Thursday, June 23

10:00am OPENING REMARKS: Sandra Blakeley

SESSION 1: LANDSCAPE. Chair: Barbara Kowalzig

10:10am Sandra Blakely Samothracian Networks: Economic Prospects and Ritual Promises in the Hellenistic Mediterranean

10:35am Amelia Brown The Role of Mediterranean Seafarers in Cults and Sanctuaries of Aphrodite

11:00–11:10am break


11:35am Pietro D’Agostino Il culto di san Michele Arcangelo e i contesti naturali: un’ermeneutica del paesaggio sub specie hagiographica

12:00–1:30 LUNCH BREAK, FREE TIME

SESSION 2: WESTERN SICILY. Chair: David Scahill

1:30pm Rosella Giglio Lilibeo e i suoi culti: nuovi esempi di ritualità pubblica e privata dalla ricerca archeologica

1:50pm Birgit Öhlinger Ritual Consumption and Local Power Discourse on the Archaic Monte Iato in Western Sicily

2:15pm Merixtell Ferrer Martin Performing Local Responses through Architecture: Ritual, Power, and Community in Western Sicily (Eighth–Fifth Centuries BC)

2:40–3:00pm break

SESSION 3: PHOENICIANS. Chair: Sarah Morris

3:00pm Adriano Orsingher Across Traditions and beyond Boundaries: The Masks of Carthage

3:25pm José Miguel Puebla Morón Greek Coins, Punic People: Analysis of the Punic Coinage of Sicily from the Iconographical Aspect

3:50pm Nicola Chiarenza I luoghi di culto nella Selinunte punica: tra tradizioni, nuovi apporti e interazioni
4:15–4:30pm  break

SESSION 4: ROME 1. Chair: Jeffrey Brodd

4:30pm  Kevin Dicus  Using Your Head: Local Stylistic Adaptations in Foreign Ritual
4:55pm  Eric Orlin  Augustus and Italian Cult Practices
5:20pm  James Rives  Roman Empire and Roman Emperor: Animal Sacrifice as an Instrument of Convergence

6:00–8:00pm  RECEPTION  VILLA WHITAKER
(WELCOMING REMARKS)

Friday, June 24

SESSION 5: ANATOLIA 1. Chair: Jared Miller

9:00am  Amir Gilan  Religious Convergence in Hittite Anatolia: Further Thoughts on (some) Kizzuwatna Rituals
9:25am  Susanne Görke  Mythological Parts in Hittite Rituals
9:50–10:00am  break
10:00am  Billie Jean Collins  The “Arzawa” Rituals and Religious Production in Hittite Anatolia
10:25am  Elisabeth Rieken  Convergence and Divergence in Hittite Prayers

10:50–11:10am  coffee break

SESSION 6: MAGIC. Chair: Radcliffe Edmonds III

11:10pm  Christopher Faroane  The Convergence of Domestic and Civic Talismans in the Ancient Greek World: Top-Down or Bottom-up?
11:35pm  Lech Trzcionkowski  Graffiti from Olbia: Writing Practices and the Articulation of Ritual Boundaries
12:00pm  Sarah G. Titus  Genetrix et mater superstitionum: The Bulla as Apotropaic Device in Etruscan Art

12:25–2:00pm  LUNCH  VILLA WHITAKER

SESSION 7: CHRISTIANITY 1. Chair: Elif Alten

2:00pm  **Gaetano Colantuono  Unioni interreligiose nella tarda antichità (secoli II–V): interazioni, conflitti, rappresentazioni e realtà sociali
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**Saturday, June 25**

**SESSION 10: GREEKS OUTSIDE OF GREECE. Chair: Chris Faraone**

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<td>Ömer Tatar &amp; Savas Lenger</td>
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10:50 pm  Louis A. Ruprecht Jr.  Romantic Receptions: After Literature and Archaeology Come the Statues and Museums, or, The Aeginetan Sculptures’ Long Road to Munich

11:15–11:35 am  coffee break


11:35 am  Lindsay G. Driediger-Murphy  Unnatural Gods: Converging Theologies in the Third Century AD
12:00–12:10 pm  break
12:10 pm  Adele Reinhartz  Religious Convergence and Liturgical Performance
12:35  Elif Alten  Worshipping Zeus/Theos Hypsistos in Asia Minor in the Light of Epigraphic Documents

1:00–2:00 pm  LUNCH  VILLA WHITAKER

SESSION 12: ANATOLIA 2. Chair: Elisabeth Rieken

2:00 pm  Annick Payne  Muwatalli’s Reforms: A Case of Religious Convergence?
2:25 pm  Carlo Corti  “The King Is Dead, Long Live the King!”: The Land of Zalpuwa and the Origin of Hittite Kingship
2:50–3:00 pm  break
3:00 pm  Jared Miller  Convergence and Divergence in the Hittite Mantic Corpus
3:35 pm  Mary R. Bachvarova  From Hittite Mountain Man to Phrygian Mountain Mother: A Case Study in the Survival of “Popular” Religion across the End of the Bronze Age

4:00–4:15 pm  coffee break

SESSION 13: SYRIA-PALESTINE. Chair: Billie Jean Collins

4:15 pm  Tallay Ornan  The Dynamics of Pictures in an Imperial Framework: Assyrianism and Its Reflection in the Early Israeliite Religious Tradition through an Examination of Visual Records
4:40 pm  Virginia Herrmann  The Politics of Ritual Performance at Assyrian-Period Sam’al: The Katumuwa Mortuary Stele from Zincirli in Historical and Urban Context
5:05 pm  Lukasz Niesiolowski-Spano  Philistine Influences on the Cult in Jerusalem?
5:30–5:40pm break
5:40pm Brian B. Schmidt On (Re)classifying Intermediary Beings in the Ancient Near East: The Case of the Biblical Shedim “Demons”
6:05pm Erin Darby Figurine Rituals and Religio-Economic Identity: Judean Pillar Figurines, Economic Status, and the Mediating Influence of Ritual Intervention
8:30pm DINNER at CUCINA, Via Francesco Guardione, 88

Sunday, June 26

SESSION 14: SICILY 2 / PHOENICIANS 2. Chair: Sandra Blakely

9:00am Sebastiano Tusa Funerary Practices and Rituals in Sicily from the Neolithic to the Bronze Age (6th–2nd millennia BC)
9:25pm Sarah Morris Close Encounters in Sicily: Molech, Meilichios and Religious Convergence at Selinus
9:50–10:10am coffee break
10:35am Lorenzo Nigro Astarte at Motye and Phoenician Religious and Cultural Interaction in the Mediterranean, 8th–5th Centuries BC
11:00am Federica Spagnoli Ritual Practices, Food Offerings and Animal Sacrifices. Considerations about Votive Deposits of the Temple of the Kothon (Motya) in Light of a Quantitative and Distributive Analysis of Finds

FIELD TRIP TO MOZIA

12:30pm Depart for Mozia DEPARTING FROM CONFERENCE HOTELS
approx. 7:00pm Return from Mozia DROP OFF AT CONFERENCE HOTELS