



Tufts University Classics and Religion Departments
are Pleased to Host:

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**For Two Special Talks Focusing on Late Antiquity
and Early Christianity.**

February 20th, 2014, Starting @ 6:00 pm
Barnum Hall Rm 008

Talk 1:

Interpreting the Symbols of the Cross (4th and 5th C. AD)

Tiphaine Moreau

Unlike our modern image of the Christian cross, early believers invoked various images as the symbol of their faith. Indeed, it was not until the 4th and 5th Centuries that the Cross became universally recognized, due to the development of orthodoxy and Imperial influence. Tiphaine Moreau's talk will focus on the development of the cross as a symbol, paying particular attention to the forces which led to its eventual prevalence.

Talk 2:

The ways for healing in Late Antiquity (4th - 6th Centuries)

Bertrand Lançon

Sickness and healing become ubiquitous themes in Late Antiquity writing, as much by the medical authors as by the Christian preachers. So too are these themes portrayed with the rise of the saints in late antique Churches. As such, an understanding of sickness and healing are indispensable to understanding the rise of Christianity in Roman society. Bertrand Lançon will expound upon this process utilizing several case studies.

