

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."
— *Aeneid* 1.203

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OF VIRGINIA**



*Celebrating
100 years during 2010-2011*

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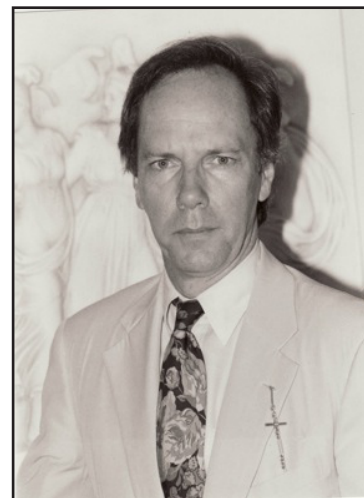


Amy Petersen (l) and Elizabeth Baughan (r) have much to discuss during a recent CAV meeting.

CENTENNIAL YEAR CONTINUES

The CAV's centennial celebration comes to an end with the spring meeting of the association in Charlottesville on May 7th. Awards to Virginia Latin students will be announced during the morning business meeting to recognize their exceptional performances on the annual CAV contests. Recipients of the Angela Lloyd Book Award, the Lurlene Todd Award, and Wayne Wray Scholarship will also be disclosed. Members will hear reports from the Executive Committee and the Centennial Celebration Committee (ad hoc). The remainder of the meeting will feature presentations that address the past, present, and future of classics in the Commonwealth, concluding with a reception in Cocke Hall hosted by the Classics Department of UVA.

Leading the programs scheduled for the meeting will be "Virginia, the Civil War, and the Creation of American Classical Scholarship" presented by Ward W. Briggs of the University of South Carolina. Briggs, who received his Ph.D. in 1974 from UNC-Chapel Hill, is the Carolina Distinguished professor of Classics and Louise Fry Scudder Professor of Humanities Emeritus at USC. His research focuses on the Classical Tradition and the history of American classical scholarship. Briggs is the author or editor of several books, including *The Biographical Dictionary of North American Classicists* (Greenwood, 1994) and *Soldier and Scholar: Basil Lanneau Gildersleeve and the Civil War* (University of Virginia, 1998). His most recent publication is the forthcoming edition of "The Complete Poems of James Dickey" (University of South Carolina Press, 2009). Briggs, a favorite with Virginia classicists, promises to engage members with his scholarship, delivery, and wit.



Professor Ward W. Briggs

Following a prepaid buffet luncheon in the Commonwealth Room, a series of fifteen-minute conversations, each followed with a fifteen-minute discussion, will focus on Virginia classics led by Jon Mikalson (UVA), Marty Abbott (ACTFL), Howard Chang (Flint Hill School), and Amy Petersen (Midlothian HS). The visual display, created by CAV Historian Lea Ann Grassel for the celebration, will be on display throughout the meeting. It highlights the organization throughout its 100-year history.

SPRING MEETING LOGISTICS

*Parking for the May 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:

<http://www.virginia.edu/webmap/GMcCormickRoadArea.html>

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CAV PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Andrew Becker
CAV President, 2010-12

Salvete Omnes,

Sitting in my office on the first of March, looking out over the center of campus in the early spring sun, I see that I have Klingner's edition of Horace's *Odes* sitting here on my desk. Since a president's column should have a Latin epigraph or postscript or at least an apt quotation sprinkled in to add a learned tone, I start trolling through the parade odes (1.1-11). Well, OK: *Viridi membra sub arbuto/stratus*? Not yet—not quite warm enough. The second ode opens with *Iam satis terris nivas atque dirae / grandinis*? Yes, true, but a little flat to kick off a column. Maybe the fourth: *Solvitur acris hiems grata vice veris et favoni*. Might work, though the still chilly early morning makes it a stretch. The bright skies give some suitability to the seventh ode's *Albus et obscuro deterget nubile caelo / saepe notus neque parturit imbris / perpetuos*. Getting increasingly desperate, looking over the grassy quad, I note that in the next ode Sybaris hates the *Apricum campum*; a tenuous connection at best. There is no snow left on the mountains out here in the west, so that rules out *Vides ut alta stet nive candidum*; Mercury's outdoor games (*decorae more palaestrae*) won't fit the students with backpacks passing by as they head to 9:00 a.m. classes—nobody wrestling, or even playing ultimate frisbee. That leaves one more, the *Carpe Diem* ode; *seu pluris hiemes seu tribuit Iuppiter ultimam* is a little morbid, and the five hour drive from here to the coast makes it a little silly to use the *Mare Tyrrhenum* being worn down against the rock shore. So, I quit! I won't quote any Latin phrase in this column and, instead, turn to *negotium*.

