

## CALL FOR WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS:

### QUEER, FEMINIST, AND DECOLONIAL APPROACHES TO GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND ROMAN IMPERIALISM

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This one-day workshop focuses on queer and transgender scholarship, black feminist and feminist new materialist perspectives, and decolonial and critical race theories in the studies of sexuality, identity, and imperialism in the Roman world and beyond. The workshop aims to convene archaeologists, classicists, and ancient historians researching gender and sexuality in the Roman Empire and archaeologists studying sexuality in other complex societies or historical colonial situations. The objective is to explore ideas arising from relevant theories and methodologies in a more informal format and discuss theoretical models, methods, and datasets within and across disciplines by mixing traditional paper presentations with group discussions and activities.

The paper presentations will be organised into three sessions: 'Queer, Post-colonial, and Associated Traditions in Roman Sexuality Research', 'Theory and Materiality', and 'Comparative Perspectives'. The first two sessions will present papers focused on aspects of sexuality and gender in the Roman world, and the third session aims to develop a dialogue and produce new idea exchanges between Romanists and archaeologists researching sexuality in other historical periods.

Workshop participants are asked to present a short draft paper that foregrounds relevant approaches through case-studies and/or explores using different material evidence and/or explores theoretical and methodological factors that impede/facilitate the study of sexuality in past societies using different material evidence.

We welcome proposals for 15-minute papers for any of the three sessions. Please submit titles and abstracts of up to 250 words, along with your name and affiliation, to [romansexualityworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:romansexualityworkshop@gmail.com) by Friday, April 5, 2024.

Prospective workshop participants are encouraged to reach out to express interest and discuss their contributions. We particularly encourage submissions from early career researchers (ECRs) and mid-career scholars of the Roman Empire, as well as non-Romanists interested in participating in the 'Comparative Perspectives' session.