

Religious Studies Lecture and Workshop 2012



Guest Speaker: William V. Harris

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William V. Harris is a world-renowned scholar of Greek and Roman history, with special interests in Italy, the rise of the Roman Empire, and literacy. He is known for his fluency in a variety of disciplines, especially psychology, economics, and environmental science.

Professor Harris received the Mellon Foundation's Distinguished Achievement Award in 2008 for his significant contributions to humanistic inquiry. This award honors a lifetime contribution and is one of the highest distinctions a scholar in the humanities can attain.

His books include *Dreams and Experience in Classical Antiquity* (2009), *Restraining Rage: the Ideology of Anger Control in Classical Antiquity* (2002), *Ancient Literacy* (1989), and *War and Imperialism in Republican Rome* (1985). His edited books include *The Spread of Christianity in the First Four Centuries* (2005), *Rethinking the Mediterranean* (2005) and *The Monetary Systems of the Greeks and Romans* (2008). He has recently worked on the topic of environmental science and deforestation in the ancient Mediterranean.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012

Lecture: 6 pm, Close Hipp BA Building – Room 008
Topic: "Greek and Roman Hallucinations Between Religion and Literature"

Friday Feb. 10, 2012

Workshop: 11am, Preston College Seminar Room
Topic: "Madness in Greco-Roman Antiquity"

The Workshop provides a second opportunity for dialogue in a seminar-style discussion with the guest speaker. This session aims to provide students with the opportunity for discussion of other topics related to the previous evening's lecture.