

HOW IT ALL WORKS: RITUAL IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN

This conference will explore what the ancient Greeks and Romans thought their rituals accomplished, presented by visiting scholars from Canada, Spain, Italy, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and across the USA.

University of Michigan | LSA Building, Multipurpose Room (Rm 1040) | Ann Arbor

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

1:00 pm | Opening Remarks

Celia E. Schultz, University of Michigan

SESSION 1 | 1:15 - 4:30 pm

- The Walls Have Eyes: Apotropaism and Iconoclasm in Late Antique Egypt - *Alex Bridges*
- Understanding Ritual Causality in Mithraic Rituals - *Alison Griffith*

2:45 - 3:00 pm Coffee Break

- Cognitive Insights into the Trustworthiness of Roman Divination - *Rebecca Hachamovitch*
- Ritual Determinants of Social Status and Social Power in the Roman World - *Jacob Mackey*



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Thursday, May 23, 2024

SESSION 2 | 9:00 am - 12:15 pm

- Plato's Debt to Dionysiac Ritual - *Lucy Walsh*
- Can Plato's Gods be Persuaded? - *Justin Barney*

10:30 - 10:45 pm Coffee Break

- The Theorization of Animal Sacrifice in Greek Philosophy - *James Rives*
- Ritual Error: Causes, Consequences, and Remedies from the Oracular Tablets of Dodona to Lydian Miracle Narratives - *Jan Mathieu Carbon*

12:15 - 1:30 pm Lunch Break

SESSION 3 | 1:30 - 5:00 pm

- Did Votive Offerings Stop Working? The End of the "Votive Habit" in Republican Italy - *Alexandra Sofroniew*
- From the 'periphery of the Classical world': Pre-Roman Italy between scrupulous rituals and fluid 'theology' - *Massimiliano Di Fazio*

3:00 - 3:15 pm Coffee Break

- Roman Prayers, A Mix of Law and Magic? The Cases of Evocatio, Devotio and Defixio - *Alain Blomart*
- Roman Oaths Between Theology and Ethics - *Duncan MacRae*

4:45 pm | Concluding Remarks

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