Taboos and Transitions: Exploring Sexualities and Genders in the Ancient Tradition

This is an interdisciplinary seminar which will explore representations of taboo sexualities and genders in the ancient world and their reception in modern literature and media, intersecting with disability studies, queer studies and critical race studies. Please contact sarah.cullinanherring@wadham.ox.ac.uk with any queries.

All seminars are on Fridays at 4-5.30pm in the Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles, Oxford. A full schedule is included below. There will be a drinks reception after each seminar.

Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/93661425024

All are welcome, especially MSt and new graduate students!

All the best,
Sarah Cullinan Herring & Rhiannon Ash

Friday 13 October
Dr Sarah Cullinan Herring: The anti-erotics of aging and bio-prosthetics in Greek literature and modern culture.
Dr Mar Astrid Rodda: Pregnant gods, pregnant men: reproductive care, masculinity, and disability in Lucian of Samosata.

Friday 20 October
Peter Olive: Standard comparisons for maximized affect: Oedipus and Thyestes in the Athenian law courts.
Professor Andreas Serafim: The Language of ‘Silent Language’: Semi-volitional Body Behaviour and Sexuality in Ancient Literature”.

Friday 27 October
Professor Tim Whitmarsh: Sins of the flesh in later Greek poetry.
Professor Tom Sapsford: Sexual consent and education in the poems of Sappho and Allen Ginsberg.

Friday 3 November
Dr Alexandra Hardwick: Pasiphae’s Ghost: Engaging with Bestiality in Athenian Tragedy.
Isobel Williams: Binding Tongues in Catullus

Monday 6 November - guest lecture (in person only, Merton College) 5-6.30pm. Professor Kelly Shannon-Henderson: Spontaneous Sex Change in Ancient Literature.

Friday 10 November
Dr Laura Seymour: Echo and Echolalia in early modern writing.
Dr Oliver Baldwin: Trans Tragedy: Medea, Trojan Women, Bacchae.
Friday 17 November

**Professor Isabel Ruffell**: title tbc

**Leah Mitchell**: Maternity, monstrosity, and the Minotaur: questions of reproductive and textual transmission in Fiona Benson's 'Translations from the Pasiphaë.'

Friday 24 November

**Dr Joe Watson**: Arachne's Web of Bestiality in Ovid Metamorphoses 6.

**Dr Kate Cook**: Cross-dressing in Ancient-World Based Video Games.

Friday 1 December

**Professor Jennifer Ingleheart**: Some Queer Versions of Catullus.

**Dr Henry Stead**: A Queer Catullus for the 2010s.