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Spring Meeting Information!

May 10, 2025 – Washington & Lee University

The Spring Meeting of the Classical Association of Virginia will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Washington & Lee University in Lexington. The meeting will feature our business meeting, the results of our contests, the recipients of awards and scholarships, three engaging presentations, and the annual silent auction. The full program can be found inside this newsletter and on the website, and the link for registration is below. There will be an option to attend via zoom. Click that option on the registration form, and a zoom link will be provided closer to the meeting. Directions, parking information, and campus map can be found on the CAV website (links provided below). Be sure to join us! Bring a colleague or a friend!

Please visit this link to register:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjEwkIDLyoRX7bE-HXSAd9_ftQN-LK3UyDClsGCf5qXql5dQ/v
iewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjEwkIDLyoRX7bE-HXSAd9_ftQN-LK3UyDClsGCf5qXql5dQ/viewform?usp=sharing)

Registration Deadline: April 20, 2025

If you are unable to complete the registration form online, please contact our Treasurer:

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Our first presenter will be Katelin McCullough, Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics at Hollins University: “Women’s Inscribed Communities in Greco-Roman North Africa.” Katelin McCullough has been a Visiting Assistant Professor at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia since 2023. She received her BA from the University of Texas in Austin before earning her PhD in Classics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research interests fall into two modes of inquiry: the lives of women in civic and religious spaces and the interpretation of small finds. Both avenues, focused on sites in North Africa and the Roman provinces more broadly, require the investigation of evidence that is often fragmentary in order to better understand the identities of individuals and their communities in context. McCullough regularly teaches courses on Latin, Mythology, Archaeology, and Gender Studies with a focus on the Ancient Mediterranean. As a field

archaeologist, she has participated in excavations and surveys in Italy, Spain, Israel, and Romania. Her most recent excavation work has been on the Atlantic coast of Morocco, where she served as field director and the small finds specialist.

After lunch, we will enjoy a “New Educator Panel” organized by Cully Wilkins. This forum will consist of several educators relatively new to the field. They will discuss the trials and triumphs that they are experiencing in light of the ever-changing face of education. Cully Wilkins is a first-year Latin teacher at Matoaca and Midlothian High Schools in Chesterfield County, Virginia. Outside of the Classics, he enjoys traveling, exploring, gaming, and spending time with his loved ones. The other panelists will be: Lexi Harrell of Clover Hill High School; Abigail Lund of Georgetown Day School; Bethany Rhodenizer of Maury River Middle School; and JP Wilusz of St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School.

We will round out the afternoon with a talk by David Bradley about the powerful and healing uses of ancient texts outside of traditional classroom environments: “Inescapable Humanity”: An Iliad, a Veterans’ Hospital, and the Power of Story.” David Bradley has had a 35-year career as a theater director, educator, and creator of boundary-crossing, civically engaged arts projects in Philadelphia and around the country. His work has had a focus on expanding access to and participation in the arts. He is a long-time company member at People’s Light & Theatre. Frequent collaborators include the National Constitution Center, Americans for the Arts, Temple University’s Institute on Disabilities, World Cafe Live, and Theater of War, which uses readings of classical plays to spark dialogue on mental health, addiction, and PTSD among veterans and active service members. His projects with Theater of War included a series of workshops with veterans at a V.A. Psychiatric Hospital centered on an adaptation of The Iliad. David is now a chaplain at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Yale University.

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**Directions / Campus Map / Parking**

Maps & Directions: <https://www.wlu.edu/admissions/visit/directions>

Campus Map: <https://my.wlu.edu/document/campus-map>

Visitor Parking: <https://my.wlu.edu/student-life/health-and-safety/public-safety/parking-and-vehicle-registration/parking-regulations>

**Parking Garage [free]: next to #25 on Campus Map**

**Leyburn Library: #53 on Campus Map – Northen Auditorium is one level below entry level**

**THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA SPRING MEETING**  
**Saturday, May 10, 2025 Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA**  
**Leyburn Library, Northen Auditorium**



**REGISTRATION: second level, outside Northen**

**9:30 AM**      **Registration**  
**Coffee and Pastries (Courtesy of the WLU Department of Classics)**  
**Silent Auction Bids (proceeds benefit the CAV Professional Development Fund)**

