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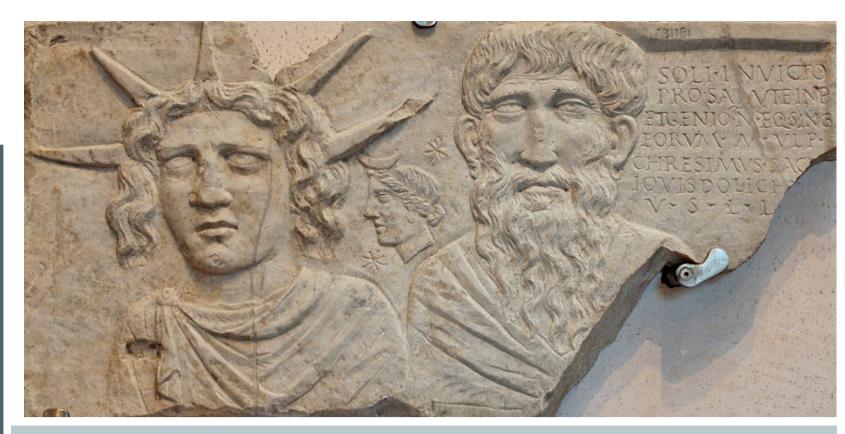
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29 November 2016 5-7 P.M.

Samuel Alexander Building, Room A113

## Arduus ad solem

**Public Lecture** 

Much of Classical scholarship, especially over the past half century, has been preoccupied with intertextuality, an approach already amply testified by ancient commentaries. Theoretical assessments of this interpretive protocol and its foundations have been less frequent in recent years, and a considerable gap now appears to exist between the practice of intertextual reading in the field of Classics and important developments in the broader field of the Humanities – from memory studies to cognitivism to psychoanalysis. In this paper I will briefly trace the recent genealogy of the paradigm, with a view to understanding how it impacts on its deployment, and will then suggest way in which it can be enriched and modified by a closer engagement with some of the more incisive current approaches to literary criticism.

This lecture will be followed by a conversation between Professor Schiesaro and Professor Roy Gibson, Director of Research in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures and Professor of Latin.