

Cynthia Burchell Patterson

Education

1955-67 Rochester, Minnesota Public Schools
1967-71 Stanford University
 A.B. in History “with great distinction”
1971-76 University of Pennsylvania
 Ph.D. in Ancient History
1974-75 American School of Classical Studies at Athens

Academic Employment

2007-present - Professor of History, Emory University
1996-2007 - Associate Professor of History, Emory University
1989-95 - Assistant Professor of History, Emory University
1985-89 - Visiting Assistant Professor, Emory University
1984-85 - Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, Emory University
1982-84 - Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics, Barnard College
Spring 1982 - Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Bard College
Fall 1981 - Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics, Vassar College
1979-81 - Visiting Assistant Professor, SUNY, Purchase
1978-79 - Lecturer, Georgetown University

Honors and Awards

1971 Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University
1971-74 N.D.E.A. Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
1974-75 Thomas Day Seymour Fellowship, American School of Classical Studies
1984-85 Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, Emory University
1987 N.E.H. Summer Seminar grant (“The Family in Classical and Hellenistic Greece”)
1988-89 Junior Fellow, Center for Hellenic Studies
July 1992 Guest faculty for NEH Institute on “Athenian Democracy.” University of California at Santa Cruz
July 1994 Guest faculty for NEH Institute on “Plato and the Polis.” Duke University
2001-2003 Senior fellow, Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion, Emory University
Spring 2005 Bird Fellow, St. Andrews University

Publications

Books

Pericles’ Citizenship Law of 451/0 B.C., Arno Classical Monographs, New York, 1981

The Family in Greek History, Harvard University Press, 1998

Antigone’s Answer: Essays on Death and Burial, Family and State in Classical Athens, Helios 33S (2006), editor and contributor

Articles

“‘Not Worth the Rearing’: The Causes of Infant Exposure in Ancient Greece,” Transactions of The American Philological Association 115 (1985) 103-123

“Hai Attikai: The Other Athenians,” Helios 13 (1986) 49-67

“Tyranny in Colony and Mother City,” in Syracuse the Fairest Greek City, Ancient Art from the Museo Archeologico Regionale Paolo Orsi, 1989. (Catalogue for Emory University Museum of Art & Archaeology exhibit.)

“Those Athenian Bastards,” Classical Antiquity 9 (1990) 40-73.

“Marriage and the Married Woman in Athenian Law,” Women’s History and Ancient History, ed. S. B. Pomeroy, U.N.C. press, 1991, pp. 48-72.

“Response to Claude Mosse, “La Place de la Pallake dans la famille athenienne,” Symposion 1990. Papers on Greek and Hellenistic Legal History, ed. M. Gagarin, Bohlau Verlag, 1991, pp. 281-287.

“Plutarch on Marriage: Traditional Wisdom through a Philosophic Lens,” Aufstieg und Niedergang der Römischen Welt, II 33.6 (1992) 4709-4723.

“‘Here the Lion Smiled’: A Note on Thucydides I.127-138,” in Nomodeiktēs: Greek Studies in Honor of Martin Ostwald, ed. R. Rosen and J. Farrell, University of Michigan Press, 1992, pp. 145-152.

“The Case Against Neaira and the Public Ideology of the Athenian Family.” Structures of Athenian Identity, ed. A. Scafuro and A. Boegehold, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993, pp. 199-216.

“Response to Adele Scafuro, “Staging Entrapment: On the Boundaries of the Law in Plautus’ *Persa*,” in Intertextualität in der griechisch-romischen Komödie, ed. Niall Slater and Bernhard Zimmermann, M& P Verlag, 1993, pp. 78-80.

“Plutarch’s *Advice to the Bride and Groom*: Traditional Wisdom through a Philosophic Lens,” in Plutarch’s *Advice to the Bride and Groom* and *A Consolation to His Wife*, ed. Sarah B. Pomeroy, Oxford University Press, 1999.

