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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire will host one of the best-known classical scholars in the country Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. when Mary Lefkowitz of Wellesley College discusses what can be learned about today's human condition from Greek mythology.

Her talk in Murkland Hall's Richards Auditorium is free and open to the public.

Lefkowitz has written several books on women in the Ancient World, including the standard textbook in the field, *Women's Life in Greece and Rome*, several books on Greek myth, and *Not Out of Africa*, a book questioning the theory that Greek civilization owes a greater debt to Egyptian and other earlier civilizations than scholars have been willing to admit.

Lefkowitz has been awarded fellowships by the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Onassis Foundation. Her most recent book is an attempt to restore the gods to their ever-important role in ancient narratives. According to *The New York Times* Book Review, the "thought-provoking *Greek Gods, Human Lives* is precisely an attempt to write the gods back into Greek myths" and in *The Los Angeles Times* Book Review, "It is among other things, a salutary tract for our times."

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