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**Power, Royal Agency, and Elite
Women in the Hellenistic and
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Our gatherings will be 90 minutes in length; with two papers in each session, individual papers should be in the area of 20-25 minutes. All sessions will commence at **12:00 pm, Eastern Daylight (Saving) Time (EDT) or Eastern Standard Time (EST)**. The changeover from Daylight Time to Standard Time occurs on **7 November 2021** and from Standard Time to Daylight Time on **13 March 2022**. EDT and EST correspond to UTC -5 (Coordinated Universal Time; used to be GMT). Please note that **the Zoom invitations are time-zone sensitive**, so you should only have to check your own Zoom invite to verify your local time.

Zoom link for all sessions:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5246167156?pwd=YmUzN2w5T3pCekR6M2tTdTB5bm9GOT09>
- Meeting ID: 524 616 7156
- Passcode: 465997

Session I: 24 September 2021, 12:00 pm EDT (Tim Howe, Chair)

Paper 1: Sheila Ager, University of Waterloo (sager@uwaterloo.ca): *Power: Parameters, Paradigms, and Possibilities*.

Paper 2: Alex McAuley, Cardiff University (macauleya1@cardiff.ac.uk): *Archein and/or Archesthai: Exploring the Vocabulary of Female Power*.

Session II: 22 October 2021, 12:00 pm EDT (Monica D'Agostini, Chair)

Paper 1: Elizabeth Carney, Clemson University (elizab@clemson.edu): *Complicating the "Agency" of Royal Women*.

Paper 2: Caitlin Gillespie, Brandeis University (cgillespie@brandeis.edu): *Agrippina's Arrogant Fecundity*.

Session III: 26 November 2021, 12:00 pm EST (Ed Anson, Chair)

Paper 1: Brett Evans, Georgetown University (bce3@georgetown.edu): *The Queen's Speech: Callimachus's Pieria, Aphrodite, and the Political Power of Ptolemaic Queens*.

Paper 2: Eran Almagor (eranalmagor@gmail.com): *Esther: A Hellenistic Queen?*

Session IV: 28 January 2022, 12:00 pm EST (Fran Pownall, Chair)

Paper 1: Ana García Espinosa, Cardiff University (GarciaEspinosaA@cardiff.ac.uk): *Olympias of Macedon: Woman, Queen and ἀρχή of a Multidimensional Exercise of Power in the Hellenistic World*.

Paper 2: Borja Antela-Bernardez, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Borja.Antela@uab.cat): *God Save the Queen. Olympias' Religious Practices and Female Royal Power in Argead Macedon*.

Session V: 4 March 2022, 12:00 pm EST (Gillian Ramsey, Chair)

Paper 1: Timothy Howe, St. Olaf College (howe@stolaf.edu): *Tangled up in Things; or, Negotiating Agency and Power in a World of Human-Object Entanglement.*

Paper 2: Catharine Lorber (catharinelorber@hotmail.com): *Prestige or Power? The Ptolemaic Queens of the Second Century BC.*

Session VI: 1 April 2022, 12:00 pm EDT (Alex McAuley, Chair)

Paper 1: Sabine Müller, Philipps-Universität Marburg (muelle45@staff.uni-marburg.de): *Macedonian Elite Women and Military Action: Views from Polyainos.*

Paper 2: Monica D'Agostini, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (dagostini.monica@gmail.com): *The Network of Hellenistic Royal Women: Instances of Military and non-Military Exertion of Authority.*

Session VII: 29 April 2022, 12:00 pm EDT (Beth Carney, Chair)

Paper 1: Edward Anson, University of Arkansas, Little Rock (emanson@ualr.edu): *Olympias and the Prostasia.*

Paper 2: Frances Pownall, University of Alberta (frances.pownall@ualberta.ca): *In a Man's World: The Royal Agency of Phila of Macedon.*

Session VIII: 27 May 2022, 12:00 pm EDT (Sheila Ager, Chair)

Paper 1: Andrea Gatzke, State University of New York, New Paltz (gatzkea@newpaltz.edu): *Female Power on the Periphery: The Pontic Royal Women.*

Paper 2: Gillian Ramsey, University of Regina (Gillian.Ramsey@uregina.ca): *Defining Woman-Power among the Second Century Seleukids and Ptolemies.*

23-24 June 2022 – Live in Waterloo!

We hope to host as many of you as are able to attend at a live gathering in Waterloo to round out the conference. This event would be an opportunity for us to see each other face to face and spend some time together to brainstorm, tease out our findings, and think about next steps.

More information forthcoming on this as the year unfolds!

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