“The Hospitality of Athenian Justice: the Metic in Court,” in Law and Social Status in Classical Athens ed. V. Hunter and J. Edmondson, Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. 93-112.

- “The Polis and the Corpse: the Regulation of Burial in Democratic Athens,” in Demokratie, Recht und soziale Kontrolle im klassischen Athen, ed. David Cohen. Munich 2002, pp. 93-107.
- “Athenian Citizenship Law,” Cambridge Companion to Greek Law ed. Cohen and Gargarin, Cambridge NY 2005, pp. 267-289.
- “Citizen Cemeteries in Classical Athens?” Classical Quarterly 56 (2006) 48-56.
- “The Place and Practice of Burial in Sophocles’ Athens,” Antigone’s Answer: Essays on Death and Burial, Family and State in Classical Athens, Helios 33S (2006) 9-48.
- “Other Sorts: slaves, foreigners and women in Periclean Athens,” Cambridge Companion to the Age of Pericles, ed Samons (Cambridge NY 2007).
- “Gender and Citizenship in the Ancient World,” in Migrations and Mobilities: Citizenship, Borders, and Gender ed. Seyla Benhabib and Judith Resnik, (NYU Press, 2009).
- “Status” [Greek] and “Family” [Greek] in The Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History, Stanley Katz, editor in chief. (Oxford University Press, 2009).
- “Herodotus” in Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome ed. Peter Bing (forthcoming).
- “Reading Sophocles as Social History: the problem of marriage” in *Blackwell’s Companion to Sophocles*, ed. Kirk Ormand (forthcoming).

Reviews and miscellanea

- Review of Gerda Lerner, The Creation of Patriarchy, Labor History, Fall 1987.
- Review of Josiah Ober, Mass and Elite in Democratic Athens, AJP, 113 (1992) 110-115.
- Review of R. Sealey, Women and Law in Classical Greece and R. Just, Women in Athenian law and Life, AHR, 97 (1992) 170-71.
- Review of David Cohen, Law, Sexuality and Society. The Enforcement of Morals in Classical Athens, AHR 98 (1993) No. 3.
- Review of Barry Strauss, Fathers and Sons in Athens, Ideology and Society in the Era of the Peloponnesian War, Phoenix 49 (1995) 269-70.

Review of Nancy Demand, Birth, Death and Motherhood in Classical Greece, American Journal of Philology, 117 (1996) 323-325.

Review of Sue Blundell, Women in Ancient Greece, in The European Legacy 1997.

Review of David Cohen, Law, Violence and Community in Classical Athens, AHR, April 1997

Review of Cheryl Cox, Household Interests: Property, Marriage Strategies, and Family Dynamics in Ancient Athens (Princeton 1998) in Journal of Family History 25 (2000) 248-49.

Review of Elizabeth Carney, Women and Monarchy in Macedonia (University of Oklahoma 2002) in American Historical Review 107 (December 2002).

Review of Debra Hamel, Trying Neaira: the true story of the scandalous life of a courtesan in ancient Athens (Yale 2003) in Classical Review 54 (2004) 312-314.

Review of Mogens Herman Hansen, The Shotgun Method: the Demography of the Ancient Greek City-State Culture (University of Missouri 2006) in The Historian 70. 2 (2008) 369-370.

“A Word About Prisons: Desmoteric,” letter co-authored with Robert Tauxe, New England Journal of Medicine, December 24, 1987.

“Greco-Roman Family,” article for the Encyclopedia of Social History, 1993.

“Legal Status in Athens” and “Athenian Citizenship Law” for the Encyclopedia of Legal History.

Work in Progress

Plato and the Uses of the Past.