Ah, but what *negotium amoenum* it is. Our CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION continues this spring, 7 May 2011, with what promises to be a lively and useful program. In the morning Ward Briggs of the University of South Carolina—author (*inter alia*) of works on Basil Gildersleeve—will speak on our past. In the afternoon, we will look to the future, with a panel of our own: Jon Mikalson on Latin and classical studies in the state's colleges and universities; Marty Abbott on Latin at the national level; Howard Chang, in penultimate position, on Latin in Virginia's private schools; and finally, Amy Petersen on Latin in Virginia's public schools.

Note that we will meet in Charlottesville this spring. Next year we are likely to go back to our custom of meeting in the central location of Charlottesville in the fall and then moving around to different parts of the state for the spring meeting.

So, mark your calendars for May 7. See you all soon!

Andrew S. Becker

THE CAV CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
*thanks you for your contributions to and
participation in the activities that have celebrated
100 years of Classical Tradition in Virginia!*

Treasurer's Report

submitted by R. Maxwell Meador, CAV Treasurer

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

Period ending March 1, 2011:

<i>General Fund</i> <i>(dues, luncheons, contributions)</i>	\$ 930.02
<i>Tournament Fund</i>	\$ 1,715.31
<i>A. Lloyd Fund</i>	\$ 1,318.44
<i>Centennial Fund</i>	\$ 1,488.19
<i>Total (cash flow)</i>	\$ 5,451.96
<i>Treasury CD (8 months)</i> <i>(@.60%) (10-13-11 maturity date)</i>	\$ 5,602.18
<i>A. Lloyd CD (13 months)</i> <i>(@.70%) (2-14-12 maturity date)</i>	\$ 3,562.88
<i>Total</i>	\$ 9,165.06
<i>Grand Total</i>	\$14,617.02

CAV PLACEMENT SERVICE

The Classical Association of Virginia Placement Service offers teachers of Latin a free program to bring together persons seeking Latin positions in Virginia with schools in Virginia which are in need of Latin teachers. Schools send to the CAV Placement Service the listings of their positions. In turn, 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, urge the school principal and/or the personnel office to get in touch with the service. If you are looking for a Latin position, send in your name and e-mail address. Both schools and teachers should contact Professor Jon D. Mikalson by e-mail at: jdm9x@virginia.edu. There are no charges for these services!

Urge your grads to use the CAV Placement Service this year.

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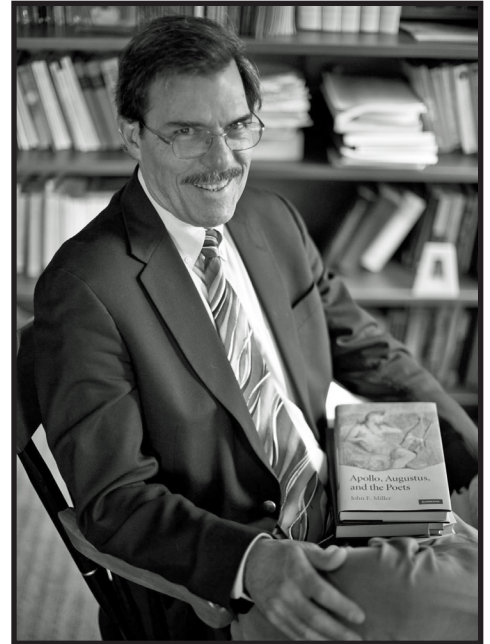
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Professor Miller Wins Award for Top Book in Field

John F. Miller, a professor of classics at the University of Virginia, chair of the department in the College of Arts & Sciences, and former president of the CAV, has won the 2010 Charles J. Goodwin Award of Merit for his book *Apollo, Augustus, and the Poets*. Miller received his award in San Antonio during the January 2011 meeting of the American Philological Association.

