

# Reimagining Goddess Scholarship: At the Edges of Sacred Knowledge

Association for the Study of Women and Mythology

Online Symposium

Sunday, May 3 2026

"Who holds/grants access to sacred knowledge?" Our spacious schedule, including short breakouts after each panel and a concluding open discussion, allows us to create a conversation with speakers and members around this topic.

## All Times Are Eastern Daylight Time

11:00-11:15 Welcome (and Housekeeping Notes)

11:15-12:45 Panel

### Panel 1 **Gatekeeping/Safekeeping Material Culture**

- Carla Ionescu, "*Where Are the Hundreds? Museum Display, Fragmentation, and the Hidden Magnitude of Goddess Cults*"
- Mary Beth Moser, "*Sacred Belonging: The Enduring Presence of the Black Madonna in Italy*"
- Barbara Mann, "*We Don't Play with Dead Things*"

12:45-1:00 Breakout and Interlude

1:00-2:30 Panel

### Panel 2 **Revitalizing Sacred Ceremony**

- Cutcha Risling Baldy "*We Are Dancing For You: Native Feminisms and the Revitalization of Women's Coming-of-Age Ceremonies in California*"
- Kay Turner "*Dining with Hekate: Embodied Knowledge as a Source of Nourishment*"
- Apostolia Papadamaki, "*Anamnesis: Embodying Ancient Greek Mysticism Through Ceremonial Performances*"

2:30-2:45 Breakout and Interlude

2:45-4:15 Panel

### Panel 3: **Dethroning Human Hubris**

- Arieahn Matamonasa Bennett, "*Western Science is 'half-brained': Indigenous Elders had it right: Rethinking Animal-Human relationships and research*"
- Monica Mody, "*Divinity and Life in Nondual Consciousness: Revisioning Our Relations With More-than-Human Worlds*"
- Judy Grahn, "*Spirit Talks to Us, But How Do We Know? (Encountering mutual consciousness in tiny forms)*"

4:15-4:30 Breakout and Interlude

4:30-6:00 A Collaborative Keynote

- Apela Colorado, Mahea Ahia, and Katrina Maulion Arriola, "*Recovering Manuakepa: Navigating Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Protocols*"

6:00-7:00 Open Discussion—Where do we go from here?

- Attendees and Presenters