

# **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**

**6-7 JULY 2012**



## ***Speakers:***

**Elizabeth Herbert McAvoy (Swansea)**

**Peggy McCracken (Michigan)**

**Ellen Oliensis (UC Berkeley)**

**Miri Rubin (Queen Mary)**

**Angeliki Tzanetou (Illinois)**

**Chris Laoutaris (UCL)**

**Kathryn Moncrief (Washington)**

**Beatrice Priest (Cambridge)**

**Finn Sinclair (Edinburgh)**

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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*