

	Object:	Servant with incense box
	Museum:	Museum August Kestner Trammplatz 3 30159 Hannover (0511) 168-42730 museen- kulturgeschichte@hannover- stadt.de
	Collection:	Ancient Cultures
	Inventory number:	1988.126

Description

The young woman, turned to the left, is dressed in a belted peplos with a short coverlet and a foot-long cloak falling from her shoulders. In her left hand she holds an open rectangular box with a lid. According to the form and the iconographic representation, it could be a young woman or girl participating in the sacrifice as a helper. The participation of young girls in an administrative capacity at public sacrifices is nothing unusual, as long as proof was provided that they and their parents were freeborn and both parents were still alive. The function of this figure was that of an applique, an attachment piece for decoration on vessels, receptacles or surrounding altar friezes. (AVS)

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Bronze / cast
Measurements:	Height: 10.9 cm

Events

Created	When	1. century CE
	Who	
	Where	Roman Italy

Keywords

- Brandopfer
- Figurine
- Frankincense

- Peplos

Literature

- Bendlin, Andreas / Rüpke, Jörg / Siebert, Anne Viola (Hrsg.) (2001): Axt und Altar. Kult und Ritual als Schlüssel zur römischen Kultur. Erfurt, 72 Nr. 65