

**Religious Convergence in the Ancient Mediterranean
Villa Whitaker, Palermo, Sicily, June 23–26, 2016**

Final Program (posted June 15 2016)

Thursday, June 23

10:30am OPENING REMARKS: Sandra Blakely

SESSION 1: LANDSCAPE. Chair: Barbara Kowalzig

10:45am	Amelia Brown	The Role of Mediterranean Seafarers in Cults and Sanctuaries of Aphrodite
11:10am	Irene Polinskaya	Password? Rituals for Trespassing on the Land of the Gods of Others
11:35am	Sandra Blakely	Samothracian Networks: Economic Prospects and Ritual Promises in the Hellenistic Mediterranean

12:00–1:45 LUNCH BREAK, FREE TIME

SESSION 2: WESTERN SICILY. Chair: David Scahill

1:45pm	Rosella Giglio	Lilibeo e i suoi culti: nuovi esempi di ritualità pubblica e privata dalla ricerca archeologica
2:10pm	Birgit Öhlinger	Ritual Consumption and Local Power Discourse on the Archaic Monte Iato in Western Sicily
2:35pm	Meritxell Ferrer Martin	Performing Local Responses through Architecture: Ritual, Power, and Community in Western Sicily (Eighth–Fifth Centuries BC)

3:00–3:15pm break

SESSION 3: PHOENICIANS 1. Chair: Sarah Morris

3:15pm	Adriano Orsingher	Across Traditions and beyond Boundaries: The Masks of Carthage
3:40pm	José Miguel Puebla Morón	Greek Coins, Punic People: Analysis of the Punic Coinage of Sicily from the Iconographical Aspect

4:05–4:20pm break

SESSION 4: ROME 1. Chair: Jeffrey Brodd

4:20pm	Kevin Dicus	Using Your Head: Local Stylistic Adaptations in Foreign Ritual
4:45pm	Eric Orlin	Augustus and Italian Cult Practices
5:10pm	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 L. Miller

10:00am	Amir Gilan	Religious Convergence in Hittite Anatolia: Further Thoughts on (Some) Kizzuwatna Rituals
10:25am	Susanne Görke	Mythological Parts in Hittite Rituals
10:50–11:00am	break	
11:00am	Billie Jean Collins	The “Arzawa” Rituals and Religious Production in Hittite Anatolia
11:25am	Elisabeth Rieken	Convergence and Divergence in Hittite Prayers

12:00–1:30am **LUNCH VILLA WHITAKER**

SESSION 6: MAGIC. Chair: Radcliffe Edmonds III

1:30pm	Christopher Faraone	The Convergence of Domestic and Civic Talismans in the Ancient Greek World: Top-Down or Bottom-up?
1:55pm	Lech Trzcionkowski	Graffiti from Olbia: Writing Practices and the Articulation of Ritual Boundaries
2:20pm	Sarah G. Titus	Genetrix et mater superstitionum: The Bulla as Apotropaic Device in Etruscan Art

2:20–2:40pm **coffee break**

SESSION 7: ROME 2. Chair: Kevin Dicus

2:40pm	Megan Nutzman	Written in Stone: Jewish Identity in the Roman Epitaphs
3:05pm	Claudia Moser	Locating Gaul: Continuity and Change in the Architecture of Sacrificial Practices in Pre-Roman and Roman Gaul

3:30pm Marco Romeo Pitone Rituals in Late Bronze Age Southern Etruria and Their Connection with Aegean Cultures

3:55–4:15pm coffee break

SESSION 8: SICILY 1. Chair: Sebastiano Tusa

4:15pm Francesca Oliveri Venere del mare: Testimonianze del culto nell'area del trapanese

4:40pm Margaret Miles The Greek Temple in the Elymian Sanctuary at Contrada Mango, Segesta

5:05pm Giuseppina Mammina and M. Pamela Toti Una donna di nome Mozia: Testimonianze archeologiche di Eracle/Melqart a Mozia

5:30pm– FREE EVENING

Saturday, June 25

SESSION 9: GREEKS OUTSIDE OF GREECE. Chair: Chris Faraone

10:00am Aaron Beck-Schachter The Tonaia and Samian Autochthony

10:25am Daniel Berman “Prefoundational” Myths and Preurban Ritual Space in Croton

10:55pm Louis A. Ruprecht Jr. Romantic Receptions: After Literature and Archaeology Come the Statues and Museums, or, The Aeginetan Sculptures’ Long Road to Munich

11:20–11:40am coffee break

SESSION 10: CHRISTIANITY. Chair: Louis A. Ruprecht Jr.

11:40pm Daniel Price Finding the Egyptian Desert in the Jura Hills: The Struggle for Monastic Self-Definition in the Vita patrum Iurensium

12:05am Lindsay G. Driediger-Murphy Unnatural Gods: Converging Theologies in the Third Century AD

12:30pm Adele Reinhartz Religious Convergence and Liturgical Performance

1:00–2:15pm LUNCH VILLA WHITAKER

SESSION 11: ANATOLIA 2. Chair: Elisabeth Rieken

2:15pm	Annick Payne	Muwatalli's Reforms: A Case of Religious Convergence?
2:40pm	Carlo Corti	"The King Is Dead, Long Live the King!": The Land of Zalpuwa and the Origin of Hittite Kingship
3:05–3:15pm	break	
3:15pm	Jared L. Miller	Convergence and Divergence in the Hittite Mantic Corpus
3:40pm	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
4:05pm	Ian Rutherford	From Zalpa to Brauron? A Note on CTH 667
4:30–4:50pm	coffee break	

