Growing up Motherless in Antiquity

Thursday, May 26, 2016

14:30 Welcome and Coffee
15:30 Introductory remarks Sabine Huebner (Basel)

Panel 1: Demography and its Consequences (Sabine Huebner, Basel)
16:00 Maternal Mortality and Orphans: A Bioarchaeological Assessment of Growing Up Motherless in Ancient Egypt (Tosha Dupras, Miami)
16:30 Crucial and Vital Decisions: Caring for Infants after Mother’s Death in Childbed (Christian Laes, Antwerp and Tampere)
17:00 Outsourcing ancient mother-work: the economics of ancient mother absence (David Ratzan, New York)
17:30 General Discussion
18:00 Reception

Friday, May 27, 2016

Panel 2: The Jewish Experience (Maria Doerfler, Durham, NC)
9:30 Moses: Motherless with two mothers (René Bloch, Bern)
10:00 Mourning for Mother: The Topography of Mother Absence in Rabbinic Piyut (Sarit Kattan Gribetz, New York)
10:30 General Discussion
11:00 Coffee Break

Panel 3: The Greek Experience (Judith Evans Grubbs, Atlanta)
11:30 The Risk of Violence towards Motherless Children in Ancient Greece (Fiona McHardy, Roehampton)
12:00 Being Motherless in Classical Athens: the evidence of Attic Forensic Oratory (Rosalia Hatzilambrou, Athens)
12:30 Lunch
14:00 Motherly Absence in Euripides’ Reunion Plays (Angeliki Tzanetou, Urbana-Champaign, IL)
14:30 Absent Mothers by Choice: Upper Class Women in Classical Attic Vase Painting (Susanne Moraw, Berlin)
15:00 General Discussion
15:30 Coffee Break

Panel 4: Roman realities (Christian Laes, Antwerp and Tampere)
16:00 Motherless Children – Roman Egypt in a Comparative World Perspective (Sabine Huebner, Basel)
16:30 A Long Way from Home: Motherless Children in Slave Sale Contracts (Judith Evans Grubbs, Atlanta)
17:00 Who cares for motherless children? Wetnursing in the Roman world (Véronique Dasen, Fribourg)
17:30 General Discussion
20:00 Conference Dinner

Saturday, May 28, 2016

Panel 5: Roman Representations (Geoff Nathan, Sydney)
10:00 Virgil (Elina Pyy, St.-Andrews)
10:30 The journey of a motherless child in the decoration of the Roman house (Margherita Carucci, Cardiff)
11:00 A Motherless Empire? Antonine Dynasty, Imperial Children and Imperial Policy at the Death of Faustina the Elder (Sanna Joska, Tampere)
11:30 General Discussion
12:00 Lunch

Panel 6: Late Antiquity (Sarit Gribetz, New York)
13:30 The Wicked Stepmother in Late Antique Imperial Politics: A Re-evaluation (Geoff Nathan, Sydney)
14:00 Wayward mothers, saintly children: Late ancient reading strategies in pursuit of the absent parent (Maria Dörfler, Durham, NC)
14:30 Discussion
15:00 Closing Remarks (David Ratzan, New York)