first speaker will be Ryan Abrecht, who is completing a dissertation on immigrant life in ancient Rome. During the empire, Rome was a magnet for foreign peoples. But what happened to these newcomers once they arrived on the city's unforgiving streets? Join us for a delicious lunch of barbecue chicken and tri-tip in UCSB's new Mosher Alumni Center, where we will hear Ryan explain the important role immigrants played in Rome's economic, religious and social life, and the scorn of Roman elites with which they had to deal.

Sunday, Feb. 2
12:30 p.m.

UCSB Mosher Alumni Center
The Alumni Center is at the entrance road for Campbell Hall at the center of the campus, next to convenient parking ($3 on weekends). For a map, go to http://www.tps.ucsb.edu/mapFlash.aspx

About our Speaker
Ryan Abrecht is completing a doctoral dissertation in ancient Mediterranean history. He is an accomplished teacher and speaker who has delivered papers at the University of Pennsylvania, Brown University and the University of Colorado. His publications include entries in the Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome (2009).

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