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# Loyola University Chicago's Classical Studies Department Annual Newsletter

## Highlights from the 2023-24 Academic Year

Dr. Laura Gawlinski was promoted to Full Professor. Congratulations, Laura!

Dr. James Townshend moved swiftly through mid-probationary review. Congratulations, James!

Dr. Richard Hutchins was a top finalist for the 2024 Provost's Award for Teaching First Years. He will also be leading students in a project through the Building Bridges (Undergraduate Summer Research Opportunity) program.

Dr. Jenn Finn appeared in the Netflix documentary *Alexander the Great: The Making of a God*.

Dr. Leanna Boychenko organized a panel (which included several colleagues in our department) entitled "Every Class is a Diversity Class" for the summer Focus on Teaching and Learning conference.

Many faculty gave conference talks and invited lectures, including Dr. Laura Gawlinski, Dr. Jenny Muslin, Dr. Jenn Finn, Dr. Leanna Boychenko, Dr. James Townshend, and Dr. Jackie Long.



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## Academic Program Review

In early 2024, the Classical Studies Department was pleased to welcome Dr. Sarah Ferrario (Catholic University of America) and Dr. Aaron Seider (Holy Cross) as external reviewers of our program. The department worked together all year on compiling a report of the status of our programs and ways we envision improvement.

## Special Events: Scary Stories, Near and Far

On October 30th, 2023, the Classical Studies department once again co-hosted a Halloween event (with History, Modern Languages, and Honors), entitled “Scary Stories, Near and Far.” Students told

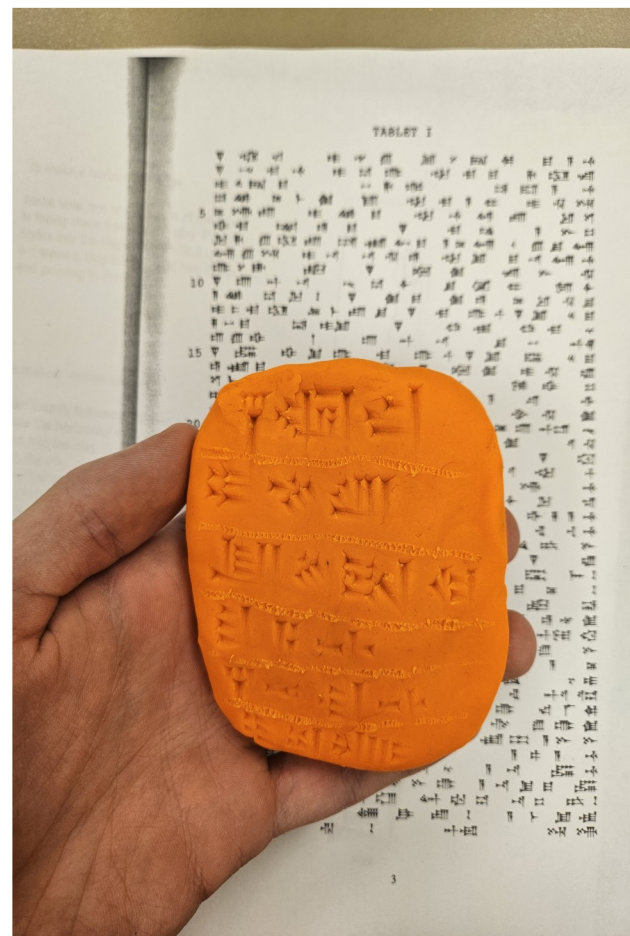
scary stories from their own fields (e.g., English, Modern Languages, Classics), played trivia for prizes, and ate delicious Halloween-themed foods!

## Alumni Event

On April 30th, 2024, our students received a “finals study break” visit from one of our alums and the founder of Tock, Brian Fitzpatrick (‘92 BA Classics, Latin major, Greek minor). Students enjoyed pizza, drinks, and dessert while learning about creative ways to use their Classics degrees in the future!

## Cuneiform Round Table

On February 5th, 2024, Dr. Finn held a “cuneiform round table,” where students learned about the cuneiform script, and read some lines of the *Gilgamesh* epic in depth. Students even tried their hand at making their own cuneiform tablets with playdoh and chopsticks!



## Callahan Lecture

On April 10th, 2024, the department hosted the annual Callahan lecturer. This year, the lecture was delivered by Dr. Patrice Rankine of the University of Chicago. His lecture was entitled, “Does History Have a Mood? Herodotus at the Dawn of Athenian Democracy.”



