



Classics Newsletter

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Classics Colloquium Tuesday, December 6

All students, faculty and staff are invited to the Classics Colloquium, Tuesday, December 6, starting at 7pm in Old Main 009.

Find the panels, presenters and presentation titles here:

Panel 1: Rituals and Poetry

Chloe DeLisle, "Authority Gained Through Tradition: The Hippocratic oath in American Medical School Graduation Ceremonies"

Tosca R. M. Saltz, "Poetry as Ritual Vessel: Two Canonical Texts of Ancient Greece and China"

Owen Smith, "Horace from the *Sermones* to the *Epistles*: A Poet's Maturation"

Panel 2: Novel Reinterpretations:

Adyna Gavin, "Neaera"

Jamila Hussein, "1,001 Ways to Save Humanity"

Panel 3: Men of the Late Roman World:

Alyssa Cady, "The Anathemas Against Origen: A Case Study in the Formation of the Early Church"

Jack Grasso, "Symmachus, *Relatio* III: A New Translation"

Panel 4: Material Culture:

Xavier Keeto, "Herakles at the Symposium: Labors Depicted on Symptotic Vases of the Archaic Period"

Becca LaFoy, "Democracy and Gods in the Athenian Agora: A Museum Exhibit"

MacClassics News goes Global

Late last month the November Classics Department E-newsletter was sent to Macalester alumni worldwide who graduated with a Classics major and for whom we have an active email address.

We've gotten happy replies from many alumni and will include updates in a new "Alumni News" section in the next newsletter.

Supernatural Wife Field Trip

A group of eighteen Classics students and faculty went to the November 17 performance of Big Dance Theater's production of *The Supernatural Wife*, with a pre-performance reading by poet Anne Carson. The play is based on her translation of Euripides' *Alkestis*. The performance was at the Walker Art Center. Along with their discounted ticket, attendees got to enjoy a pre-show pizza dinner and discussion with Brian Lush, plus transportation.

November Classics Lunches

The Arabic lunch on November 22 included poetry, Lebanese food, and Antoine Mefleh as master of ceremonies. Can you all say, "Shoukran?" Also on November 10 Classics students enjoyed pizza and a pre-view of Classics course offerings for Spring 2012.

Senior Dinner and Cookies too

Classics majors graduating this year gathered for dinner at Herta's on November 29. This is a relatively new, but now cherished Classics tradition. If you're feeling left out come comfort yourself with cookies at the much more traditional Classics tradition; the Classics Cookie party is this Friday, Dec 9 from 4:00-5:30 in the Old Main 4th Floor Lounge.

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- [Dec 6 Classics Colloquium](#)

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<http://www.macalester.edu/classics/>

[We're also on Facebook. Check out the "Friends of Macalester Facebook" page.](#)

- [Dec 9 Classics Cookie Party](#)
- [Mar 9 Peeps Dioramas Due](#)
- [Mar 23 PeepsShow 2012](#)
- [Apr 30 History and Classics End-of-Year Picnic](#)

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Add a Publication to your CV or Resume

Ephemeris publishes research, translations, and original creative work.

Here is the Call for Papers for *Ephemeris*, the Classics journal at Denison University: <http://denisonephemeris.wordpress.com/>.

The *Midwest Journal for Undergraduate Research*, an undergraduate journal of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest publishes research papers from any field.

Here is their Call for Papers: <http://research.monm.edu/mjur/>.

James Mayer, Mac '11 History and Classics major, has an article in the first issue of this one-- check it out: <http://research.monm.edu/mjur/current-issue/>.

Please don't hesitate to contact Beth Severy-Hoven or any professors in the department if you want help evaluating a piece or revising it for submission. These are great opportunities to show the world how impressive you are!

Summer Internships in Vermont

Attached to this e-mail please find information about a summer internship at the Shelburne Museum in Vermont from early June to mid-August. These educational internships combine the work of museum educators with summer camp counselors. The museum pays a stipend and provides on campus housing, so this may be an opportunity worth investigating.

Project for Peace Grants

Spend the summer of 2012 carrying out a grassroots project for peace, with the help of a \$10,000 grant from the Davis Projects for Peace. You design the project, and make it happen with community partners locally or anywhere in the world. Students may apply as an individual or as a group, and at least one grant will go to a Macalester student or group. Proposals are due January 17, 2012 for review by a campus committee. The national committee will announce winning proposals in mid-March 2012. Contact Karin Trail-Johnson to discuss your ideas. More information on the [IGC website](#).

Quote of the issue:

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