**MORNING SESSION: Northen Auditorium 10:00 AM Business Meeting**

**Welcome and Introductions of CAV Officers and Chairs – Patrick Bradley**

**10:00 AM**      **Business Meeting**  
**Welcome and Introductions of CAV Officers and Chairs – Patrick Bradley**  
**Introductions of New Members, First-Timers, and Guests**  
**Minutes of Fall 2024 Meeting – Holly Fitterer**  
**Treasurer’s Report -- Jacquelyn Wilkins**  
**Executive Committee Report – Patrick Bradley**  
**Tournament, Contests, and Awards Reports – Bart Natoli**  
    1) Latin Tournament: Lexi Harrell  
    2) Classical Essay Contest: Patrick Bradley  
    3) Arthur Stocker Latin Essay Contest: Andy Becker  
    4) Wayne Wray & Jim Bigger Student Scholarships: Donald Brewster  
    5) Lurlene Todd Teacher of the Year & Angela Lloyd Book Awards: Lori Kissell  
    6) Professional Development Grant: Amy Peterson  
**General Announcements**

**11:15 – 11:30**      **Break / Silent Auction [bidding ends]**

**11:30 – 12:20**      **“Womens Inscribed Communities in Greco-Roman North Africa”**  
**Katelin McCullough (Visiting Assistant Professor, Hollins University)**

**12:20 – 1:30**      **Results of Silent Auction / Group Photo / Lunch**

**AFTERNOON SESSION: Northen Auditorium**

**1:30 – 2:45**      **New Educator Panel:**      **Cully Wilkins (Matoaca & Midlothian HS),**  
**Lexi Harrell (Clover Hill HS),**  
**Abigail Lund (Georgetown Day Schoo**  
**Bethany Rhodenizer (Maury River MS),**  
**JP Wilusz (St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School)**

**2:45 – 3:00**      **Break**

**3:00 – 3:45**      **“Inescapable Humanity’: An Iliad, a Veterans’ Hospital, and the Power of Story”**  
**David Bradley (Chaplain, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia)**

## **Spring 2025: President's Message**

*Salvete, Omnes!*

It certainly feels like I am grazing the *ultima meta* of the academic year as I look out at the brilliant March skies on this teacher work day marking the end of our third quarter. With NLE and CAV exams and contests in the books, and that AP exam right around the corner, it is time to anticipate the homestretch of another year. The SOL testing and AP exam fortnight will certainly throw monkey wrenches into our class routines, but nothing like the winter weather of the past two months that took away an awful lot of school days. Colleges as well as schools rightly look forward to the change of pace and weather of springtime and that all-important spring break.

Of course, nothing allows us to sense the impending end of the school year like the CAV Spring Meeting. The meeting will return to Lexington for the first time in many years as the Washington and Lee Classics Department welcomes us to campus. You will find details of the meeting, as well as the program and registration links, elsewhere in this newsletter and on the website. We will have many new folks on the presentation side, including a panel of educators much closer to the front of their careers than I. They will be presenting and leading discussion on the trials and triumphs of teaching in a world far different from the one most of us encountered 20, 30, and more years ago. I hope you can make the effort to come out a little farther west and south of the more populous areas of the Commonwealth, but where Classics has maintained a strong tradition for ages. If you cannot attend in person, there will be a zoom option.

If you cannot attend in person or virtually, you can certainly show your support and stay involved by renewing your membership for '24 – '25. It is not too late. You may be receiving this newsletter as a courtesy as a past member, even if you have not renewed this year. Please do so if you have not already. You can use the registration form for the meeting simply to renew your membership even if you will not attend the meeting.

Come for the presentations. Come for the announcements of contest and award winners. Come, most of all, for the camaraderie of your colleagues and friends, old and new. In an age where education in general, and humanities and languages in particular, are under attack, it is more important than ever to maintain and strengthen our bonds as educators. Let's make the "Introduction of New Members, First-Timers, and Guests" portion of the Business Meeting the lengthiest part!

In that spirit, I encourage you all also to mark your calendars for the **Fall Meeting**, on **September 27, 2025** in Charlottesville, hosted by the **University of Virginia**.

*Spero me vos omnes illic visurum esse!*

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## Looking for more places to get together? Try these!

### ACL Institute 2025

June 30 – July 2 Pre-institute: June 29 – 30  
Loyola University – Chicago, Illinois  
Registration for the 78th Institute is now open!

It promises to be stellar with pre-institute tours and workshops as well as a full program of sessions.

See below for more information and to register.

<https://www.aclclassics.org/ACL-Institute/ACL-Institute-2025>

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FLAVA Spring Conference – 2025

Charting New Horizons with Languages
SATURDAY, APRIL 26 TH [9:30-3:00]
Virtually hosted on Zoom

Register by April 20, 2025 in order to receive the necessary links to attend.

There will be 25 sessions in 4 strands, and 3 of the presenters will be giving Latin sessions.

