

Women in the Religious and Intellectual Activity
of the Ancient Mediterranean World:
An Interdisciplinary and International Conference
in Honor of Adela Yarbro Collins

March 15-17, 2009
Methodist Theological School in Ohio
And The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

March 15th (Alford Centrum, Methodist Theological School in Ohio)

Introduction and Welcome (7:00pm)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Loveday Alexander, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies, University of Sheffield
"The Virgin and the Goddess: Women and Religion in Greek Romance" (7:15pm-8:00pm)

Discussion (8:00pm-8:30pm)

Reception: (post-discussion)

Monday, March 16th (The Blackwell Inn, The Ohio State University)
Method, Greek and Roman Religion, and Ancient Social Life

INTRODUCTION TO DAY 2 PROCEEDINGS (8:45AM)

SESSION ONE: METHOD (9:00AM-10:30AM)

Christopher Mount, DePaul University,
“History of Religions, Religious Experience, and Spirit Possession in the Religion of Paul”

Respondent: Dale B. Martin, Yale University

Diana M. Swancutt, Yale Divinity School
“‘Veiled Woman’ In the Rhetoric of Paul. (1 Cor. 11, 2 Cor 3-4):
A Peep Hole on the Roles of Gender Ideology and Intersectionality in Pauline Studies”

Respondent: John Kampen, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

BREAK (10:30am-10:45am)

SESSION TWO: ROMAN RELIGION (10:45AM-12:15PM)

Carin M. Green, University of Iowa,
“Holding the Line: Women, Ritual, and the Protection of Rome”

Respondent: Celia E. Schultz, Yale University

Fay Glinister, University College London

“Bring on the Dancing Girls: The Role of the Salian Virgins at the Heart of the Roman State”

Respondent: Brent Nongbri, Yale University

LUNCH FOR PARTICIPANTS (12:15PM–1:15PM)

SESSION THREE: GREEK RELIGION (1:15PM–3:15PM)

Sarah Iles Johnston, The Ohio State University

“A New Web for Arachne”

Respondent: Jeremy F. Hultin, Yale Divinity School

Patricia D. Ahearne-Kroll, Ohio Wesleyan University

“Ritualization, Hybridity, and the Canopus Decree: Strategies of Cultic Practice in Ptolemaic Egypt”

Respondent: Carolina Lopez-Ruiz, The Ohio State University

Fritz Graf, The Ohio State University

“Victimology, Or: How to Blame Someone for an Untimely Death”

Respondent: Radcliffe G. Edmonds III, Bryn Mawr College

BREAK (3:15pm-3:30pm)

SESSION FOUR: ASPECTS OF ANCIENT SOCIAL LIFE (3:30PM-5:00PM)

Annette Bourland Huizenga, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

“Women’s *Sōphrosynē* in the Pythagorean Letters”

Respondent: Harold W. Attridge, Yale Divinity School

Carolyn Osiek, Brite Divinity School

“Julia Felix: Business Woman of Pompeii”

Respondent: François Bovon, Harvard Divinity School

Banquet for participants and invited guests at the Ohio State University Faculty Club

Tuesday March 17th (Alford Centrum, Methodist Theological School in Ohio)

Ancient Family, Christianity and Judaism

SESSION ONE: JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY I (8:45AM-10:15AM)

Deborah A. Green, University of Oregon

“The Scent of a Woman: Rabbinic Attitudes toward Women’s Aromatic Practices”

Respondent: Amy-Jill Levine, Vanderbilt University

Stephen J. Davis, Yale University

“Forget Me Not: Memory and the Female Subject in Ancient Magical Spells”

Respondent: Matt A. Jackson-McCabe, Cleveland State University

BREAK (10:15am-10:30am)

SESSION TWO: JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY II (10:30AM-12:15PM)

Martha Himmelfarb, Princeton University

“The Virgin Mary and the Mother of the Seven Sons in *Lamentations Rabbati*”

Respondent: John J. Collins, Yale Divinity School

James A. Kelhoffer, Saint Louis University

“A Tale of Two Markan Characterizations:

The Exemplary Woman Who Anointed Jesus' Body for Burial (14:3-9)
and the Silent Trio Who Fled the Empty Tomb (16:1-8)”

Respondent: Candida R. Moss, University of Notre Dame

LUNCH AT THE DUNN DINING HALL FOR PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES (12:15pm-1:15pm)

SESSION THREE: CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM II (1:15PM-2:45PM)

Judith L. Kovacs, University of Virginia

“Becoming the Perfect Man: Clement of Alexandria on the Philosophical Life of Women”

Respondent: Michael Peppard, Yale University

Outi Lehtipuu, University of Helsinki

“Women and the Legacy of Paul”

Respondent: David Hellholm

BREAK (2:45pm-3:00pm)

SESSION FOUR: ANCIENT FAMILY LIFE (3:00PM-4:30PM)

Mary Rose D’Angelo, University of Notre Dame

“Roman Imperial Family Values and Mark’s Gospel”

Respondent: Yonder Gillihan, Boston College

Turid Karlsen Seim, University of Oslo

“Giving Birth and Giving Life: Mothers and the Making of Fathers in Antiquity”

Respondent: Clare K. Rothschild, Lewis University

Concluding Remarks (4:30pm-5:00pm)

Stephen P. Ahearne-Kroll, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Adela Yarbro Collins, Yale Divinity School

