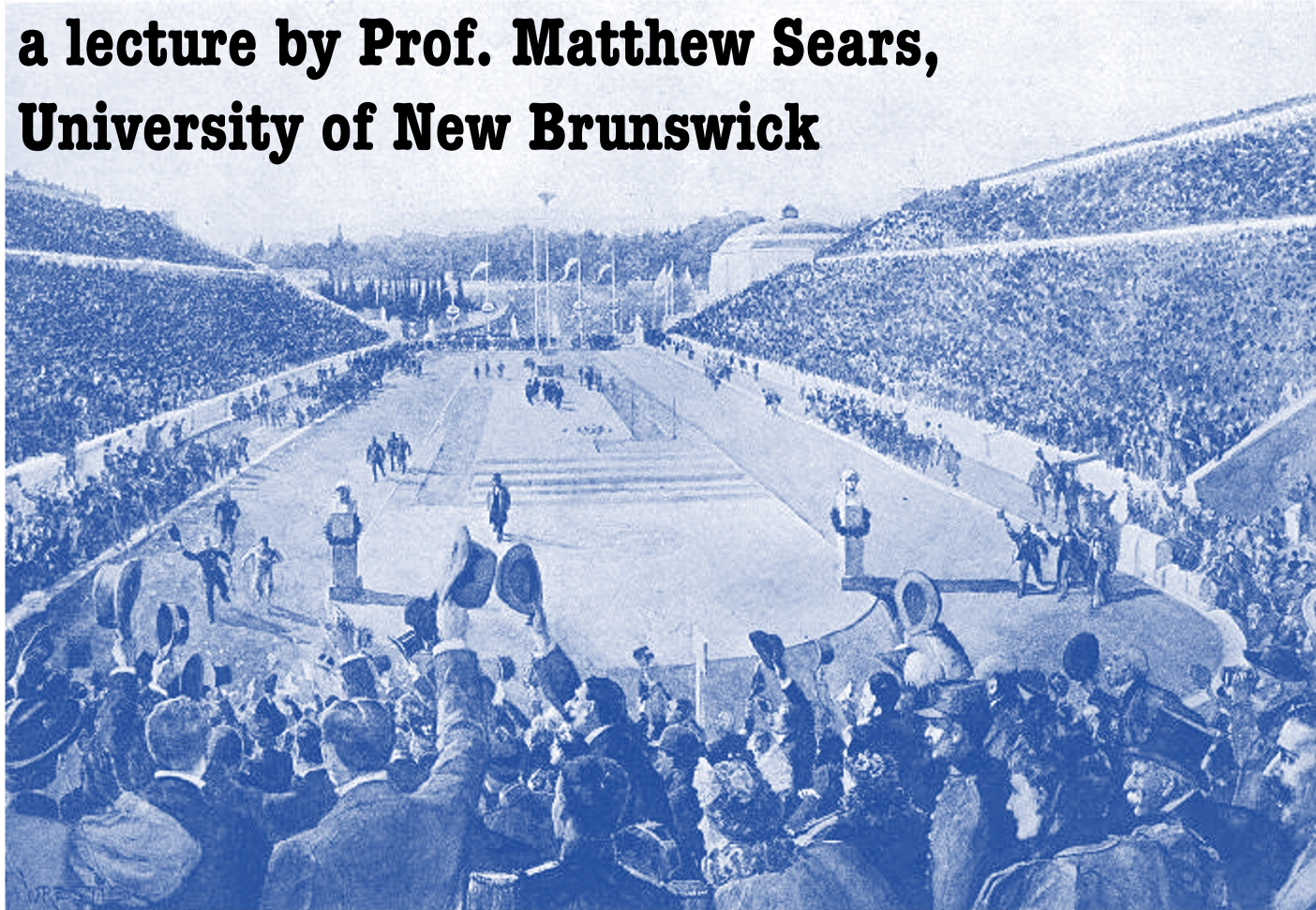


Walking the Marathon

**a lecture by Prof. Matthew Sears,
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the finish line of 1896 Athens Marathon

Public lecture. All welcome.
Tuesday October 4th, 5:30 pm
Carleton University, Paterson Hall 303

The road to Marathon, the 42 km between the centre of Athens and the site of the battle of 490 BCE against an expedition of the Persian Empire, was the course taken by the first modern marathon race in 1896, and continues as the route of the Athens Classic Marathon each fall. In antiquity, too, the route was revered. Evidence from cult sites to conspicuous funerary monuments suggest that ancient Athenians travelled the road to Marathon as a sort of pilgrimage to remember the battle, pay respects to the fallen, and coopt some of Marathon's legacy for themselves.