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## A Sample of Exciting classes for Fall 2024

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**CLST 267:** Medical and Scientific Terminology (Writing Intensive!)

**CLST 271:** Classical Mythology

**CLST 272:** Heroes and Classical Epics

**CLST 273-G:** Classical Tragedy, Women’s and Gender Focused

**CLST 274:** World of Archaic Greece (Writing Intensive!)

**CLST 276:** World of Classical Rome

**CLST 281:** War and War Experience, Ancient and Modern (Engaged Learning!)

**CLST 315/HIST 300b:** Alexander and the Hellenistic World

**CLST 340/ANTH 340:** Classical Archaeology: Greek Temples

**GREK 331:** Herodotus

**LATN 388:** Readings in Latin Literature

**+more!**

## 2024 Graduates of the Classical Studies Department



### MAJORS

Luc Bieri (CLCV)  
Alex Boone (LATN)  
Kelsey Carroll (CLCV)  
Katrina Hainline  
(CLCV)  
Jazmyn Morris (CLCV)  
Campbell Rosener  
(LATN, GREK)  
Mikolaj Wróbel (GREK,  
CLCV, LATN minor)

### MINORS

Lucia Burciaga (CLCV)  
Claire Calhoun (LATN)  
Deirdre Collins (CLCV)  
Gant Dunaway (LATN)  
Josephine Kaine (CLCV)  
Melina Lopez (CLCV)  
Matthew McKenna (LATN)  
Leah Swan (CLCV)  
Lia Thibault (CLCV)  
Jack Turner (LATN)

## Undergraduate Student Key, Certificate, and Scholarship Winners

The Constance Long Spalding fellowship, which is given in the Fall semester (to be applied to Spring tuition) in recognition of outstanding achievement and promise in the field of Classical Studies, was awarded this academic year to Gwen Acosta. Congratulations, Gwen!

### **2024 O'Connell Key for Classical Civilization**

Katrina Hainline

### **2024 Abel Key for Ancient Greek**

Campbell Rosener

### **2024 Mertz Key for Latin**

Campbell Rosener

### **2024 SCS Certificate**

Jannah Ahmed  
Kelsey Carroll  
Ian Scheidel

### **2024 CAMWS Certificate**

Luc Bieri

### **2024 ICC Certificate**

Luna Alvarez

### **2024 Loyola Classical Studies Community Leadership Award**

Mikolaj Wrobel

### **2024 Leland Lontoc Traveling Scholarship**

Naomi Lyon

### **2024 Fr. Pendergast Memorial Scholarship**

Citlalli Cervantes

### **2024 Excellence in Classical Studies Scholarship**

Luna Alvarez



## Eta Sigma Phi Initiates and Officers for 2024-2025

### Initiates

Gwen Acosta  
Luc Bieri  
Rachel Chinchilla  
Kate Douglas  
Nicholas Fletcher  
Nicholas Skabich

### Officers

**Prytanis:** Ainsley King  
**Hyparchos:** Denton Wilkinson  
**Chrysophylax:** Rachel Chinchilla  
**Grammateus:** Nicholas Skabich  
**Pyloros:** Morty Skafish  
**Kybernetes:** Denton Wilkinson

## Undergraduate Contest Winners

### 2024 Fr. Matt Creighton, S.J., Undergraduate Essay Contest, First Prize

Claire Calhoun, "Identifying the *Monstrum*: An Exploration of Moral Monstrosity in Juvenal's *Satire IV*", written for Latin 346 Juvenal, Spring 2023, Instructor: Dr. Jonathan Mannering

### 2024 Fr. Matt Creighton, S.J., Undergraduate Essay Contest, Second Prize

Beatrice Craig, "Daphne and Apollo: This is Not a Love Song", written for CLST 271G Classical Mythology, Spring 2024, Instructor: Dr. Leanna Boychenko

### 2024 Ed Menes Translation Contests

**Greek:** Campbell Rosener

**Latin:** Campbell Rosener

**Latin (Honorable Mention):** Nicholas Skabich

# Alumni and Summer Plans

## Special Honors

At the 2024 annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Campbell Rosener won a Presidential award for her poster “Inscribing Identity: The Development of the Latin Script in Ancient Rome and Early Modern Vietnam.”

Nicholas Fletcher (post-bacc) will attend the University of Iowa to pursue an MA in Classics.

Julian McCoy (post-bacc) will attend the University of Chicago to pursue an MA in Social Sciences.

