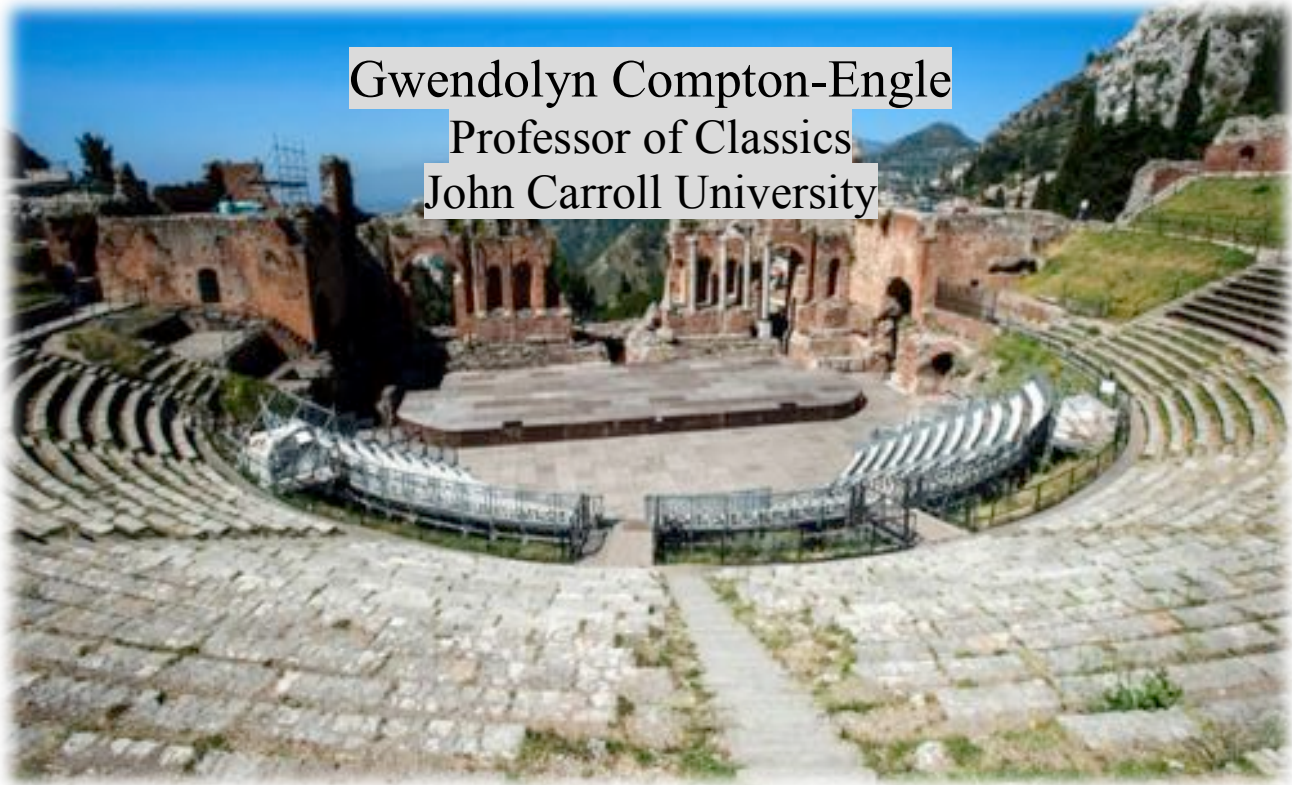


The James M. May Lecture in Classics

Foundling Plots in Greek Drama

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This talk will trace the development of a plot-type common in 5th-century BCE Greek tragedy: the abandonment of infants and the later recognition of their identities. Special attention will be paid to Euripides' *Auge* and the adaptation of its plot to suit mythological comedy in the early 4th century BCE, a time when playwrights first experimented with making foundling plots funny.

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