

# Working for the Gods: Religion & Labor in the Ancient Mediterranean

The Ohio State University, December 2-3, 2023

University Hall 386B, African and African American Studies Conference Room  
230 North Oval Mall, Columbus OH

## MICAR PROGRAM

Join us for the 2023 Midwestern Consortium on Ancient Religions (MiCAR) conference. Founded in 2002 by the University of Chicago, The Ohio State University, and the University of Michigan, the Consortium meets once a year for a faculty and graduate student conference on a topic relevant to a range of ancient Mediterranean religions (Greek, Roman, Near Eastern, Jewish, etc.). This year MiCAR returns following a three-year pandemic pause.

The 2023 meeting is in-person and open to all.

## Saturday, December 2, University Hall 386B

**8:30am** Breakfast snacks and coffee

**8:50** Opening statements (Katie Rask, Sarah Iles Johnston)

**9:00-9:35** Christian Borgen (Chicago)

Labor and Religion in 24<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Century BCE Mesopotamia: Sargonic Temple Estates in Light of Recently Published Texts

**9:35-10:10** James Moore (OSU)

Farm-to-(God's-)Table: A Case Study of the Temple Led *chaîne opératoire* within a Recognized Community of Colonial State Dependents from Achaemenid Egypt

**10:10-10:25** Coffee

**10:25-11:00** Chris Parmenter (OSU)

Who Made Greco-Egyptian Faience? Making Egyptianizing Votives in the Archaic Aegean

**11:00-11:35** Katie Rask (OSU)

Labor's Toil: The Division of Religious Work in Greece

**11:35-11:50** Coffee

**11:50-12:25** Laura Gawlinski (Loyola)

*Instrumenta Domestica* or *Instrumenta Sacra*? Using Textile Tools for Ritual in Ancient Greece

**12:25-1:40** Lunch

**1:40-2:15** Gaia Gianni (OSU)

The Pious Apprentice? A Dedication to Jupiter Tifatinus

**2:15-2:50** Kelsi Morrison-Atkins (Dennison)

Failure to Thrive in Christ: Intimate Labor in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

**2:50-3:05** Coffee

**3:05-3:40** Travis Proctor (Wittenberg)

Enslavement, Labor, and Christian Scribes in the *Shepherd of Hermas*

**3:40-4:15** Brittany Joyce (Michigan)

Teaching Virginity: Enslaved Women and Education in Jerome

**4:15-4:30** Coffee

**4:30-5:05** Kathryn Jasper (Illinois State)

The Cell is a Workshop: The Labor of Hermitism

**5:15pm** Dinner, open to all

## **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, University Hall 386B**

**9:00-9:30** Breakfast snacks and coffee

**9:30-10:30** Round Table Discussion: Religion and Work

**10:30-11:30** MiCAR Discussion & Future Work

**MiCAR 2023 Steering Committee:** Jessie DeGrado, Christopher Faraone, Sarah Iles Johnston, Carolina López-Ruiz, Katie Rask

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