Mark Keith: Quidquid hoc libelli: Wrangling Catullus for Use in the Latin Classroom
Lori Kissell: Oh Ship! Shipbuilding and Sailing in the Ancient Mediterranean
Amy Petersen: Artifex: An Introduction to a Free Online Reader for Latin

The registration link is here:

<https://flava.regfox.com/2025-flava-spring-conference>

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## **NJCL Convention 2025**

Miami University in Oxford, OH, from July 21-26.

Packets are now available through NJCL (Convention FAX)

Anyone attending with the VJCL contingent as a VJCL delegate, sponsor, or chaperone must fill out the “Attending NJCL 2025 with VJCL form” and send in your \$50 spirit fee (covers 3 t-shirts and all spirit props for the week!) as soon as possible. Remember that the registration fee covers all food, housing, and activities for the week of convention.

There will also be a bus trip to Ohio - leaving on July 20 and returning July 26 from/to Flint Hill School in Oakton. If you'd like to join, please fill out the “Bus Trip to NJCL 2025 with VJCL” form and send in the \$275 bus fee along with your spirit fee. Bus riders will also need to register directly with NJCL for pre-convention housing, which covers dinner on Sunday night - otherwise the only meals you'll need to pay for separately are lunches/snacks on the drive to and from Ohio.

NJCL's registration deadline is June 7, but they need to know about bus riders by May 15, so please keep an eye on both those dates.

If you or your students have any questions about NJCL, please reach out to Theri Andino [VJCL Co-chair for National Convention] at [architheri@gmail.com](mailto:architheri@gmail.com)

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Announcements and Opportunities!

UVA will be offering its Latin Methods Course again this summer, July 2025 (dates TBD)-- so please stay tuned if you are interested in this course for graduate work, continuing education, recertification, or just for enrichment. Please contact Patty Lister if you have any questions -- pattylister1@gmail.com

CAV Professional Development Grant

If you are planning to participate in any professional development or other activities to help you be a better teacher of the classics, CAV can help you pay for it. We will give up to \$100 for local activities and up to \$300 for more adventurous endeavors. You can apply for a grant at bit.ly/CAVGrant. Applications are due by April 30. Recipients will be announced soon thereafter. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Amy Petersen at MagistraP@gmail.com.

CAV TEACHER PLACEMENT SERVICE

Do you know of a Latin teaching position in your area? Or are you currently searching for a Latin teaching position? The CAV Placement Service offers 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 schools and teachers to contact Jon D. Mikalson by e-mail at: jdm9x@virginia.edu. There are no charges for these services!

For Your Students or Friends?

Applications are open for the **University of Virginia's 2025 Summer Language Institute (SLI) – Latin**. The SLI takes place on the beautiful Charlottesville main campus of the University of Virginia.

The Latin SLI covers the equivalent of four semesters of college-level courses and is designed either for students with no prior knowledge of Latin or for those who wish a more solid grounding in the fundamentals of the language. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply, as well as any other applicants with a desire to learn this unique and fascinating language. Students may choose to enroll for credit or non-credit, though all students are expected to participate fully. (We encourage enrollment in the entire course, but qualified students may apply to only one half of the program.)

Dates: June 16 – July 12 (first half); July 14 – August 8 (second half)

For more information and to download an application form, please visit:

<https://summer.virginia.edu/summer-language-institute-latin>

Looking for a way to contribute to CAV? Check this out!

Opening on CAV Executive Committee: **Website Editor**

Our current **website editor** is stepping down as she is stepping into a chair position for the Virginia Junior Classical League. Any members with experience with Wordpress should reach out to current website editor, Stephanie Buckler or CAV President Pat Bradley to express interest in taking on this role in our organization.

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ANCIENT DRAMA IN PERFORMANCE VIII OCTOBER 3–5, 2025

The Center for Ancient Drama at Randolph College is pleased to announce its eighth biannual conference on Ancient Drama in Performance. We encourage all practitioners and all scholars of ancient drama to attend, whether or not performance issues have ever been part of their work.



The conference will feature keynote speaker **Al Duncan** and will coincide with an original-practices production of Sophocles' *Antigone* and a reflection on twenty-five years of the revived Randolph College Greek Play.

Call for papers and more information at
www.randolphcollege.edu/cad

randolphcollege.edu/greekplay for more information
to make your school's reservation, email acohen@randolphcollege.edu

SOPHOCLES' ANTIGONE

October 3, 4, 5 at 4pm

The 2025 Randolph College Greek Play
celebrating twenty-five years of the revived tradition
shows & talkbacks for schools: October 1, 9:30am and 1pm



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