

**24th Annual Oxford and Royal Holloway Joint Postgraduate Symposium on Ancient Performance: ‘Bodies and Voices in the Theory and Practice of Greek and Roman Performance and its Reception’**

27 and 28 June 2024

This year, the Archive of Performances of Greek and Roman Drama, University of Oxford and the Department of Drama, Theatre and Dance, Royal Holloway, hosted 23 postgraduates and early career researchers from around the world to deliver presentations on the theme of Bodies and Voices, in addition to a guest lecture from Professor Konstantinos Thomaidis, guest responses from Dr Sarah Cullinan Herring and Dr Marcus Bell, and a performance by the British American Drama Academy. Thanks to the generous grant received from the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies, we were able to offer substantial travel bursaries to cover the expenses for two participants who travelled internationally to partake in the Symposium, who provided the following testimonies.

**Léonore Finck, University of Tours, France**

*who presented on ‘Tragic voices in pain’, focusing on the reception of Sophocles’ Trachiniae in Martin Crimp’s Cruel and Tender*

‘The bursary granted to me by the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies was a great help in enabling me to take part in the 2024 APGRD Symposium, as it covered a large part of my travel costs: it reimbursed me for my Eurostar tickets between London and Paris, worth £115 (outward journey on 26 June, return journey on 30 June).’

**Tyler Archer, Princeton University, USA**

*who presented on ‘Antikoni and the Amplification of the Marginal Voice through Sacrifice’, focusing on Beth Piatote’s adaptation of Sophocles’ Antigone into a Native American context*

‘Thank you to the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies for your willingness to provide me with a travel bursary to help attend the APGRD Symposium this year. I naturally wanted to attend in person, and your aid nicely helped facilitate this. The sum you have given will cover the majority of the costs of travel to and from the airport, both in London and in the US, and is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your generosity.’

The organising committee of the Postgraduate Symposium is very grateful for the ongoing support from the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies, which has enabled many participants over the years to benefit from attending the event in person.