SESSION 12: SYRIA-PALESTINE. Chair: Billie Jean Collins

4:50pm	Tallay Ornan	The Dynamics of Pictures in an Imperial Framework: Assyrianism and Its Reflection in the Early Israelite Religious Tradition through an Examination of Visual Records
5:15pm	Virginia Herrmann	The Politics of Ritual Performance at Assyrian-Period Sam'al: The Katumuwa Mortuary Stele from Zincirli in Historical and Urban Context
5:40pm	Erin Darby	Figurine Rituals and Religio-Economic Identity: Judean Pillar Figurines, Economic Status, and the Mediating Influence of Ritual Intervention
8:00pm	DINNER at CUCINA, Via Francesco Guardione, 88	

Sunday, June 26

SESSION 13: 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
9:50–10:00am	break	
10:00am	Lorenzo Nigro	Astarte at Motye and Phoenician Religious and Cultural Interaction in the Mediterranean, 8th–5th Centuries BC

10:25am	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
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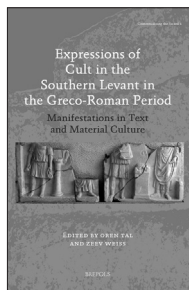
FIELD TRIP TO MOZIA

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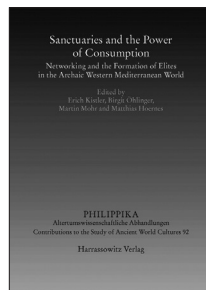


Expressions of Cult in the Southern Levant in the Greco-Roman Period
Manifestations in Text and Material Culture

edited by Oren Tal and Zeev Weiss

The coming of Alexander the Great ushered in many changes within the southern Levant. The subsequent period saw many

upheavals, including the Greek and Roman conquests, the Jewish Revolts, and the gradual Christianization of the 'Holy Land'. Throughout this period, various local cults and cultic places dotted the landscape. Although undergoing processes of profound change, the cults maintained much of their older identities, while simultaneously interacting with each other. This volume seeks to present these processes both synchronically and diachronically, along three different axes: cultic places, personnel, and objects. The common denominator shared by these three axes is the people whose beliefs and practices shaped the religious behavior in the Greco-Roman Southern Levant. 300p, illus (Brepols Publishers, February 2017, Contextualizing the Sacred 6) paperback, 9782503553351, \$156.00



Sanctuaries and the Power of Consumption

Networking and the Formation of Elites in the Archaic Western Mediterranean World

edited by Erich Kistler, Birgit Öhlinger, Martin Mohr, and Matthias Hoernes

In the 6th and early 5th centuries BC, the western Mediterranean formed a hub for trade and transactions, and Greeks, Phoenicians, and Etruscans were the main actors. As people moved, their knowledge, religions, technologies, and fashions moved as well. The migration of people, ideas and goods connected diverse ethnic groups in the Mediterranean region either directly or indirectly. In this shared world, the sacred zones of sanctuaries and places of worship functioned as contact zones of different cultural and ethnic elites under the 'protection of the altar'. This volume studies western Mediterranean sanctuaries and cult places as arenas of far-reaching networking and the formation of elites, focusing on the power of consumption and the consumption of power. 528p (Harrassowitz Verlag, January 2016, Philippika 92) hardcover, 9783447105071, \$214.00

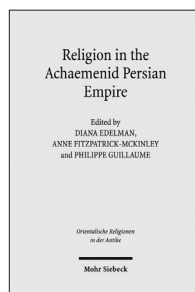


Ritual und Religion im archaischen Sizilien
Formations- und Transformationsprozesse binnenländischer Kultorte im Kontext kultureller Kontakte
by Birgit Öhlinger

This volume is dedicated to the religious environment of indigenous societies in

Archaic Sicily. A novel approach opens new vistas into the local ritual landscapes. Sixteen case studies study pivotal cult and ritual sites with their respective settlement context and trace their formation and transformation processes throughout the times of cultural contact and tension that resulted from the Phoenician and Greek colonization beginning in the 8th century AD. Especially from the 6th century AD onward, dense contact zones emerged, the impact on which on the local ritual architecture and offering practices is highlighted. Focal points are the function of indigenous ritual sites, their social structure and local identity, as well as the role of the interdependence of religious developments and social change. German text.

288p (Dr. Ludwig Reichert Verlag, February 2016, Italiká 4) hardcover, 9783954901524, \$119.00



Religion in the Achaemenid Persian Empire
Emerging Judaisms and Trends

edited by Diana Edelman, Anne Fitzpatrick-McKinley and Philippe Guillaume

The Achaemenid Persian imperial rulers have long been held to have exercised a policy of religious tolerance within their widespread provinces and among their dependencies. The fourteen articles in this volume explore aspects of the dynamic interaction between the imperial and the local levels that impacted primarily on local religious practices. Some of the articles deal with emerging forms of Judaism under Achaemenid hegemony, others with Achaemenid religion, royal ideology, and political policy toward religion. Others discuss aspects of Phoenician religion and changes to Egyptian religious practice while another addresses the presence of mixed religious practices in Phrygia, as indicated by seal imagery. Together, they indicate that tolerance was part of political expediency rather than a universal policy derived from religious conviction.

380p (Mohr Siebeck, April 2016, Orientalische Religionen in der Antike) hardcover, 9783161539602, \$150.00

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