

The Second International Samson Eitrem Seminar
at the Norwegian Institute at Athens
&
the Third “Curses in Context” conference
sponsored by the Neubauer Collegium of the University of Chicago

“Greek Curse Tablets of the Classical and Hellenistic Periods”

June 7-9, 2019 at the Norwegian Institute at Athens
Organized by C.A. Faraone and Sofia Torallas (University of Chicago)

Friday, June 7th

Session 1 (Chair: C.A. Faraone):

4 PM: Jorunn Økland (Director): Welcome

4:10: Sofia Torallas (University of Chicago):

“Introduction: The Curses in Context Project”

4:20: Jorge Bravo (University of Maryland), “Curse Tablets in the Shrines of Heroes—A Surprising Context?”

5:00-5:20: Coffee Break

5:20 Jutta Stroszeck (German Archaeological Institute, Kerameikos Excavation) “Curse Tablets from the Athenian Kerameikos: Context and Forms”

6:00: Anastasia Maravela (University of Oslo), “Eitrem Marginalia on Magic”

6:40 Leslie Threatte (University of California at Berkeley):

“In Memoriam David R. Jordan”

Saturday, June 8

Session 2 (Chair: Sofia Torallas, University of Chicago): Cursing in Ancient Athens

10:00: Sara Chiarini (Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg), “Individuality versus Formularity in the Attic Curses: A Diachronic Survey”

10:40: Jaime Curbera (Inscriptiones Graecae, Berlin), “The Curse Tablets in the National Archaeological Museum of Athens of Classical and Hellenistic Date”

11:20-11:50: Coffee Break

11:50: Athanassia Zografou (University of Ioannina), “Divine Assistance in Cursing: Hecate among the Superhuman Beings on the Greek Curse Tablets of the Classical and Hellenistic Period”

12:30: Roundtable Discussion

Session 3 (Chair: Joseph Rife): Funerary Contexts 1

3:00: Evangelos Kroustalis (Ephorate of Antiquities in Piraeus), “Metics Katadoumenoi: A Group of Defixiones from the Ayios Dionysios Cemetery in Piraeus”

3:40: Jessica Lamont (Yale University), “Binding Spells and Voodoo Dolls from the Cemeteries of Classical Attica”

4:20-4:40: Coffee Break

Session 4 (Chair: Richard Gordon, University of Erfurt): Funerary Contexts 2

4:40: Theodore Eliopoulos (Ephorate of Antiquities, Athens), "The Lead Curse Tablets and Effigies from the Kynosarges Cemetery, Athens"

5:20: Joseph Rife (Vanderbilt University), "Curses Tablets in the Corinthian Graves"

6:00-7:00: Roundtable Discussion

Sunday, June 9:

Session 5 (Chair: Korshi Dosoo, University of Wurzburg): Curse Tablets on the Periphery:

10:00: Christopher A. Faraone (University of Chicago), "Artemisia's Curse at the Memphite Serapeum as a Hellenistic Prayer for Justice"

10:40: Irene Polinskaya (Kings College London), "Olbian Curses in Context"

11:20-11:40: Coffee Break

Session 6 (Chair: Anastasia Maravela): Cursing in Magna Graecia:

11:40: Thea Sommerschild (Oxford University), "The Selinunte Defixiones as Evidence for Epigraphic Literacy and Western Sicilian Identities"

12:20: Camilla Campedelli (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften), "From East to West: the Spread of Defixiones in Sicily, Southern Italy, and Rome"

1:00 Roundtable Discussion