Reading the Mother from Antiquity to Shakespeare: Critical Approaches to Maternity in Premodern Texts

An Interdisciplinary Workshop
King’s College and the Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge

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Speakers:

Elizabeth Herbert McAvo (Swansea)  Chris Laoutaris (UCL)
Peggy McCracken (Michigan)  Kathryn Moncrief (Washington)
Ellen Oliensis (UC Berkeley)  Beatrice Priest (Cambridge)
Miri Rubin (Queen Mary)  Finn Sinclair (Edinburgh)
Angeliki Tzanetou (Illinois)

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Programme

FRIDAY 6th:
1:00pm: Registration and coffee (King's College)

2:00pm-4.30pm: Session 1 (King's College)

Miri Rubin (History, QMUL):
Imagined Maternities: Text and Image from Medieval Europe

Liz McAvoy (English, Swansea):
From Miles Christi to Motherhood of God: Julian of Norwich Rewrites the Language of the Anchorhold

Finn Sinclair (Medieval Studies, Edinburgh):
TBA

7:00pm: Dinner, King's College Saltmarsh Rooms

SATURDAY 7th:
9.30am: Session 2 (Classics Faculty)

Beatrice Priest (Italian, Cambridge):
Mary on Dante's Mount Purgatory: Young Mother or Virtuous Exemplar?

Peggy McCracken (Romance Languages and Women Studies, Michigan):
Nursing Animals: Intimacy, Contagion, and Maternity in Medieval Narratives

11:30am: Session 3 (Classics Faculty)

Angeliki Tzanetou (Classics, Urbana-Champaign):
Civic motherhood and Athenian tragedy

Ellen Oliensis (Classics, UC Berkeley):
Mothers in Ovid's Amores

1:00pm: Lunch, King's College Saltmarsh Rooms

2:00pm: Session 4 (Classics Faculty)

Chris Laoutaris (English, UCL):
Demonic Knowledge: Maternity and the Archaeologies of Witchcraft in Early Modern England

Kathryn Moncrief (English, Washington College):
“Then let them anatomize Regan”: The Reproductive Body, Performance, and King Lear