Plato on early education

Plato and the the Reformation of Greek Culture (with Richard Patterson)

Talks/lectures

“Infanticide in Ancient Greece,” Bard History Conference, Bard College, October 22, 1983

“The Illegitimate Athenian,” AHA annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois, December 1984

“Bastards in Athens,” University of North Carolina, Department of Classics, February 19, 1986

- “The Meaning of Nothos in Athens,” APA annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, December 1986
- “The Sound of Greek,” Atlanta Hellenic Society, January 1988
- “Family and City in Athens from Solon to Neaira,” CAMWS meeting, April 1988, New Orleans, LA
- “Marriage and the Married Woman in Athenian Law,” AHA meeting, December 1988, Cincinnati, Ohio
- “Plutarch on Marriage,” International Plutarch Society, Oxford University, September 1989
- “Athenian Marriage,” Emory University Vann Seminar, October 1, 1989
- “The Case against Neaira and the Political Ideology of the Athenian Family,” Brown University, April 1990
- “The Disposition of the Athenian Heiress,” Stanford University, Department of Classics, September 27, 1990
- “Slavery in Classical Athens,” APA/AHA panel, Chicago, Illinois, December 1991
- “The Heiress, the Law, and the Family in the Archaic Polis,” Stanford University, April 1992
- “How Democratic was Democratic Athens?” Smithsonian Resident Associates Symposium, Washington DC, January 1993
- “How Democratic was Democratic Athens?” Amherst College, March 1993
- “Adultery in Athens: Public Interest and Private Morals,” APA panel on “Legislation and Morality,” Washington DC, December 1993
- “Family, State and Society in Menander,” University of Georgia, Department of Classics, February 22, 1994
- “Family Values in Plato’s Laws,” NEH Institute on “Plato and the Polis,” Duke University, July 19, 1994
- “Out of the Women’s Quarters: Greek Family History in the 1990’s,” Association of Ancient Historians Annual meeting, Vanderbilt University, May 6, 1995
- “The Heiress in Greek Law,” Symposium in honor of Michael Jameson, New York, May 13, 1993
- “The Hospitality of Athenian Justice: the Metic in Court,” York University, Ontario, April 1997
- “The Politics of Burial in Classical Athens,” Historisches Kolleg, Munich Germany, June 1998

- “Burial and the Polis,” Loyola University, Chicago Illinois, April 1999
- “Marriage Athenian Style,” Georgia State University, April 2001
- “The Place of Honorable Burial in Ancient Athens,” Emory University, March 2003
- “Citizenship Yesterday,” Yale University, May 2003
- “Herodotus on Kings and Tyrants, Greeks and Barbarians,” University of Georgia, Oct. 2003
- “Public Burial in Athens,” APA annual meeting, San Francisco CA. January 2004.
- “Marriage and Adultery in Athens,” College of the Holy Cross, Worcester MA, Nov. 16, 2004.
- “Public Burial in Athens” University of Durham, UK. February 1, 2005 (second edition)
- “Public Burial in Athens” University of St. Andrews. February 24, 2005 (third edition)
- “The Topography of Burial in Classical Athens” Classical Association of Scotland, Edinburgh, May 7, 2005.
- “The Greek House: the character of private space,” Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University, November 9, 2005.
- “Herodotus and the Doctors,” J. Willis Hurst History of Medicine Symposium, Emory University, October 13, 2006.
- “Object, Text and History,” Docent Lecture, Michael C. Carlos Museum, February 12, 2007.
- “Herodotus and the Doctors,” Minnesota Medical History Society, Minneapolis MN, February 20, 2007.

Professional activities

Referee for Classical Journal, Classical Philology, Phoenix, Hesperia, Cambridge University Press et al.

Advisory committee for Hood Museum of Art Exhibit “Coming of Age in Ancient Greece” (NEH funded)

Outside reader for Ph.D. dissertations, Johns Hopkins University (1999) and University of Natal –Durban (2001).

Tenure and promotion reviewer: Brown University, Scripps College, Bryn Athyn College
Program committee and session chair, American Society for Legal History, 2002-3.

Member – American Philological Association, Association of Ancient Historians