

**Domesticated?
Female Animals and Animalized Women in
the Greek and Roman worlds
or, La Belle et la Bête? Female Beasts and
Bestial Women**

**June 12-13, 2025
St. John's Campus
Memorial University**

**Hosts:
Department of Classics
Memorial University
and
Department of Greek and Roman Classics
Temple University**

Program

Thursday, June 12th, 2025

All talks are in A 2065 unless otherwise noted.

Refreshments and lunches will be in A 2073.

TIME	SESSION, SPEAKER, TITLE
8:45 – 9:00 am	Opening Remarks & Coffee
9:00 – 10:00 am	Session One
9:00 – 9:30 am	Duyen Phuong Nguyen, “L’autre féminin: La panthère de Dionysos et les représentation du genre dans les sources anciennes”
9:30 – 10:00 am	Alison Barclay, “Can beastly women be free of gender chains? The Bee Women of Kamiros and her superpowered model”
10:00 – 10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:00 pm	Session Two
10:30 – 11:00 am	Emily Varto, “Animal hunger, human appetites, and the gendering of wants and needs”
11:00 – 11:30 am	Danchen Zhang, “Wind, wandering and animalised women in ancient Greek philosophy, medicine and theatre”
11:30 – 12:00 pm	Elizabeth LaFray, “Untamed zoon: Inferior souls, the uterus, and the limits of domestication in Plato’s <i>Timaeus</i> ”
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Session Three
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Simran Frontain, “‘Ah nimis fero corde!’: Catullus’ use of animal motifs in his portrayal of Lesbia”

2:30 – 3:00 pm	Barbara Weinlich, “‘You better get your cow horns back’: The socio-political paradox of the animalized woman in Propertius 2.33”
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Coffee Break
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Session Four
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Olivia Walters, “Traumatic transformations of women and the environment in Ovid’s <i>Metamorphoses</i> ”
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Miranda Aebersold-Burke, “Wrathful goddesses: The punishment for devotion”
4:30 – 7:00 pm	Break
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Keynote address: Dr. Sian Lewis, University of St. Andrews “More than a Metaphor” (A 1046)
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Reception (Arts Atrium)

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TIME	SESSION, SPEAKER, TITLE
8:45 – 9:00 am	Coffee
9:00 – 10:00 am	Session Five
9:00 – 9:30 am	Karen Klaiber Hersch, “Vestals of the barnyard: The sacred chickens of Rome”
9:30 – 10:00 am	Jaclyn Neel, “The maternal wolf in antiquity and online”
10:00 – 10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:00 pm	Session Six
10:30 – 11:00 am	Sara Magrabi, “Bear with me: Bear cults and traditions in ancient Greek and Indigenous Eurasian cultures”
11:00 – 11:30 am	Cristiana Franco, “ <i>Apogynaiskosis</i> : Domestication and femininity in ancient Greece”
11:30 – 12:00 pm	Bonnie MacLachlan, “Playing the bear / being the bear at Brauron”
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Session Seven
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Maya Frampton, “From witches to goddesses: Women and metamorphosis in Apuleius’ <i>Golden Ass</i> ”
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Stephen Fodroczi, “Lucretian Venus in Apuleius: Psyche’s Relationship to Animals in the <i>Golden Ass</i> ”

3:00 – 3:30 pm	Coffee Break
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Session Eight
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Julie Lynne Drisdelle, “Les femmes et les animaux dans <i>Les 12 travaux d’Astérix</i> ”
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Natalie Swain, “Playing the tapestry: Arachne and female storytelling in <i>Hades II</i> ”