

Medicine and Literature in the Classical World

This panel engages with both the understanding of medical texts themselves and their influence on other aspects of life and literature in the Ancient Greek and Roman world. The goal of the panel is to further understand the impact of conceptions of the body on culture and literature. The subject matter will appeal to scholars working on a range of topics in addition to medicine including Hellenistic and Roman poetry, myth, philosophy, Renaissance neo-Latin, and love elegy. Two papers grapple with particular diagnoses, their meaning, and treatment. The remaining four papers discuss the interaction between medical texts and literature. Two papers branch into reception: one with neo-Latin medical texts and another with continued medical issues with and misunderstanding of pelvic pain. With this range of papers, we hope to continue expanding scholars' conceptions of the range of influence of ancient medicine.