



Classics Newsletter

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News (Should that be Olds?)

It's mostly old news, since we're just two weeks into spring semester.

The December Classics Colloquium

The Classics Colloquium was on December 6. The event capped the Senior Seminar which caps the experience of being a Classics major. In the Senior Seminar Classics students in all three tracks (Archaeology, Civilization, and Languages) joined together to explore the history of the discipline and its relationship to their own histories and future plans. Each student worked with an advisor from the department to develop and execute a major piece of work in their chosen field. For nine of our fourteen senior majors, the presentation at the December Classics Colloquium was the culmination of this effort. There were panels on Rituals and Poetry, Novel Reinterpretations, Men of the Late Roman World, and Material Culture. Thanks to Xavier Keeto, Becca LaFoy, Chloe DeLisle, Tosca R. M. Saltz, Owen Smith, Adyna Gavin, Jamila Hussein, Alyssa Cady, and Jack Grasso for sharing their work.

Cookie Party

The Classics Cookie Party was on Dec. 9. Copious cookies were consumed, and Classics camaraderie was cultivated. The cookie party has become a Classics tradition, dating back to antiquity; however the cookies are always fresh.

AIA Talk about Petra, by Jeff Pearson

On February 2, Jeff Pearson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics gave a talk on "The Nabataean Achievement at Petra." The talk was sponsored by the Minnesota Society of the Archaeological Institute of America(AIA).

From the event announcement:

"After languishing for centuries in obscurity, the archaeological ruins of Petra have become much better known in recent years, thanks to popularization by the movies, UNESCO World Heritage Site designation, and (relatively) favorable political conditions in Jordan.

Nevertheless, the Nabataean people, who were responsible for building the spectacular monuments we see today at Petra, remain under-examined and little understood, although their remarkable civilization flourished in the Near East for over four hundred years. Long in control of the routes by which incense and spices were moved to Mediterranean markets and persistently defying the efforts of other great empires to subdue them, they engineered a capital whose monuments captured much of the best of international fashions yet remained uniquely Nabataean in both spirit and function."

Three more AIA talks will take place this semester. See details in the events section of this newsletter.

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Classics Website

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

Arabic Alumna in The NYC Daily News

Evelyn Daugherty's (11) minor in Classical Languages (Arabic) led to a job with the Arab-American Family Support Center, and her picture in an article in the November 12, 2011 issue of the New York Daily News. The article is about the place where she now works. She says it wouldn't have been possible without Professor Mefleh. Read the article here: <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/nyc-arab-american-family-support-center-reaches-children-immigrants-article-1.979796>

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

Quote of the issue:
"Peeps will be pulted."

Events

"Gender, Consolation, and Grief Therapy in Ancient Greek Tragedy"

Join us Thursday, February 23 from 11:45-1 in the Weyerhaeuser Boardroom for a Classics speaker:
Dr K.O. Chong-Gossard
Senior Lecturer, Classics and Archaeology, University of Melbourne
Lunch will be provided. More information will be e-mailed separately as the date approaches.

Classics Lunch

Join us February 9 for a Classics "Welcome and Welcome Back" Lunch from noon-1 in Old Main room 111. The focus will be on majoring in Classics. So, if a Classics major might be in your future, or you know what it's like to be a Classics major, you should come.

Add to Your Calendar

- Feb 9 Classics Lunch, noon-1, OM 111
- Feb 23 Classics Lunch Talk, 11:45-1:00, Weyerhaeuser Boardroom
- [Mar 9 Peeps Dioramas and Peeps-a-pult Contest Entries Due](#)
- [Mar 23 PeepsShow 2012](#)
- Apr 3 Classics Lunch, noon-1, OM 4th Floor Lounge
- [Apr 30 History and Classics End-of-Year Picnic](#)

Classics Versus History But Open to Everybody Marshmallow Peeps Diorama Contest and (New This Year) Peeps-a-pult Contest

Dioramas will be displayed, Peeps will be pulted, and prizes awarded at PeepsShow 2012 on Friday, March 23, in Old Main on the third and fourth floors. **Entries are due by noon, Friday, March 9.** Tantalizing Peepsfreshments will be served to all who attend. The complete announcement, rules, and FAQs are attached to this e-mail. Contact Herta Pitman 651-696-6376 with questions.

Peeps Dioramas and Peeps-a-pult Contest Entries are Due March 9, the Friday before Spring Break.

Peeps-a-pult Contest and PeepsShow 2012 is March 23



Peeps Mission Control shown here preparing for PeepsShow liftoff.

Start planning now to enter your creations! Dioramas and Peeps-a-pult vessels are due March 9.

Rumor has it that students from English are planning to out-do Classics at PeepsShow. We can't have that.

Start your diorama now. We have some supplies (like a glue gun) in the office that you may want to borrow. You can stop in the office after February 19 to pick up your "Peeps Diorama Starter Kit," that is two packages of Peeps. If you let us know in advance, we will be sure to set aside yours so we won't run out.

The big event, **"Peeps-a-pult Contest and PeepsShow 2012" will be on Friday, March 23.**

If you are thinking, "PeepsShow, what?" you can get a better idea of what this is by viewing the 2011 PeepsShow video here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/news/2011/04/peeps-contest>

U-MN Classical and Near Eastern Studies Colloquium

Please join CNES for a colloquium: "A new mythographical papyrus from Oxyrhynchus," a presentation by Marco Perale, PhD Postdoctoral Associate in Papyrology on Friday, February 10 at 4:00 pm at 155 Nicholson on the University of Minnesota campus.

"The Oxyrhynchus papyrus no. 5094, dated to late second century AD, charts a discussion of Greek mythology under the pedigree of Apollodorus of Athens. The author cites with ease passages not only from the *Odyssey*, but also from works of which little is known, like Demetrius of Sceps' *On the Trojan Array*, and the lost epics *Cypria*. An interpretation of the content, based on new textual conjectures, will be provided and

discussed.”

AIA Lectures

Thursday, March 1 at 6pm: Caroline Sauvage, “Ugarit and Late Bronze Age Trade,” in the John B. Davis Lecture Hall in the Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center at Macalester College

Saturday, March 31, at 11am: Maria Liston, “Murder in the Agora: Violent Death and Illicit Burial in Ancient Athens,” in the Pillsbury Auditorium at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 11am: Amy McNair, “The Intrusive Gift: the Marble Guardsmen in the Tomb of a Tang-dynasty Court Eunuch,” in the John B. Davis Lecture Hall in the Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center at Macalester College

Opportunities

Smithsonian Associates Internships

The Smithsonian Associates offers internship opportunities to learn about all aspects of educational programming for both adults and children, while contributing extensively to one of the world’s great cultural institutions. Intern projects are designed to benefit both the Institution and complement the intern’s own interest, skills, and experience. More information can be found at:

<http://residentassociates.org/ticketing/internships/start.aspx>

Call for Papers for The Sunoikisis Undergraduate Research Symposium (SURS)

SURS is an undergraduate research symposium held every year at the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, D.C. This year or in the future consider this venue to present your work. Beth Severy-Hoven would be happy to consult with you about a term paper or other project you think may be appropriate to submit. The symposium will take place Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Center for Hellenic Studies (CHS) in Washington, D.C. The symposium provides students the opportunity to present their advanced research on ancient Greece and Rome, as well as the Classical Tradition, at a national professional meeting and to interact with their peers and faculty.

Students should submit abstracts online by Friday, February 24, 2012. [Click here to submit an abstract.](#)

Participants will stay at a local hotel (rates and other information TBA). If students and their faculty sponsors are unable to come to Washington, D.C., the CHS will make arrangements for virtual participation.

For more information, please [contact SURS](#).

Religious Violence summer program at Columbia University

The Hertog Global Strategy Initiative seeks talented undergraduate and graduate students for its 2012 seminar on the History and Future of Religious Violence and Apocalyptic Movements. The seminar will take place over ten weeks, from May 29 through August 2 2012, at Columbia University. It begins with two weeks of “total immersion” training on global religious violence. Following, there are seven weeks during which students conduct original research and collaborate on team projects. The class reconvenes in the first week of August for students to present their research and participate in a crisis simulation exercise. Participants then have four weeks to write an article-length paper based on their summer research. Students taking the course for credit will receive eight points, the equivalent of two semester-long courses at Columbia. For more information about the program, scholarships, and summer housing in New York City, visit <http://globalstrategy.columbia.edu>.

Please direct any further questions to globalstrategy@columbia.edu or [212-854-9854](tel:212-854-9854)

Application Deadline: March 16, 2012

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Dirksen Congressional Research Awards

The Dirksen Congressional Center invites applications for grants to fund research on congressional leadership and the U.S. Congress. The Center, named for the late Senate Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen, is a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit research and educational organization devoted to the study of Congress and its leaders. Applications are accepted at any time, but the deadline is March 1 for the annual selections, which are announced in April. A total of up to \$35,000 will be available in 2012.

Complete information about what kind of research projects are eligible for consideration, what could a Congressional Research Award pay for, application procedures, and how recipients are selected may be found at The Center's Website: http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_CRAs.htm. PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY. Frank Mackaman is the program officer - fmackaman@dirksencenter.org.

The Journal of Undergraduate International Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is currently accepting submissions

for its Spring 2012 issue. The journal seeks to publish the best undergraduate work across the country related to international themes and topics including, but not limited to: international conflict and conflict resolution, human rights, environmental issues, history, comparative politics and economics, development and trade, global security and international health. For guidelines, deadlines, and more visit: www.juis.global.wisc.edu. Submissions must be received by February 22nd, 2012 at 11:59 pm CST.

Prague Summer Schools

Prague Summer Schools 2012 is offering sessions on the following topics: The Future of Europe: Lobbying in Brussels; Crime, Law and Psychology; European Union: Interests versus Culture?; China: A World Superpower - Myth or Reality? Summer Schools will take place in Prague, Czech Republic June 30 – July 7, 2012 The Prague Summer Schools are seven-day academic programs designed to bring together undergraduate and graduate students of various nationalities and academic backgrounds to enjoy their summer holidays in the unique academic and cultural environment.

Visit www.praguesummerschools.org to discover the details about the upcoming programs.

U.S. Department of State's Fall 2012 Student Internship Program.

Click here (<http://careers.state.gov/students/programs>) to read more about the Student Internship Program, and to start the Gateway to State online application process. Please note that the deadline to submit completed applications is March 02, 2012. To be eligible for this program, you must be a U.S. citizen, and be a full- or part-time continuing college or university junior, or graduate student (including graduating seniors intending to go on to graduate school), have good academic standing, successfully complete a background investigation, and be able to receive either a Secret or Top Secret clearance. Please read the entire vacancy announcement carefully for all qualifications and requirements. You can also visit our Student Programs forum (<http://careers.state.gov/engage/forums/student-programs>) to post questions or read discussions about this program.

Volunteer Cultural Exchange with Laura Jeffrey Academy

The Civic Engagement Center is organizing a weekly volunteer event at Laura Jeffrey Academy from March to April. By a regional group, approximately three to four students will go to the Academy and teach their native culture/language/interactive game to these students at Laura Jeffrey Academy. This is only one time commitment on one of those Fridays, from 11:40am-12:30pm. There will be an information session for the volunteers a week before this event.

The time slot sign up sheet is available at:

<https://docs.google.com/a/macalester.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDJmSXZHUZUUGZKOTBTR2FERnZuMHc6MQ>

If you have any questions, feel free to email Jungwon Lee at jlee9@macalester.edu

Live It! Fund grants for summer projects

The Institute for Global Citizenship Student Council (IGCSC) Live It! Fund gives students \$500 to \$10,000 to design a project around their definition of global citizenship and live it out over the summer and bring it back to Macalester in the fall. Live It! enables

students to: design and live out their own definitions of global citizenship; develop the individuals (or group's) capacity to enact social change; contribute to the common good; and bring your project back to Mac and share your discoveries here.

All First Years though Juniors are welcome to apply, and seniors can participate in a group project with non-seniors. Find out more about the fund, past projects and see the application at <http://www.macalester.edu/igc/igcstudentcouncil/liveitfund/> Applications are due February 18th. Extensions may be granted upon consultation with the council.

Sandwiches and Scholarship

From the Institute for Global Citizenship Student Council: Every second Thursday of the month, the IGCSC hosts an event titled "Sandwiches and Scholarship." Students from all different departments and disciplines present for ten minutes on a topic they are truly passionate about. It can take any form: from a final paper to an art piece to a presentation of a creative writing project. We do this in hopes of expanding students' horizons and connecting scholarship across campus. We ask that you send [this link](#) to your students and support us in this cross-disciplinary effort.

Community

Come to the Lounge

Use the community bookshelf, try knitting at Mac, make popcorn in a bag, and hang out in comfy chairs. Come spend time where Classics chills. Old Main room 311.

Alumni News

The Classics Department E-newsletters have been sent to Classics alumni worldwide. We've gotten happy replies from alumni [Daniel Picus '10](#), [Dhruva Jaishankar '05](#), [Renee Schaefer '04](#), and [James Mayer '11](#).

A report from [Jason Schlude '02](#) "We are currently in Pittsburgh, PA. I just started a position at Duquesne University here. And so far, so good. In general, things are very busy. But that is what happens when you move cross-country with a 2.5 year old and then try to settle into a whole new routine! One nice thing is that Hendrick is going to the same school that [Katrina \[\(Pyclik\) Schlude '03\]](#) is teaching at, which has its benefits." And from [Kate Larson '05](#), "So good to hear the news from Old Main; thanks for sending it along. I, for one, would welcome further correspondence like this in the future. I also enjoyed reading about the Omrit project in the most recent Macalester Today. With Classics departments in major universities increasingly under fire, it is heartening to see the ongoing success and continued relevancy of Macalester's."