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### **Slavery in the Athenian Sex Trade**

#### Abstract:

A number of scholars, including myself, now recognize that the ancient Greek sex trade depended on enslaved labour. In my talk, I will focus on the connection between sexual labour and slavery in Greek comedy and oratory to examine Greek slaving practices as a cycle. The evidence available for sex labourers in Athens is plentiful, unlike other types of enslaved people, including evidence from acquisition to manumission and even integration into the system of slavery as enslavers. In addition to the practices around managing and freeing sex labourers, I will consider the enslaved phase of (mostly) women employed in this same industry.

#### Bio:

Allison Glazebrook is Professor in the Department of Classics and Archaeology at Brock University. She specializes in women, gender, sexuality, and slavery in ancient Greece. Her publications include *Sexual Labor in the Athenian Courts* (2021), *Themes in Greek Society and Culture: An Introduction to Ancient Greece*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (2022, edited with C. Vester), *Houses of Ill Repute: The Archaeology of Brothels, Houses and Taverns in the Greek World* (2016, edited with B. Tsakirgis) and *Greek Prostitutes in the Ancient Mediterranean, 800 BCE-200 CE* (2011, edited with M. M. Henry).