



The Religious Life of Things

2013 Meeting of the Midwest Consortium on Ancient Religions
University of Michigan
November 1-2, 2013

Friday, November 1

Classics Library (2175 Angell Hall)

1:45 Welcome: Celia Schultz, Dept. of Classical Studies,
University of Michigan

2:00 Session I: Animate Things

Divine Automata and Religious Robots, Clara Bosak-Schroeder, Dept.
of Classical Studies, University of Michigan

Prostitution and Pilgrimage in Aristophanes' Peace, Donald Sells, Dept.
of Classical Studies, University of Michigan

Idols, not Rabbis: Irreligious Objects and Religious Subjects, Rachel Neis,
Dept. of History and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University
of Michigan

4:30 Keynote Address

*From Thing to Sacred Object: The Proprioceptive Experience of
Religion in Greek Antiquity*, Ioannis Mylonopoulos, Dept. of Art History
and Archaeology, Columbia University

Saturday, November 2

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9:30 Session II: Little Things

*Objects of Private Devotion in Roman and Late Antique Greece:
Statuettes of Asklepios from the Athenian Agora*, Brian Martens, Dept.
of English, Creighton University

*Take It (Home?) With You: the Religious Life of Mid-Republican
Pocula Wares*, Dan-El Padilla Peralta, Department of Classics,
Stanford University

Miniature Statues as Amulets, Chris Faraone, Dept. of Classics,
University of Chicago

12:45 Session III: Kinds of Things

The Furniture of the Gods, Hank Blume, Dept. of Classics, Ohio State
University

The Religious Life of Roman Plunder, Isabel Köster, Dept. of Classics,
Washington and Lee University

Gold Has Many Uses: Further on Gold Tablets, Fritz Graf, Dept. of
Classics, Ohio State University

3:15 Session IV: Symbolic Things

*Omen and Anti-Omen: The Role of the Scarlet Wool in the Scapegoat
Ritual of the Day of Atonement*, Mira Balberg, Dept. of Religious
Studies, Northwestern University

Pambo's Basket: Ascetic Gift Exchange in the Lausiac History, Beth
Platte, Dept. of Classics, Kalamazoo College

4:45 Concluding Remarks: Ian Moyer, Dept. of History, University of
Michigan