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THE TRIAL OF SOCRATES: FACING THE MAN IN ANCIENT GREECE *San Diego Public Library Resumes "Philosophy Talk" Series*

San Diego, CA. The San Diego Public Library continues its occasional community lecture series PHILOSOPHY TALK with a presentation entitled *A Man of Ill Repute: The Trial of Socrates* on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library located at 820 E Street. The series focuses on issues of philosophy and their relevance to life in the 21st century and is designed as a fun opportunity to connect the richness of philosophical thought to everyday life. This free event is open to the public.

Socrates is credited as one of the founders of Western philosophy, an enigmatic figure known only through the classical accounts of his students including Plato. But who was that "strange" man in late fifth-century BC Athens who claimed "the unexamined life is not worth living by a human being"? How, according to this teacher and moral philosopher, should one lead one's life? And why was this philosopher put to death by the Athenian democracy? Can democracy and philosophy not co-exist? Dr. Charles Chamberlain, professor of classics at UCSD, will present the lecture using the "*Apology of Socrates*," written by Plato about the trial.

Library cardholders who would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity to read this classic work before the scholar's lecture may check out Plato's *Dialogues*, featuring the *Apology*, or go online to reserve a title and have it sent to your neighborhood library. A full 14-page text may be found at www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/socrates/apology.html and a downloadable audiobook version is available at <http://libri vox.org/apology-of-socrates-by-plato/>.

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