

❖ MICAR ❖

**Midwestern Consortium on Ancient
Religions
The Ohio State University
March 10-12, 2017**

*~ New Approaches to Religion in the Ancient
Mediterranean ~*



African and African American Studies Conference Room
University Hall, 3rd floor
230 North Oval Mall, Columbus OH



*Special thanks to
The Department of Classics
The Department of History
GISRAM (Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization: Religions of
the Ancient Mediterranean)
Discovery Theme Group "From Homer to the Qu'ran"
Department of African and African American Studies*



FRIDAY March 10

5:00 pm Keynote speaker:
William Hansen (Indiana University, Classics & Folklore,
emeritus)
Myth and One-Dimensionality



SATURDAY March 11

8:30 ~ *Coffee and pastries* ~

8:50 Welcome. Carolina López-Ruiz and Tina Sessa (OSU)

1. Myth and narrative. Presiding: Fritz Graf (OSU)

9:00-9:35 Jimmy Wolfe (OSU, Classics)
How to Speak Myth: Beckett's *Molloy* and the Mythic
Register

9:35-10:10 Sarah Iles Johnston (OSU, Classics-Comp. Studies)
How Greek Myths Were Narrated—And Why it Matters

~ COFFEE BREAK ~

10:25-11:55 Joey Lipp (OSU, Classics)
Religious Text or Human Art?: Testing the Boundaries of
Bruce Lincoln's Theory of Religion with Hesiod's
Theogony

~ *LUNCH BREAK* ~

2. The divine, the political, and the social: Presiding: Tina
Sessa (OSU)

1:30-2:05 Aaron Tugendhaft (The University of Chicago, Society
of Fellows)
Cosmology and Political Thought in Ugarit and Miletus

2:05-2:40 Mills McArthur (The University of Chicago, Classics-
PAMW)
Deadly Personifications: Limos at Athens and Sparta

2:40-3:15 Sara Ahbel-Rappe (University of Michigan, Classics)
Socrates' Esoteric Disclosure in Plato's *Apology*: a comparative
religions approach

~ *COFFEE BREAK* ~

3. Practitioners of religious knowledge. Presiding:
Carolina López-Ruiz (OSU)

3:30-4:20 Heidi Wendt (Wright State University, Religion-
Classics) and Clifford Ando (The University of Chicago,
History-Classics)
Two sketches toward a sociological history of ancient
religion

4:20-4:55 Marco Antonio Santamaría (University of Salamanca,
Spain)
The location of demons in Col. VI of the Derveni
Papyrus

4:55-5:25 Sofia Torallas Tovar (University of Chicago, Classics-
NELC)
The Translation of Powerful Texts

5:25-6:00 Kayla Dang (OSU, NELC)
Ādurbād against the world: the 'patron saint' of
Zoroastrian apocalyptic literature

6:00-6:30 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION



SUNDAY March 12

8:30-10:30 am: Breakfast & Meeting about MICAR