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**FREE Public Lecture**

**by**

# Carol Meyers

**(Mary Grace Wilson Professor in Religion, Duke University, North Carolina)**

 ‘Mosaics and Multiculturalism:

Discoveries at Ancient Sepphoris’

### Thursday 20 March 2014, at 6.00 pm **NB TIME!!**

Arts Faculty Building Lecture Theatre 2 **NB VENUE!!**

Carol Meyers was educated at Wellesley College (1964) and at Brandeis University in Boston, where she received her Ph.D. (1975) in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. Appointed to Duke University in 1975, since 2002 she has held her named Chair in Religion, and is an affiliated faculty member of Duke's Women's Studies Program. A specialist in biblical studies and archaeology, Professor Meyers has authored or co-authored 11 books and has edited or co-edited 5 others. These include: *Exodus* (CUP, 2005); *Households and holiness: the religious culture of Israelite women* (Philadelphia, 2005); *Women in Scripture* (Boston, 2000); *Excavations at Ancient Nabratein: synagogue and environs* [with E. Meyers] (Winona Lake, ASOR, 2009). She is a Trustee of the American Schools of Oriental Research and of the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation, and has for the last two year been President of the Society of Biblical Literature. On this trip to Australia, she and her husband, Professor Eric Meyers, are sponsored by the Australian Institute of Archaeology in Melbourne.

Duke University is one of several institutions which have been excavating at the major Galilean site of Sepphoris since the mid-1980s. Discoveries have included stunning mosaics, grand buildings (synagogue, baths, theatre, mansions), underground cavities (ritual baths, cisterns), and a variety of artifacts (pottery, stone vessels and tools, coins, lamps, bronze statues, etc.). This array of finds is important for understanding various aspects of life in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine periods. As one of the co-directors of the Duke excavations at Sepphoris, Carol Meyers will present some of the discoveries at Sepphoris and consider how they can be used to understand the diversity of population—Jews, Romans, and Christians.

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