Varied Topics Highlight Fall Meeting

A variety of business topics, including the election of two new members-at-large, and presentations by three speakers will highlight the upcoming 2009 Fall Meeting of the Classical Association of Virginia. The meeting is slated for Saturday, October 3rd in Newcomb Hall on the campus of UVA beginning with refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

Following the business session and announcements, Professor Judith Hallett of the University of Maryland will present, “The Lectrix (and Scriptrix) Company: Roman Women Reading, Writing and Performing Poetry.” The topic will examine a recently rediscovered Roman funerary inscription in elegiac meter (AE 1928.73) from the early Augustan Age. Attributed to the female love elegist Sulpicia, it commemorates a Greek female slave named Petale, who worked as a lectrix, reader of literary texts. The talk will consider how this inscription illuminates the involvements of Roman women as readers, writers and performers of poetry. Hallett is the author of numerous books, articles and essays and holds degrees from Wellesley College and Harvard University. She has also devoted her energies in the past to interviews and consultation work with the History Channel/A&E, PBS documentaries, and other media productions.

Following luncheon, members will hear from Colonel Rose Mary Sheldon from the Virginia Military Institute. Sheldon will entertain and enlighten her audience with “The Sneaky Greeks,” dealing with ambush in Greek warfare. Her thesis involves the omission of this subject from most histories of Greece or Greek warfare. Sheldon is Head of the Department of History at VMI and received her Ph.D. in ancient history from the University of Michigan. Her special field is intelligence history, on which she has written more than three dozen articles and four books. Her fifth book, Blood in the Sands: Rome’s Wars in Parthia, is forthcoming.

Professor Daniel V. McCaffrey will round out the day with a grammatical exploration entitled, “A Form of Garden Path Sentence in Latin.” McCaffrey, senior classicist at Randolph-Macon College holds his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. His interests range from his dissertation treatment of Ovid’s Amores to his current research in the application of computer technology to the translation of Latin and linguistics and Latin word order. His talk will focus on this latter interest.
Salvete Omnes,

I hope this letter finds you rested and enjoying our lovely summer weather and that you are looking forward to another exciting school year. As we approach the start of this year, I urge all of you to help the CAV continue its growth by seeking out and encouraging new members for our organization. Please be mindful of teachers who are new to the profession, or new to Virginia, and invite them to join us at our fall meeting on Saturday, October 3, at UVA.

We have an excellent program planned for our fall meeting, with three outstanding and dynamic speakers. Our guest presenter will be Professor Judith Hallett of the University of Maryland, who will speak on the topic “The Lectrix (and Scriptrix) Company: Roman Women Reading, Writing and Performing Poetry.” You won’t want to miss the opportunity to hear her. We are fortunate to have on the program with Dr. Hallett two highly-regarded Virginia professors: Colonel Rose Mary Sheldon of VMI will speak on “The Sneaky Greeks,” a presentation on ambush in ancient Greek warfare and on the perils of “feel good history;” and our own Professor Dan McCaffrey is going to lead us down “A Form of Garden Path Sentence in Latin.” It promises to be a most interesting and informative day.

As I write this, I am feeling the pangs of withdrawal from summer Latin and the NJCL convention at the University of California at Davis -- the first national convention I have not attended in fifteen years. But I’m living vicariously through continual updates from students and colleagues and am happy to report that all is well. Virginia students have reaped a number of individual awards, spirit abounds, and all three of our state certamen teams earned their way into the finals, with the Novice and Intermediate teams placing 2nd in the nation and the Advanced team placing 3rd. Also, the CAV and Virginia are well represented on the National Committee of the JCL, with Christine Conklin serving as the current National Chair; Sue Robertson as the Convention Advisor; and Tom Reed as Certamen Chair. And Susan Schearer is currently enjoying her 49th year at national convention! There is nothing dead about Latin (or Classics) in Virginia!

Speaking of conventions and conferences, please remember that the FLAVA conference is being held in Richmond this year on Oct. 9-10. At this writing we have at least 6 sessions specifically for Latin, and we would love to see even more. If you have an idea for a session you would like to present, please see the FLAVA website and contact Linda Szwabowski, the conference coordinator, to submit your proposal. It promises to be a most lively and informative conference.

I look forward to seeing all of you on October 3rd in Charlottesville.