According to Miller the book addresses a “very important, but insufficiently understood moment in the history of ancient Roman culture. Apollo was a central deity in Greece, but became a major god in Roman religion only thanks to the first emperor of Rome, Augustus, who claimed him as a patron divinity.” During his research Miller studied not only the major poets, but anonymous poems, Roman architecture, coins, art, popular literature and politics.

Published in October 2009, the book discusses the presentation of Apollo and Augustus by all five major Augustan poets (Virgil, Horace, Propertius, Tibullus, Ovid) as well as minor poets. It carefully situates the literature about Augustan Apollo within the broader culture. In accepting the award Miller expressed his gratitude to the APA and to his colleagues at UVA.



*Professor John F. Miller
2010 Charles J. Goodwin
Award of Merit*

[Photo by Dan Addison and material for this article taken from: <http://www.virginia.edu/uvatoday/newsRelease.php?id=13817>.]

SCHEV Names Benefiel a 2011 “Rising Star”



*Assistant Professor Rebecca Benefiel
“Rising Star” Outstanding Faculty
Award from the State Council of Higher
Education for Virginia*

Rebecca Benefiel, assistant professor of classics at Washington and Lee University in Lexington has been honored with the Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The SCHEV award is the highest honor for faculty at Virginia’s public and private colleges and universities, recognizing superior accomplishments in teaching, research, and public service. Benefiel received her award in Richmond on February 17th.

Rebecca Benefiel, whom SCHEV designated a “Rising Star,” joined the W & L faculty in 2005 after receiving her Ph.D in classical philology from Harvard. She received her B.A. in classics from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and has conducted additional post-graduate study in Rome.

Although the range of her expertise includes such varied topics as Roman law, early Christianity and ancient advertising, Benefiel has become internationally known for her work on ancient wall inscriptions/graffiti. Rabun Taylor, a professor of classics at the University of Texas in Austin notes of Benefiel, “Even at this early stage in her career, (she) knows Pompeian graffiti better than almost any other living scholar.” Of importance to Virginians is the fact that Benefiel took her first “squeeze” of an inscription during the summer of 1994 when she attended the Virginia Latin Academy.

[Photo and material for this article taken from: <http://www.wlu.edu>.]

METHODS COURSE in the TEACHING of LATIN

August 1 – August 12, 2011 from 9:00 a.m – 1:30 pm

University of Virginia – Charlottesville, Virginia

Instructor: Sally Davis (saldavis@comcast.net)

This course will deal with the teaching of Latin at all levels. Issues of curriculum, textbooks, and methodology will be addressed along with practical matters of day-to-day classroom realities. We will examine traditional and current approaches to the teaching of grammar, reading, and translation. National standards, technology, and resources for teachers will be explored. Students will have the opportunity to produce and share their own teaching materials. Some of the topics covered include:

- Organizing the Curriculum: Class Period, Unit, Quarter
- Using the Textbook Judiciously
- Supplementary Reading Material
- Strategies for Teaching Reading
- Ways to Encourage Reading Aloud
- Presenting and Practicing Grammar
- Teaching Roman Culture
- Etymology: English and Latin Vocabulary
- Assessment: When and How
- Projects, Field Trips, Presentations, Technology
- Classroom Management

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**THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA
SPRING MEETING - May 7, 2011
UVA – NEWCOMB HALL–SOUTH MEETING ROOM**

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

MORNING SESSION

10:00 am **Business Meeting** (South Meeting Room)

