Dedicated to the Roman god Jupiter, the Ides fell on the day of the full moon in the Roman calendar. Because a full moon comes halfway through each lunation, its day was called ‘Idus’ in Latin, meaning “divide.” Greek and Roman Studies celebrates the Ides each month during the academic year with a guest speaker or performance.

In both technology and culture, the Romans were great bridge-builders, and borrowed liberally from ancient Greece. The Roman politician Cicero (106-43 BC) was no exception. When Roman democracy ended with the dictatorship of Julius Caesar, Cicero turned to Greece for an explanation, particularly Demosthenes, the democratic opponent of King Philip of Macedon. In this talk, I will explore the links Cicero drew between himself and Demosthenes, and explain how they still influence the way we think about the bridges between their civilizations.

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