Campbell Rosener will attend Cambridge University to pursue an MPhil in Classics.

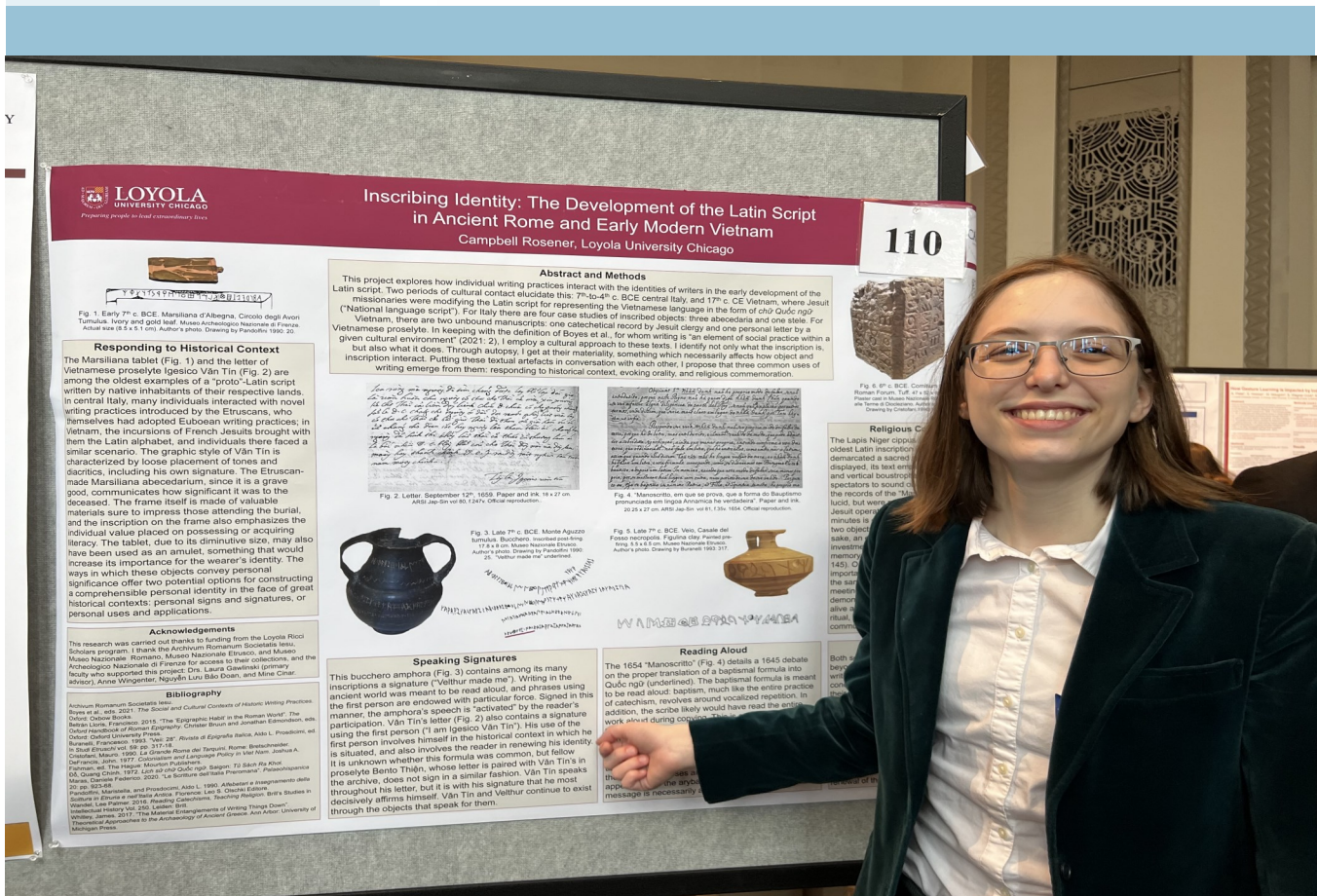
Katrina Hainline will attend the University of Edinburgh to pursue an MSc in Classical Art and Archaeology.

Kelsey Carroll will attend the University of Edinburgh to pursue an MSc in Mediterranean Archaeology.

Luc Bieri will remain at Loyola in pursuit of a post-baccalaureate certificate in Classics.

Ian Scheidel will excavate this summer in Bulgaria through the Balkans Heritage Field School.

Naomi Lyon will excavate with the Iklaina field school in western Greece this summer.



The Classical Studies Department at Loyola University Chicago is grateful for your continued support!

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