

**COMING BACK TO LIFE:
Performance, Memory, and Cognition in the Ancient Mediterranean**

**8–11 May 2014
McGill University and Concordia University**

Thursday, 8 May 2014

All sessions will be at McGill University, William and Henry Birks Building, 3520 University Street

- 10.00–10.30 **Gathering and Registration**
Birks Foyer
- 10.30–11.30 **Welcome, Introductions, and General Information**
Birks 111
- 11.30–12.30 **Lunch**
Birks Foyer
- 12.30–3.00 **I: Overcoming Death through Memory, Mourning, and Metaphor**
Birks 111
- Jane Francis (Concordia University), Presiding
- Valerie M. Hope (Open University)
Living with the Dead: Display and Denial in Roman Grief
- Angela Standhartinger (Philipps-Universität Marburg)
Bringing Back to Life: Laments and the Origin of the So-Called Words of Institution
- Jeffery A. Keiser (McGill University)
'Death is swallowed up in victory': Baptism, Resurrection, and Paul's Prophetic Cento in 1 Corinthians 15:54–55
- Lynn Kozak (McGill University)
Response
- Discussion (45 minutes)
- 3.00–3.45 **Refreshment Break**
Birks Foyer

3.45–5.45

II: Narration, Knowledge, and Performance of Life after Death

Birks 111

Meredith Warren (University of Ottawa), Presiding

Frances Flannery (James Madison University)

Talitha Qum! : An Exploration of Early Jewish and Early Christian Appropriation of Imagery from the Asclepios Cult

Katharina Waldner (Universität Erfurt)

Revivification of the Dead in Pagan Religion: Narratives as Hubris, Miracles, and Fictions

Ian H. Henderson (McGill University)

Response

Discussion (45 minutes)

6.45–9.00

Dinner

Restaurant Laloux, 250 Pine Avenue East

Friday, 9 May 2014

All sessions will be at McGill University, William and Henry Birks Building, 3520 University Street

8.30–9.15

Gathering and Breakfast

Birks Foyer

9.15–11.45

III: Conceptualising the Living Dead

Birks 111

Cecily J. Hilsdale (McGill University), Presiding

Hugo Lundhaug (Universitetet i Oslo)

'Tell me what shall arise': Conflicting Notions of the Resurrection Body in Coptic Egypt

Frederick S. Tappenden (McGill University)

Thinking of Paul Thinking of Resurrection: Early Christian Creativity in Cognitive Perspective

Judith H. Newman (University of Toronto)

Overcoming Death through the Living Voice of the Teacher

André Gagné (Concordia University)

Response

Discussion (45 minutes)

- 11.45–12.45 **Lunch**
Birks Foyer
- 12.45–2.30 **IV: Gender, Chastity, and the Permeability of the Immortal**
Birks 111
- Frederick S. Tappenden (McGill University), Presiding
- E. Meaghan Matheson (Concordia University)
Eve and Norea: The (Re)Generation of the Female Spiritual Principle in the Hypostasis of the Archons
- Carly Daniel-Hughes (Concordia University)
Monogamy Claims You for Itself: Tertullian on Sexual Chastity and the Resurrection of the Flesh
- Gerbern Oegema (McGill University)
Response
- Discussion (30 minutes)
- 2.30–3.15 **Refreshment Break**
Birks Foyer
- 3.15–5.00 **Guided Tour of the Mount Royal Cemetery**
1297 Chemin de la Forêt
- 5.00–7.00 **Dinner**
Thomson House, McGill University
- 7.00–9.00 **V: Keynote Address**
Birks Heritage Chapel
- Ellen B. Aitken (McGill University), Presiding
- Sarah Iles Johnston (Ohio State University)
Many (Un)Happy Returns: Ancient Greek Revenants and their Modern Counterparts
- Reception

Saturday, 10 May 2014

All sessions will be at Concordia University, Samuel Bronfman Building, 1590 Dr. Penfield

8.45–9.30 **Gathering and Breakfast**
Bronfman Atrium

9.30–12.00 **VI: Identifying with the Living Dead**
Bronfman Atrium

Patricia G. Kirkpatrick (McGill University), Presiding

Stéphanie Machabée (McGill University)

Life and Death, Birth and Abortion: Confession and Denial in The Martyrs of Lyons and Vienne

David L. Eastman (Ohio Wesleyan University)

Death, Resurrection, and Legitimacy in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles

Eliza Rosenberg (McGill University)

Weddings and the Return to Life in the Book of Revelation

Lorenzo DiTommaso (Concordia University)

Response

Discussion (45 minutes)

12.00–1.00 **Lunch**
Bronfman Atrium

1.00–2.30 **Guided Tour of the Mediterranean Archaeology Exhibit**
Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal, 1380 Sherbrooke Street West

2.30–3.30 **VII: Poster Session and Refreshments**
Bronfman Atrium

Reza Assasi (McGill University)

Mithraism Revisited

Taylor Baruchel (Concordia University)

Remembering the Emperor: Augustus' Res Gestae and the Roman Cityscape

Nicola Hayward (McGill University)

The Use of Funerary Art for Commemorating Social Identity: The Case of the Via Latina's Samaritan Woman

Sandra Hlavenka (Concordia University)

The Ascension of the Soul in the Apocryphon of John and Origen of Alexandria

Young-ho Jang (McGill University)
Living in God's New House: Being "In Christ" and the Roman Villa Phenomenon

Bradley N. Rice (McGill University)
The Jesus of Many Faces: Polymorphy as Resurrection in the Acts of Peter

Aaron Ricker (McGill University)
Letters from Beyond: The Haunting Business of Epistolary Parousia

3.30–6.00 **VIII: Cultural Revenants in Story, Spectacle, and Dress**
Bronfman Atrium

Carly Daniel-Hughes (Concordia University), Presiding

Meredith Warren (University of Ottawa)
Equal to God: Jesus' Crucifixion and Sacrificial Scheintod

Marla MacDonald (McGill University)
Embodied Memory and Ancient Athletics: Theatricalizing the Dead in First Corinthians

Kelly Olson (University of Western Ontario)
Resurrection And Rebirth: The Antonine Toga

Melanie Racette-Campbell (Concordia University)
Response

Discussion (45 minutes)

6.00–8.30 **Dinner**
Various Restaurants (see sign-up sheets)

Sunday, 11 May 2014

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8.45–9.30 **Gathering and Breakfast**
Bronfman Atrium

9.30–12.00 **IX: The Matter of Life after Death**
Bronfman Atrium

Jeffery A. Keiser (McGill University), Presiding

Roger Beck (University of Toronto)
If so, how? : Representing 'Coming back to Life' in the Mysteries of Mithras

Laura S. Nasrallah (Harvard University)
Anagkē and Material Transformation at Corinth

Michael Peppard (Fordham University)
Does Rebirth Require Death? : Syrian Ritual Texts, The Gospel of Philip, and the Incarnation

Shayna Sheinfeld (McGill University)
Response

Discussion (45 minutes)

12.00–1.00

Lunch

Bronfman Atrium

1.00–2.30

X: Round-Table Discussion and Concluding Remarks

Bronfman Atrium

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Roger Beck (University of Toronto), Panellist

Valerie M. Hope (Open University), Panellist

Angela Standhartinger (Philipps-Universität Marburg), Panellist

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2.30

Departure