In recent years Egyptologists have been steadily publishing papyri from the great museum and university collections of Europe and the United States. These texts, often fragmentary and written in difficult cursive Egyptian scripts, have greatly increased our knowledge of many different aspects of Late Period Egypt (ca. 750 BCE-300 CE). The Ancient Egyptians were particularly famous throughout the Mediterranean World for their magical and medical skills. In this colloquium scholars will present their on-going research on papyrological material dealing with divination, dreams, magic, and medicine.

Monday, September 23, 2019
9 am– 4 pm
Charles Commons Barber Conference Room
Johns Hopkins University, Homewood Campus

“Current Research on Divination, Dream Books, and Medicine in Ancient Egypt”

Schedule of Speakers:

9:00-9:15 a.m.
Welcome and introduction by Richard Jasnow
(Professor of Egyptology and Chair of the Department of Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University)

9:15-10:00 a.m.
Kim Ryholt (Professor of Egyptology, University of Copenhagen)
“Scientific Texts from the Tebtunis Temple Library with an Introduction to Manuals on Sothis Divination”
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Discussion

10:15-11:00 a.m.
Friedhelm Hoffmann (Professor of Egyptology, University of Munich)
“A Medical Interpretation of Egyptian Magical Texts”
11:00-11:15 a.m.
Discussion

11:15-12:00 noon
Joachim Quack (Professor of Egyptology, University of Heidelberg)
“A Medico-Magical Miscellany from the 6th century BCE. Papyrus Brooklyn 47.218.47”
12:00-12:15 p.m.
Discussion

12:15– 1:15 p.m.
Lunch

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.
Luigi Prada (British Academy Research Fellow, Oxford University)
“He’s wife will cause mayhem before him, he will experience strife, conflict, or illness”: Sexuality, Health, and Matrimonial Problems in Ancient Egyptian Dream Books”
2:00-2:15 p.m.
Discussion

2:15- 3:00 p.m.
Amber Jacob (Doctoral Student, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World/NYU)
“A Demotic Medical Anthology from the Tebtunis Temple Library”
3:00-3:15 p.m.
Discussion

3:15-3:30 p.m.
Coffee Break

3:30-4:15 p.m.
Open Discussion and Conclusion
(moderated by Jasnow)
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Reception for Speakers and Attendees in the Gilman Hall Atrium

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