

*Power, Royal Agency, and Elite Women in the Hellenistic and Roman World*  
Questions from Session III

**Brett Evans**, *The Queen's Speech: Callimachus's Pieria, Aphrodite, and the Political Power of Ptolemaic Queens*.

From Me to Everyone 12:31 PM

Kallimachos' - perhaps deliberate? - conflation/confusion of bride and courtesan makes me wonder about how the Ptolemaic court viewed Ptolemy II's suite of courtesans?

From Timothy Howe to Everyone 12:35 PM

I wonder if Kallimachos is not expressing some relief that there is again the queen. Or is he perhaps trying to leverage philia with the new queen?

From Alex McAuley to Everyone 12:37 PM

Thanks for this, Brett! I find this discussion of the *aidos* and 'Classical' virtues of Pieria to be fascinating in the context of the broader public image of Ptolemaic *tryphe* in the same royal generation. How do you think the material you've walked us through today relates to *tryphe*?

From Professor Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones to Everyone 12:37 PM

What I have never managed to work out is why do we not hear of concubines in the Hellenistic courts? They were such a feature of Egyptian & NE court life and of course concubines increased the legitimate breeding potential of monarchs. So where do the concubines go? Why are they replaced by *hetairai*?

From Ana García Espinosa to Everyone 12:40 PM

Thank you very much! Very interesting.

From Craig Hardiman to Everyone 12:41 PM

It's what I'm here for!

From Me to Everyone 12:41 PM



From Alex McAuley to Everyone 12:45 PM

It's the million-drachma question, Lloyd!

From Me to Everyone 12:46 PM

Ptolemy XII is also Ptolemy Nothos - could he be the son of a concubine?

From Alex McAuley to Everyone 12:47 PM

They do seem to be more prevalent in the later (post-Antiochus IV) Hellenistic royal world... at least attestations of them.

From Brett Evans to Everyone 12:52 PM  
Symposium vs bedroom?  
Thank you all!

From Monica D'Agostini to Everyone 12:53 PM  
Thank you Brett for a very enriching paper.

**Eran Almagor, *Esther: A Hellenistic Queen?***

From Me to Everyone 01:24 PM  
How does Esther's intervention with Ahasuerus - where she risks death/repudiation - compare (not sure that's the right word) with what we might understand as a regular role of a Hellenistic queen as an intercessor?

From Frances Pownall to Everyone 01:35 PM  
I have to go. Student at the door! Thanks for the great talks.

From Professor Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones to Everyone 01:35 PM  
Private intercession includes Bathsheba and Solomon in 1 Kings.

From Alex McAuley to Everyone 01:38 PM  
What about Deborah in Judges 4, Lloyd? But that's a prophetic context, I guess.

From Professor Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones to Everyone 01:44 PM  
Thank you all very much - and especially to Brett and Eran! BRILLIANT!

From Silvia Barbantani to Everyone 01:44 PM  
Thank you for these two great papers! It has been lovely to see you all again!

From Craig Hardiman to Everyone 01:45 PM  
Thank you all so much. It was great.

From Ana García Espinosa to Everyone 01:45 PM  
Thank you!

From Professor Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones to Everyone 01:45 PM  
Happy Holidays!

From Sabine Müller to Everyone 01:45 PM  
Thanks for the wonderful talks. Bye and happy holidays.