Ex animo, Laurie T. Covington, 2008-2010 CAV President
HOGAN Prize Applications Announced

The College of William and Mary announces the continuation of the Hogan Prize in Classical Studies, made possible by a bequest by William Johnson Hogan, distinguished alumnus of the College. For the academic year 2010-2011 there will be available a grant of $1,000.00 for an entering student who will have completed with distinction at least three years of Latin or Greek at time of graduation. Application forms can be downloaded from the Web at http://www.wm.edu/classicalstudies/hoganapplication.pdf. These application forms should be sent to:

Dr. John F. Donahue
Department of Classical Studies
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P.O. Box 8795
Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-8795

Deadline for application is March 1, 2010. The successful applicant will be notified around April 1, 2010. This award is, of course, contingent upon successful admission to the College. The grantee will be expected to enroll during his or her freshman year in at least three courses offered by the Department of Classical Studies (two of these must be in Greek or Latin). The grant may be continued during the sophomore year and beyond if the student earns a grade of “A” or “B” in courses taken in the freshman year and elects to continue the study of Greek or Latin after that. Preference will be shown to the applicant who contemplates a concentration in the Department of Classical Studies.

CAV Centennial HONORED TEACHER Donation Form

Honor your favorite teachers of the classics by completing this form and submitting it along with a $100 donation. The name of the teacher you honor or memorialize will be listed in the CAV Centennial program given out at the celebratory banquet in the fall of 2010.

N.B. Limit of one honoree and $100 donation per form with individuals encouraged to honor more than one teacher.

Donor’s Name: _____________________________________
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Is this donation in honor of or in memory of this teacher? Please indicate:  ____IN HONOR OF ____IN MEMORY OF

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Fall 2009
Medusa Mythology Exam 2010
The International Competition for Mythology Enthusiasts

This year’s theme is . . . “Olympians 2.0”

What: 50 multiple-choice questions, 40 minutes in length

Cost: $3.00 per student plus $15 school fee ($25 international)

Who can register? Open to all students in grades 6-12—no Latin or Greek experience needed. Latin, English and home-school teachers are encouraged to enroll their interested students! As always, this test is a favorite for Latin and Greek students.

When: Teachers administer the exam during the week of March 22-26 (alternative dates are possible, if your school’s spring break is during this time frame).

Prizes: Certificates of Honorable Mention, Gold & Silver Medals from Italy are awarded. The highest-scoring participants will be able to apply for several cash achievement awards.

How: Registrations due Feb. 14, 2010. Downloadable registration forms and more information are available at the website. Late registrations are subject to late fees. Go to www.medusaexam.org for more information.

MEDUSA MYTHOLOGY EXAM - PO Box 1032 - GAINESVILLE, VA 20156
Howard Chang, Chair - Laurie Covington, Vice-Chair

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NUNTIANDA . . . Items of note to CAV Members

CAMWS

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- Award monies for the classroom: Need some money to host a guest speaker? To buy stage props for a Latin Play? To pay for a mailing about the joys of taking Latin? The CAMWS Committee for the Promotion of Latin is here to help. Submit a simple form for CPL or Caristia funding online or by mail to your Virginia Vice President for CAMWS, Liane Houghtalin (lhoughta@umw.edu). The Caristia funding, in particular, will net a fast $50 for a social gathering—no need for that cake for Rome’s birthday to come out of your own pocket again this year. Read about CPL and Caristia funding at http://www.camws.org/cpl/funding/index.html.

- Award monies for travel: CAMWS awards scholarships to K-12 teachers for summer study in Rome and Athens, fund for teachers working toward certification in Latin, and travel awards for attending CAMWS meetings.

- Publications: CAMWS membership includes a subscription to The Classical Journal and the CAMWS Newsletter.

- Meetings: CAMWS meets annually in the spring. Join the fun and professional stimulation from March 24-27, 2010, in Oklahoma City. As an added bonus, the Southern Section of CAMWS meets every two years, conveniently in Richmond in October 2010.

CAMWS membership includes all these benefits and more, all for only $25 for students, retirees, and first-year teachers or $45 for regular individual members. To join, see http://www.camws.org/membership/index.html

Mediterranean Society

The Mediterranean Society will host an opening reception, two day excursions, four lectures, a trip to Morocco, and a Mid-Winter Reception and Dinner during the 2009-2010 year. Lectures take place at 3 p.m. on Sundays in the University of Richmond’s Jepson Hall 118 and are open to the public.

- Opening reception: September 13 from 3-5 p.m. at the Faculty Lounge, Jepson Hall on the campus of the University of Richmond for all interested in the Mediterranean area to attend

- Excursions and lectures are listed below and on the Society’s website at: www.mediterranean-society.org

- Sunday, September 13, 3-5 p.m. Reception, Jepson Hall.


