R. Gow. Further Aspects of the Weil Representation.

The Weil representation is usually taken to be a representation of the finite symplectic group of odd characteristic, but there is a version that works for the finite unitary groups of all characteristics. By embedding the symplectic group Sp(2m,q) into the unitary group $Sp(2m,q^2)$, we obtain by restriction to Sp(2m,q) a form of Weil representation of degree $q^{2m}-1$. We intend to describe how this representation decomposes and investigate the associated characters.