Sex, Gender, and Science in Ancient Greece
Friday, March 1st & Saturday, March 2nd
Reception and all sessions will be held in Charles W Young Building (CWY) #206

Friday March 1
12:00—12:10
Welcome
Joanne Waugh

GENDER IN HOMER
12:30—1:00
Chair, Mor Segev
Andrew Gregory
“Gender, Phusis, and Knowledge in Homer”

REPRESENTATIONS OF GENDER IN ANCIENT GREECE
12:30—1:00
Chair, Stephen Lasse
Michaela Sankova
“Textile Dedications and Womanhood in Ancient Greece: Coming to Terms With Being Deformed”

1:30—2:20
Marina Galeteki
“An amēchanon gender: Sophocles’ Antigone”

Malgorzata Budzowska
“Sensing the Female Body: The Case of Phaedra”
Sex, Medicine, And Politics: Possibilities for Women In Classical Greece

COFFEE/TEA BREAK
3:00—3:15

SEX, MEDICINE, AND POLITICS: POSSIBILITIES FOR WOMEN IN CLASSICAL GREECE
3:15—5:15
Chair, Mark Castricone
Zoli Filotas
“The Political Roles of Women and the Psychological Turn in Classical Philosophy”

Heather Vincent
“Like Wine Over a Flame: The Role of Female Pleasure in Conception”

Julie Ward
“The Possibility and Role of the Female Physicians in Greek Thought”

COFFEE/TEA BREAK
5:15—5:30

PLENARY SESSION
5:30—6:45
Chair, Joanne Waugh
Helen King
Professor Emerita,
Classical Studies, Open University, London

“Knowledge of Women: The Stories We Tell about Ancient Medicine”

The origins and later interpretations of the Hippocratic treatises on gynaecology offer a useful window into ancient science more generally. Are they simply ‘bad science’ or can we understand the theories underlying the practices? Are these treatises—as Aline Rousselle argued—the written form of women’s remedies made for generations in the kitchens of the ancient world, or are they—as Paola Manuli suggested—punitive male fantasies? This lecture will explore the last 30 years of scholarship on these long-neglected texts in order to understand how changes in our views of sex, gender and science have affected our readings of them.

RECEPTION
6:45—8:00
Saturday March 2

8:30—9:00
COFFEE/TEA

SEX AND GENDER IN PLATO
9:00—11:10
Chair, Simon Dutton

9:00—9:40
John Wolfe
"Phaidon of Elis and Plato’s Phaedo"

9:40—10:20
Kevin Kambo
"Helming to Weaving: Plato’s Evolving Science of Statecraft"

10:20—11:10
Veronika Konrádková
"Female Activities as Paradigms for Politics and Philosophy for Plato"

COFFEE/TEA BREAK
11:10—11:25

SEX AND GENDER IN ARISTOTLE, I
11:25—1:30
Chair, Karina Rios

11:25—12:05
Stella Sanford
"Male and Female Without ‘sexual difference’: The Aristotelian Puzzle"

12:05—12:45
María Elena García Peláez Cruz
"The Female Principle in Aristotelian Embryology: Passivity and indeterminacy into revision"

12:45—1:25
Catherine Nolan
"Aristotle’s Understanding of the Sexes"

LUNCH
1:30 – 2:30

SEX AND GENDER IN ARISTOTLE, II
2:30—4:30
Chair, Zachary Purdue

2:30—3:30
Mor Segev
"Aristotle on the Bodily Proportions, Longevity and Intelligence of Women and Men"

3:30—3:50
Van Tu
"Aristotle on Women’s Decisional Capacity as ‘Ineffectual’: A puzzle about coming to be"

3:50—4:30
Myrna Gabbe and Anne Cremaldi
"Aristotle on Women and the Good of Having Children"

COFFEE BREAK
4:30—4:45

THE COMEDY OF GENDER IN LUCIAN
4:45—5:25
Chair, Joanne Waugh

4:45—5:25
Catalina Popescu
"The Womb Inside The Male Member: A Lucian Twist"

CLOSING REMARKS
5:25—5:35

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