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Remembering Sappho

On Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 3:00 pm, Hellenic Link–Midwest presents Patricia Graham-Skoul in an online lecture titled “Remembering Sappho”. Because of the pandemic, this lecture will be delivered online. Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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According to one ancient account, Solon, the Athenian poet and politician credited as the “*Father of Democracy*,” asked his nephew to teach him a song by Sappho. When someone asked Solon why he made this request, he responded “*So, once I learn it, I may die.*”

Sappho, a lyric poet from the island of Lesbos about 600 BCE, composed poems to and about women that won the admiration of contemporary and future poets, historians, philosophers, and artists. This talk places Sappho in her time, surveys noteworthy individuals and media influenced by her, and examines how her poetry presents a view of life that justifies her enduring appeal that supports her assertion, “*Somebody I say will remember us*”.

Paramount in this paper’s examination is the agency of “desire,” *eros*, which can bring deep pain. But it also can activate richly enjoyable experiences. These experiences integrate sensory, affective, and cognitive faculties and effect a lasting good. Taken in sum, Sappho’s poems suggest a love of life and rich appreciation for ethical concepts. She acknowledges the realities of the human condition, which include suffering and loss. But she attests also, and most powerfully, her belief in the potential for a flourishing life and a good that can transcend our temporally limited existence.

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She received her A.B. degree in Latin from Loyola University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Classics from Northwestern University. She has attended also special programs at the American Academy in Rome and Indiana University’s International Summer Institute in Semiotics and Structural Studies. Her research interests focus on Greek Lyric Poetry and Ethical Values, Artistic and Literary Imagery Associated with the Representation of Women in Greek and Roman Society, and Pedagogy. Her most recent paper on Sappho, “*Sappho’s Ethical Trajectory of Desire*” was presented at the «ATELIER CLISTHÈNE sur la pensée et les pratiques des anciens Grecs d’Homère à Platon,» at the Université de Franche-Comté, April 2019.

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B. Click "Open Link"

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