- **Minutes of Fall 2010 Meeting:** Linda Montross
- **Treasurer's Report:** R. Max Meador
- **Executive Committee Report:** Andrew Becker
- **Latin Tournament:** Ian Hochberg
- **Contest Reports:** Margaret D. Hicks
- **Centennial Committee Report:** Jon Mikalson/John Miller
- **Announcements and Introductions**

11:00 am **“Virginia, the Civil War, and the Creation of
American Classical Scholarship”**
Ward W. Briggs, University of South Carolina

12:30 pm **Prepaid Buffet Luncheon** (Commonwealth Room)

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 pm **CONVERSATIONS ... Talks and Discussions** (South Meeting Room)

**“What’s Happened in Classics in Virginia Colleges and
Universities in the Past 25 Years?”**
Jon Mikalson, UVA

“As Goes Virginia, So Goes the Nation”
Marty Abbott, ACTFL

“The State of Latin Programs in Virginia’s Private Schools”
Howard Chang, Flint Hill School

“Latin: Promoting 21st Century Skills for over 21 Centuries”
Amy Petersen, Midlothian HS

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

DISPLAY AND VIDEO OF CAV HISTORY FEATURED THROUGHOUT THE MEETING
by Lea Ann Grassel, CAV Historian

2010-2011 Spring Meeting Registration & CAV Membership Renewal Form

Saturday, May 7, 2011

The University of Virginia – Newcomb Hall

Please complete the following information to renew your membership and to register for the spring meeting. If you have already renewed your membership, it is not necessary to complete all the information. Please note if your contact information reflects new information.

Name: _____

School Affiliation: _____

School Address: _____ Home Address: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please note your preference in delivery of the newsletter: _____ School Address _____ Home Address

Would you like your contact information added to the CAV Email Directroy located on the CAV Web site?
Indicate your preference: _____ YES _____ NO

Membership: Check, if applicable:

NEW MEMBERSHIP for 2010-2011 _____ (FREE)

Annual Dues after 11/1/10 (\$15.00) _____

Lifetime Membership (\$240.00) _____

Contribution to Angela Lloyd Fund _____

Contribution to the General Fund _____

Luncheon Registration: I will attend the Luncheon (\$17.00): _____

(Caesar Salad, Chicken Breast, Penne with cheeses and Marinara sauce,
Sauteed Zucchini, Garlic Bread, Cannoli & Cookies, Beverages)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

I will attend the reception (Cocke Hall): _____ (# attending/no charge)

DEADLINE FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS:

May 2, 2011 (FIRM DATE!)

Please make checks payable to the Classical Association of Virginia.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO THE CAV TREASURER:

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2011 ACL Institute and Meeting Set for Minneapolis

The 64th annual ACL INSTITUTE and 88th Annual ACL Meeting will be held this summer from June 24-27 in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities and the Raddison University Hotel. Pre-Institute workshops will run Friday evening the 24th and Saturday morning the 25th. The theme, *Fines Latiores*, “*Wider Boundaries*” will give participants the opportunity to explore such topics as:

- Roman and Greek Comedy – and Beyond
- Geography and Topography in the Ancient World
- Teaching Ancient Philosophy in the Latin Class
- Special Topics, such as Distance Learning, IB, Active Latin (including *Mensae Latinae* (et al.)
- AP Authors – Caesar and Vergil
- Textbooks and Reading, an Ongoing Discussion
- Technology: Beginning and Advanced levels

Registration information and materials will be posted shortly at <http://www.aclclassics.org>.

For more information regarding the program contact:

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DUES DUE NOW!

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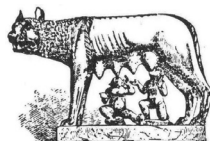
Forward dues along with your meeting registration by using the form found on page 7 of this newsletter.

THANK YOU!

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- Please send all changes in your contact information to the CAV Treasurer.
- For up-to-date information on classics in Virginia and other areas, be sure to visit the CAV website at <http://www.cavclassics.org>.

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



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