



# Desiring Statues: Statuary, Sexuality and History

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Statuary has offered a privileged site for the articulation of sexual experience and the formation of sexual knowledge. As historical objects, statues also draw attention to the different ways in which our understanding of sexuality is facilitated through an engagement with the past.

This conference brings together more than 40 scholars from a variety of disciplines, including history, gender and sexuality studies, literary and cultural studies, art history, and classics to examine the relation between statuary, sexuality and history. It explores how statues – as historical or imagined artefacts – allow us to think about the past and its relation to sex, gender and sexuality.

Plenary lectures from Dr Stefano-Maria Evangelista (University of Oxford) and Dr Ian Jenkins (British Museum).

The conference is part of the Sexual Knowledge, Sexual History Project:  
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