

XTH UNISA CLASSICS COLLOQUIUM/ 1st SYMPOSIUM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
NEW TESTAMENT AND EARLY CHRISTIAN STUDIES

15 - 17 October 2009

Family as Strategy in the Roman Empire and Early Christianity

Preliminary Programme

Thursday October 15th 2009

8:00 - 8:15 Registration & Welcoming

8:15 - 10:45 *Session 1*

8:15 – 9:15 Willi Braun (University of Alberta) Keynote Address
Celibacy as sign and symptom of empire: Gazing at the centre of the Roman family ideal from its anti-familial margins

9:15 - 10:00 Denis Saddington (University of the Witwatersrand)
Soldiers with babies: Matthew 8, 5 – 13 and the families of soldiers in the early Roman Empire

10:00 - 10:45 Richard Evans (Cardiff University)
Targeting the Family: The Fate of the family as a Political Unit in the Roman Republic and Early Empire

10:45 – 11:15 Tea

11:15 - 12:45 *Session 2*

11:15 - 12:00 Paula J Whiscombe (University of St Andrews)
Between Brotherly Love and Hatred: Fraternal Loyalty and Fratricide

12:00 - 12:45 Jeremy Punt (University of Stellenbosch)
'NOT all in the family'. The social location of New Testament households and Christian claims on 'traditional family values'

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 - 15:45 *Session 3*

13:45 - 14:15 Lydia Mwaniki (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg)
Paul and Gender Construction in the Roman Imperial Family: A Postcolonial Feminist Examination of the Role and Place of a Woman in Pauline Congregations with particular reference to 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

14:15 - 14:45 Chris de Wet (Unisa)
John Chrysostom on family values: A study of his exegesis on the *Haustafeln*

15:15 - 15:45 Elritia le Roux (Universiteit van Pretoria)
The author of Mark's perception of discipleship and family ties within the context of the new household in Christ

15:45 - 16:15 Tea

16:15 - 16:45 *Session 4*

15:45 - 16:15 O. B. Mlambo (University of Zimbabwe)
Marriage in Augustan Rome

16:15 - 16:45 Ilona Zager (Unisa)
The Use of Family Values as Propaganda in the Augustan Principate

Friday October 16th 2009

8:00 - 10:15 Session 5

- 8:00 - 8:45 Kate Cooper (Manchester University)
'Family feeling' and the demands of eschatology: The household as arena for productive deviance in early Christian literature
- 8:45 - 9:30 Janette McWilliam (University of Queensland)
Children as Political Currency in the Roman Empire
- 9:30 - 10:15 Gwynnaeth McIntyre (St. Andrews)
Constructing a family: Representations of the women of the Roman imperial family
- 10:15 - 10:45 Tea

10:45 - 13:00 Session 6

- 10:45 - 11:30 Roman Roth (University of Cape Town)
Strategy or Reality? The Extended Family in Hellenistic Etruria
- 11:30 - 12:15 Marianne Bjelland Kartzow (Oslo University)
Striking family hierarchies: Luke 12:35-48 revisited
- 12:15 - 13:00 Johannes Vorster (Unisa)
'Family' as a rhetoric of the body in early Christianity
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Session 7

- 14:00 - 14:45 Bill Henderson (University of Johannesburg)
Family values in Greek lyric poetry
- 14:45 - 15:30 Elke Steinmeyer (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban)
The concept of family in Aeschylus' 'Oresteia' and McMurtry's (et al) 'The Family'
- 15:30 - 16:00 Tea

16:00 - 17:30 Session 8

- 16:00 - 16:45 Dirk van der Merwe (Unisa)
Domestic architecture: Culture, kinship and identity in 1 John
- 16:45 - 17:30 **TBA**

Saturday October 17th 2009

8:00 - 10:15 Session 9

- 8:00 - 8:45 Athalya Brenner (Universiteit van Amsterdam)
Alternative Families: From the Hebrew Bible to Early Judaisms
- 8:45 - 9:30 Edison Muhindo Kalengyo (Uganda Christian University)
Parenting in the world of the New Testament and challenges of parenting in Africa today
- 9:30 - 10:15 Bart Wagemakers (University of Applied Sciences Utrecht)
Strange family affairs: incest, infanticide and other Roman allegations against Christians
- 10:15 - 10:45 Tea

10:45 - 13:00 Session 10

- 10:45 - 11:30 Philip Bosman (Unisa)
Utopia, domestication and special status: Marriage and family in the Stoic tradition
- 11:30 - 12:15 Lilly Nortje-Meyer (Universiteit van Johannesburg)
Deconstructing the Heteronormative Image of the Early Christian Household: Reconsidering gender as key organising concept of family functioning
- 12:15 - 13:00 **TBA**
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch