

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES

Annual Newsletter, May 2022

Faculty News:

New Hires

The departmental faculty was augmented this year by the addition of two tenure-line faculty. Dr. Jenn Finn (Marquette University) joined the department in the Fall of 2021 as an expert in the Ancient Near East and the new department chair. Additionally, the department ran a successful search for an expert in Ancient Science. Dr Richard Hutchins (Amherst College) will join the faculty as an assistant professor in the Fall of 2022.

Faculty Recognition

We are very proud of Dr. Leanna Boychenko for her recognition as a top finalist for the St. Ignatius Award for Excellence in Teaching at Loyola!

New Scholarships Introduced

The Department introduced three new student scholarships in this academic year:

The Leland Lontoc traveling scholarship (awarded to Kelsey Carroll)

The Fr. Pendergast Memorial Scholarship for materials and resources related to the study of the Classics (awarded to Daniel Runty)

The Excellence in Classical Studies Scholarship (awarded to Campbell Rosener)

All awards were made by application and committee review. It was a highly competitive applicant pool, so please extend your congratulations to our inaugural award winners!

Additionally, we also awarded our inaugural Long Spalding fellowship (for Spring tuition to an outstanding student in the Department). This year's award winner was Mikołaj Wróbel.

New opportunities for both Students and Faculty

For junior faculty in the department, a mentoring program was instituted in the Fall semester and will continue in 2022-2023.

For students in the department, Greek and Latin tutoring became available for the first time through the Language Learning Resource Center. This opportunity will continue at least through 2022-2023.

For both students and faculty, a new Works in Progress (WIP) series began in the Fall semester and continued into the Spring semester. One talk was given in the Fall semester and three talks were given in the Spring semester. We plan to continue this series into the next academic year, as well.

Alumni News:

Lane Flores, a post-baccalaureate student, will go on to a Ph.D. in Classics at the University of Texas-Austin. Lane also had his original play featured as the CAMP performance at the SCS meeting in January and received a graduate student travel award through the Lambda Classical Caucus.

Chris Skinner, a graduating senior in Classical Civilization, will go on to a master's degree at Seattle University in Student Development Administration.

James Karnezis, a graduating senior in Classical Civilization, will go on to a master's degree in History at Tufts University.

Matt Gallagher (BA-Classics 2019) just completed an MA at Loyola in Women's Studies and Gender Studies, with a portion of his thesis dealing with masculinity in the *Odyssey*.

Allene Seet (BA 2010), now ABD at University of California at Santa Barbara, will hold the Virginia Grace Fellowship next year as a Regular Member at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

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Student Award Winners were announced at our annual convocation ceremony in April. This year's award winners:

2022 O'Connell Key for Classical Civilization
Faith Hood

2022 Abel Key for Ancient Greek
Liam Melville

2022 Mertz Key for Latin
Lauren Ruesink

2022 SCS Certificate
Chris Skinner

2022 CAMWS Certificate
Vern Abraham

2022 ICC Certificate
Mia-Rose Fasciana



2022 Fr. Matt Creighton, S.J., Undergraduate Essay Contest, First Prize
Emily Cervenik, "Acquitting What Fits: A Study of Rhetoric and Justice in Lysias' *On the Killing of a Seducer* and Johnnie Cochran's Defense of O.J. Simpson", written for Dr. Jonathan Mannering's class, CLST 279-WI Classical Rhetoric, Fall 2021

2022 Fr. Matt Creighton, S.J., Undergraduate Essay Contest, Second Prize
Nicole Hentges, "Of Murderesses and Men: The Use of Classical Rhetorical Techniques for the Prosecution of Female Killers in Antiphon and Hosea Knowlton", written for Dr. Jonathan Mannering's class, CLST 279-WI Classical Rhetoric, Fall 2021

2022 Ed Menes Translation Contests
Greek: Campbell Rosener
Latin: Campbell Rosener

Eta Sigma Phi Induction

In February, the department hosted the annual Eta Sigma Phi Classical Honors Society induction. This year, we had six inductees:

Alex Boone
Kelsey Carroll
Deirdre Collins
Gant Dunaway
Lane Anthony Flores
Mikołaj Wróbel

We are happy to introduce the new officers for the coming academic year:

Prytanis: Mikołaj Wróbel
Hyparchos: Campbell Rosener
Grammateus: Alexa Fredericks
Chrysohylax: Deirdre Collins
Pyloros: Kelsey Carroll
Kybernetes: Kenny Wallace



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EVENTS

The department hosted numerous successful events this year.



In October, we co-sponsored (with Modern Languages, English, and the Honors Program) an event entitled *Scary Stories, Near and Far*. There were

readings of scary stories from students and faculty, and everyone enjoyed popcorn, candied apples, and drinks.

March saw the post-COVID return of the Exitium Caesaris, which featured a lively reenactment of the death of Caesar (in Latin!) and gourmet Ides of March-themed cookies for the attendees and cast.



In April, students were treated to a return of the Chicago Homerathon, held at the National Hellenic Museum. Additionally,

together with UIC and DePaul, and with the help of a grant from the Ancient Worlds, Modern Communities initiative through the Society for Classical Studies, Loyola hosted a concert by the modern bard Joe Goodkin, who performed from his new album *The Blues of Achilles*. Attendees enjoyed a talk-back with Dr. Yoandy Cabrera (Rockford University) and a Q&A session, followed by pizza, cookies, and drinks after the show.



In May, the department hosted a long overdue retirement party to honor the exceptional service of Drs. Jim Keenan and John Makowski. The party was hosted at the home of Dr. Graham-Skoul and featured delicious Greek food, a toast in honor of both emeriti professors, a beautiful custom cake celebrating their service, and a gift of plaques acknowledging their commitment to the department (each for 45+ years!).

The department was also lucky to host two lectures (via Zoom) generously sponsored by the Callahan fund. In the Fall, Dr. Katherine Blouin (University of Toronto-Scarborough) gave a lecture entitled *Born Again: Alexandria's Foundation Story and Modern Colonial Imaginations*. In the Spring, Dr. Adrienne Mayor (Stanford University) gave a talk entitled *Biological and Chemical Warfare in Ancient Myth and History*.

Finally, the Classics Club (led by President Lauren Ruesink) hosted many events this year, including Powerpoint night, a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago, and a group trip to view *Polaroid Stories* at the theater.

We look forward to another successful year in '22-'23. Thank you for your support of the Classical Studies Department at Loyola!