Thursday October 15th 2009

8:00 - 8:15  Registration & Welcoming

8:15 - 10:45  Session 1

8:15 – 9:15  Willi Braun (University of Alberta) Keynote Address  
Celibacy as sign and symptom of empire: Gazing at the centre of the Roman family ideal from its anti-familial margins

9:15 - 10:00  Denis Saddington (University of the Witwatersrand)  
Soldiers with babies: Matthew 8, 5 – 13 and the families of soldiers in the early Roman Empire

10:00 - 10:45  Richard Evans (Cardiff University)  
Targeting the Family: The Fate of the family as a Political Unit in the Roman Republic and Early Empire

10:45 – 11:15  Tea

11:15 - 12:45  Session 2

11:15 - 12:00  Paula J Whiscombe (University of St Andrews)  
Between Brotherly Love and Hatred: Fraternal Loyalty and Fratricide

12:00 - 12:45  Jeremy Punt (University of Stellenbosch)  
‘NOT all in the family’. The social location of New Testament households and Christian claims on ‘traditional family values’

12:45 – 13:45  Lunch

13:45 - 15:45  Session 3

13:45 - 14:15  Lydia Mwaniki (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg)  
Paul and Gender Construction in the Roman Imperial Family: A Postcolonial Feminist Examination of the Role and Place of a Woman in Pauline Congregations with particular reference to 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

14:15 - 14:45  Chris de Wet (Unisa)  
John Chrysostom on family values: A study of his exegesis on the Haustafeln

15:15 - 15:45  Elritia le Roux (Universiteit van Pretoria)  
The author of Mark’s perception of discipleship and family ties within the context of the new household in Christ

15:45 - 16:15  Tea

16:15 - 16:45  Session 4

15:45 - 16:15  O. B. Mlambo (University of Zimbabwe)  
Marriage in Augustan Rome

16:15 - 16:45  Ilona Zager (Unisa)  
The Use of Family Values as Propaganda in the Augustan Principate
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8:00 - 10:15  Session 5

8:00 - 8:45  Kate Cooper (Manchester University)
‘Family feeling’ and the demands of eschatology: The household as arena for productive deviance in early Christian literature

8:45 - 9:30  Janette McWilliam (University of Queensland)
Children as Political Currency in the Roman Empire

9:30 - 10:15  Gwynaeth McIntyre (St. Andrews)
Constructing a family: Representations of the women of the Roman imperial family

10:15 - 10:45  Tea

10:45 - 13:00  Session 6

10:45 - 11:30  Roman Roth (University of Cape Town)
Strategy or Reality? The Extended Family in Hellenistic Etruria

11:30 - 12:15  Marianne Bjelland Kartzow (Oslo University)

12:15 - 13:00  Johannes Vorster (Unisa)
'Family' as a rhetoric of the body in early Christianity

13:00 - 14:00  Lunch

14:00 - 15:30  Session 7

14:00 - 14:45  Bill Henderson (University of Johannesburg)
Family values in Greek lyric poetry

14:45 - 15:30  Elke Steinmeyer (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban)
The concept of family in Aeschylus' ‘Oresteia’ and McMurtry's (et al) ‘The Family’

15:30 - 16:00  Tea

16:00 - 17:30  Session 8

16:00 - 16:45  Dirk van der Merwe (Unisa)
Domestic architecture: Culture, kinship and identity in 1 John

16:45 - 17:30  TBA
### Saturday October 17th 2009

#### 8:00 - 10:15  **Session 9**

- **8:00 - 8:45**  
  Athalya Brenner (Universiteit van Amsterdam)  
  **Alternative Families: From the Hebrew Bible to Early Judaisms**

- **8:45 - 9:30**  
  Edison Muhindo Kalengyo (Uganda Christian University)  
  **Parenting in the world of the New Testament and challenges of parenting in Africa today**

- **9:30 - 10:15**  
  Bart Wagemakers (University of Applied Sciences Utrecht)  
  **Strange family affairs: incest, infanticide and other Roman allegations against Christians**

- **10:15 - 10:45**  
  Tea

#### 10:45 - 13:00  **Session 10**

- **10:45 - 11:30**  
  Philip Bosman (Unisa)  
  **Utopia, domestication and special status: Marriage and family in the Stoic tradition**

- **11:30 - 12:15**  
  Lilly Nortje-Meyer (Universiteit van Johannesburg)  
  **Deconstructing the Heteronormative Image of the Early Christian Household: Reconsidering gender as key organising concept of family functioning**

- **12:15 - 13:00**  
  TBA

- **13:00 - 14:00**  
  Lunch