- Saturday, October 17. Fall Excursion: Ford’s Theatre and President Lincoln’s Cottage in Washington.

- Sunday, November 8. Annual Election and illustrated lecture on “Cleopatra’s Face: Realities of Race, Beauty, and Sexuality vs. the Pop Culture Image” by Gregory N. Daugherty of Randolph-Macon College.

- Saturday, December 5, 6 p.m. Mid-Winter Reception and Dinner at the 2300 Club in Richmond.

- Sunday, February 7. Illustrated lecture on “The Place of Music in Middle Eastern Culture” by Anne Rasmussen of the College of William and Mary.

- Saturday, March 6. Excursion to the National Geographic’s Explorers Hall in Washington for the Terracotta Warriors Exhibition.


- May. Seminar in Morocco, details to be announced

R-MC Saturday Seminar

Save Saturday, December 5, 2009 to attend the next Randolph-Macon Saturday Seminar for Latin Teachers. Details will be sent to teachers via the R-MC email list and posted on the CAV website in October. If you are not on this list or have a change in contact information since last year, please send an email request to: gdaugher@rmc.edu.
THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA
FALL MEETING - OCTOBER 3, 2009
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
NEWCOMB HALL-SOUTH MEETING ROOM

9:30 am  
Registration  
(Coffee and donuts courtesy of the UVA Department of Classics)

MORNING SESSION

10:15 am  
Business Meeting (South Meeting Room)

- Minutes of Spring 2009 Meeting: Linda Montross  
- Treasurer’s Report: Max Meador  
- Executive Committee Report: Laurie Covington  
- Election of Members-At-Large  
- Latin Tournament: Ian Hochberg  
- Contest Reports: Andy Becker  
- Centennial Committee Report: Jon Mikalson/John Miller  
- Announcements and Introductions

11:15 am  
“The Lectrix (and Scriptrix) Company: Roman Women Reading, Writing and Performing Poetry”  
Judith Hallett, University of Maryland

12:30 pm  
Prepaid Buffet Luncheon (Commonwealth Room)

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 pm  
“The Sneaky Greeks”  
Colonel Rose Mary Sheldon, Virginia Military Institute

2:30 pm  
“A Form of Garden Path Sentence in Latin”  
Daniel V. McCaffrey, Randolph-Macon College

3:30 pm  
Reception hosted by the University of Virginia Department of Classics  
(Lobby of the Classics Department, lower level of Cocke Hall)

FALL MEETING LOGISTICS

Parking for the Fall Meeting in Newcomb Hall is free in LOT C, a 5-minute walk to the building.  
There is also parking in the Newcomb Hall garage for a charge. A map for your use is provided at this website:  
http://www.virginia.edu/webmap/GMcCormickRoadArea.html
Please complete the following information to renew your membership and to register for the fall meeting.

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Contribution to Angela Lloyd Fund:                          ____________
Contribution to the General Fund:                             ____________

I will attend the Luncheon ($17.00):                        ____________
(Caesar Salad, Chicken Scarpariello, Penne Baked with Ricotta,
Marinara & Mozzarella, Sauteed Zucchini with Tomato & Basil,
Garlic Bread, Petite Cannoli & Pignoli Cookies, Beverages)

I will attend the reception (Cocke Hall):                ____________ (no charge)

TOTAL ENCLOSED:   ____________

DEADLINE FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS:
September 28, 2009

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CAV TEACHER PLACEMENT SERVICE

The Placement Service of the Classical Association of Virginia offers teachers of Latin a free program to bring together teachers seeking Latin positions in Virginia and schools in Virginia which are seeking Latin teachers. Schools send us listings of their positions, and we send these listings by e-mail to the teachers who have registered with the CAV Placement Service. We provide continuous updates from March until September. If you know of a position available, have the school principal or personnel office get in touch with the service. If you wish a position, send in your name and e-mail address. We ask both school and teachers to contact Jon D. Mikalson by e-mail at: jdm9x@virginia.edu. There are no charges for these services!

ADDRESS CHANGES

Changes in your address and/or school affiliation should be sent to CAV Treasurer, Max Meador, to ensure that the CAV database remains up-to-date.

LATIN TEACHER TRAINING FOCUS

The Latin teacher shortage continues to be of paramount importance to both public and private schools systems across Virginia. Does your college/university offer courses leading to teacher certification for classics majors/minors? Is your department providing course work in the evenings, on weekends, or during summer breaks that lead to initial certification and/or recertification for teachers? If so, share information with the editor of this newsletter for use in an upcoming article in The CAV NEWS.

Deadline dates for The CAV News: August 1, November 1, May 1

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