

Announcing...

RUSTICATIO VIRGINIANA 2009

America's first total-immersion event
exclusively for beginners..... in the art of Latin conversation!



at the Claymont Mansion
Claymont Society for Continuous Education

Charles Town, West Virginia (greater Washington, D.C.)

July 20-26, 2009

SALVI (*Septentrionale Americanum Latinitatis Vivae Institutum*, or North American Institute for Living Latin Studies, Inc.), proudly presents its third annual *Rusticatio Virginiana* – a **beginners-only** week of total immersion in Latin with high-energy conversation exercises and readings from Latin literature.

Program Dates: July 20 – 26, 2009. Arrival: 3 – 6 P.M., Monday, July 20; Departure: 12 P.M., Sunday, July 26.

Eligibility: you are eligible to attend this workshop if **you have already learned Latin** on paper **but have never previously attended any course or workshop in extemporaneous Latin conversation.** This workshop is not an introductory Latin course; consequently, it is not for people who have no knowledge of the language. Typically, participants will have completed (at a bare minimum) one year of traditional college-level **or** three years of high school Latin. Enrollment will be limited to **18** participants. Past participants in *SALVI* workshops have included university faculty, high-school Latin teachers, advanced college students and members of the general public. Participants under 18 years of age are not normally admitted; minors and their parents should consider the Latin Immersion Summer Program at nearby Christendom College in Front Royal, VA (see <http://www.christendom.edu/latin/index.shtml>).

Location: we will reside and conduct our workshop sessions in the historic mansion house on the Claymont Estate. Built in the 1830's by a nephew of George Washington, the Claymont Mansion remained in the Washington family until the Civil War.

Costs: \$ 925.00 per person, all-inclusive, covering tuition, room, full board and all instructional materials. This amount does not cover transportation to and from Claymont. The full amount is payable with your application and, in case of cancellation, will be refunded (less a \$ 50.00 administrative fee) if you provide us written notice of cancellation by Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Money will be refunded to participants cancelling after April 1, 2009, only if the space is filled and paid for by another participant. Workshop management will not be responsible for recruiting additional participants for this purpose. ***All participants receive complimentary first year membership in SALVI.***

Accommodations: participants will sleep dormitory-style in the Claymont Mansion's large bedrooms, which are equipped with up to 5 beds apiece. Bathrooms will be shared, though segregated by sex. The Mansion house offers many spacious common areas, and is situated on large, walkable grounds.

Food: food and wine at Claymont are excellent and abundant, featuring produce from the Claymont community's organic gardens. All participants take turns assisting our Latin-speaking cook-in-chief to prepare, serve, and clean up after meals (*including dishwashing*). This not only helps us to keep costs down, but is an important part of the overall immersion-learning experience, since it provides abundant opportunities for learning new vocabulary and acting on concrete instructions given in the target language.

What you can expect to get out of it: you can expect significant improvement in listening-comprehension, sight-reading comprehension, and reading speed; and you will also discover the joy of self-expression and communication with others in Latin — all this because the experience of hearing the language spoken and expressing yourself in it stimulates your brain's linguistic faculties in ways that traditional Latin-classroom activities cannot. If you're a teacher, you will discover by the end of the program that you have taken the crucial first steps toward acquiring a tremendously powerful instructional tool — the spoken language. Consequently, a whole range of highly effective modern-language teaching strategies will become available to you and your students.

Why beginners-only? Total-immersion language instruction presents a special emotional challenge to the adult learner. Adults, accustomed to being able to express themselves fully in their native language, often experience tension, self-consciousness, and frustration in first-time learning situations since they are necessarily reduced to the communicative level of a young child in the initial stages of such instruction. In response, *Rusticatio Virginiana* offers a uniquely supportive and interactive environment designed to help participants get through the beginning stages as quickly and comfortably as possible. **Experienced Latin-speakers are excluded from the participant body to ensure that all students begin on the same level.** The small group size (18) promotes a relaxed, family atmosphere, while classroom exercises and living arrangements maximize contact hours with the language. Additionally, in an arrangement unique to *Rusticatio Virginiana*, each participant will be placed in a micro-group assigned to a *repetitor*, or *tutor* – an advanced Latin-speaker and experienced teacher who will give special attention to the success and well-being of each participant under his/her care. (***N.B.: a separate workshop for experienced Latin speakers will also be offered this summer from July 13-19; application is on the SALVI web site.***)

A typical day: each day's schedule will be structured around five to six hours of group work, including two hours of oral drill -- high-energy and carefully structured practice to facilitate speaking Latin in a positive, team-spirited environment. We make no assumptions: if you can hear a word and repeat it, you can succeed! There will be three good meals per day, prepared and served in turns by participants under staff direction. Our evening hours will afford us opportunities for general relaxation, including reading, singing, and board games. Throughout all these activities,

our shared goal will be a positive and productive experience of total immersion in the Latin language.

