



"Mistresses, Slaves, and Roman Religious Rituals."  
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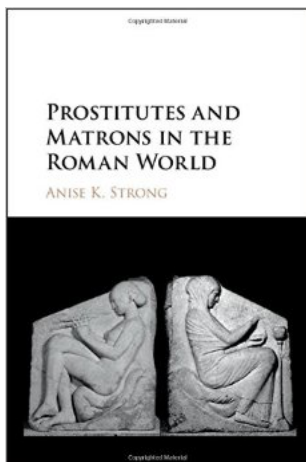
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While ancient Roman women were excluded from government office, they played key roles in many of the varied religious festivals and rites that marked the busy Roman calendar. These various rituals both highlighted and perhaps defused the central tensions of a slave-owning society in which free and freed Roman women oppressed female slaves while still themselves being subjected to a patriarchal system.



This presentation is a continuation of the groundbreaking work Dr. Strong published in her book, *Prostitutes and Matrons in the Roman World* (Cambridge University Press, 2016).

Please join us for what promises to be an exciting presentation.