

31st Annual Ancient History Day
Saturday 21 March 2026
Abel Smith Lecture Theatre, UQ St Lucia

In the eye of the beholder: the beautiful and the monstrous in the ancient world

Program

9:00—9:10am	Welcome by Dr Janette McWilliam , Classics and Ancient History Discipline Convenor, who will introduce Head of the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry, Professor Lisa Featherstone , and invite her to open the event. Overview of proceedings from Chair, Associate Professor Dorothy Watts AM .
9:10—9:55am	<i>The good, the bad and the 'ugly' in Greek thought</i> Professor Alastair Blanshard
9:55—10:40am	<i>Beauty as the beast: the metamorphosis of Medusa in classical art</i> Dr Roslyne Bell (the University of Melbourne)
10:40—11:10am	Morning Tea (30 MINS)
11:10—11:55am	<i>Warts and all: some ancient Roman cognomina</i> Dr Kit Morrell
11:55am—12:40pm	<i>The beauty and ugliness of Roman dinner parties</i> Dr Janette McWilliam
12:40—12:55pm	Raffle draw
12:55—1pm	Vote of thanks to all speakers and participants from President of Friends of Antiquity, Dr Paul Eliadis AM .