Application deadline: April 1, 2009, or as soon as all 18 places are filled. Applications will be accepted in the order received subject to review of the applicant's Latin background. **All applicants admitted to the program must complete a more detailed health questionnaire and participation consent form which will be mailed with notice of admission.**

How to Apply: complete the attached application form and send it with check payable to SALVI in the amount of \$ 925.00 to:

SALVI c/o Jacquelyn Myers
1252 11th Street, #107
Santa Monica, California 90401

Please make your check payable to SALVI.

What is SALVI?

SALVI, or *Septentrionale Americanum Latinitatis Vivae Institutum* is a federally-recognized 501(c)3 public charity, incorporated in 1997 in California for educational and literary purposes. *SALVI* has run Latin immersion seminars on the West Coast since 1998 and began *Rusticatio Virginiana* on the East Coast in 2007. We promote the active use of the Latin language among all people who study it, whether they do so for school, for work, or simply for pleasure. We have a particular interest in teachers and students at the secondary and postsecondary level.

***Rusticatio Virginiana* Staff:**

Nancy E. Llewellyn (Lead Instructor) is President of *SALVI* and Assistant Professor of Latin at Wyoming Catholic College (www.wyomingcatholiccollege.com), one of the West's newest and most innovative postsecondary educational institutions. WCC's entire student body studies Latin as a required subject for the first two years of a four-year Great Books curriculum that also features horsemanship and outdoor leadership education. Dr. Llewellyn holds her Ph.D. from UCLA, a *Licenza (M.A.) magna cum laude* from the Pontifical Salesian University in Rome (where she also studied at the Gregorian University with Reginald Foster), and a B.A. *cum laude* from Bryn Mawr College. Since 1998, she has led numerous workshops on spoken Latin for students and teachers in California, Michigan, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Virginia.

Andrew Gollan (Chef-in-Chief) holds a B.A. in Classics from the University of Sydney and an M.A.T. from the University of Kentucky, where he is also pursuing an M.A. in Classics. . A member of *SALVI*'s Board of Directors, Andrew teaches Latin at Henry Clay High School in Lexington, KY, and is a highly accomplished cook and wine connoisseur.

Staff Assistants/Cooperatores: Dawn Mitchell (Dulaney High School, Baltimore, MD); Paul Perrot (Park View High School, Sterling, VA).

Contact information for further questions: send e-mail to Paul Perrot at plperrot@gmail.com or telephone (703) 675-7992 *Eastern Standard Time, please!*

A Latin version of this announcement will soon be available on the *SALVI* website at www.latin.org.

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APPLICATION FORM ~ *PARTICIPANDI PETITIO*

RUSTICATIO VIRGINIANA

Monday, July 20, to Sunday, July 26, 2009, Claymont Estate, Charles Town, WV

Application deadline: April 1, 2009

Eligibility requirements: all participants must have at a minimum the equivalent of 3 years of Latin study at the high school level (*one year college level*) and **have never previously attended a comparable Latin immersion workshop**. Please do not complete this form if you have attended an immersion workshop in the past. Participants must be over age 18.

Name/ *nomen*:

Postal address/ *inscriptio cursualis* :

Telephone number and calling hours/ *numerus telephonicus et quo tempore liceat colloqui*:

e-mail/ *inscriptio electronica*:

Institutional affiliation/ *schola sive studiorum universitas*:

Are you currently a teacher or a student?/ *Esne nunc temporis magister an discipulus?*

How many years of formal classroom study of Latin have you completed?/ *Quot annos linguae Latinae sub magistro studuisti?*

If you're returning to Latin after a hiatus, how many years has it been since you last were in a Latin classroom, either as a student or a teacher? / *Si studia Latina olim deposita iam es repetiturus, abhinc quot annos, magister vel discipulus, eadem deposuisti?*

Do you have special dietary needs/restrictions? Please describe briefly. You will be asked to complete a more detailed questionnaire upon admission. / *Si ciborum regimen tibi servandum est, id paucis iam benigne adumbra fusius de re alias disserturus.*

Do you have any medical conditions we should know about which might affect your comfort/safety during the workshop? Please describe briefly. You will be asked to complete a more detailed questionnaire upon admission. / *Si ulla valedutine afficeris de qua securitatis causa nos certiores fieri oporteat, eam quaeso paucis iam adumbra fusius de re alias disserturus.*

Please identify your gender (circle one) / *Esne tu ...? (Indica circulo)*

VIR

FEMINA

Do you snore? (circle one) / *Solesne stertere? (Indica circulo)*

SIC

NON

Do you smoke? (circle one) / *Solesne fumum haurire? (Indica circulo)*

SIC

NON

Emergency Contact / *Quis necessitate gravi convocandus:*

Please print and complete this form (2 pages), and send it with your check in the amount of \$ 925.00 (payable to SALVI) c/o Jacquelyn Myers at the address above (see program announcement). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis subject to review of applicant's Latin background until all 18 places are filled or until the final deadline, April 1, 2009. Refunds available only as stated in program announcement. **All participants must complete a more detailed health questionnaire and participation consent form which will be mailed with notice of admission. SALVI reserves the right to cancel this event for any reason. In the unlikely event of cancellation by SALVI, each participant will receive his/her \$ 925.00 tuition payment refunded in full.**

We look forward to seeing you at Claymont!