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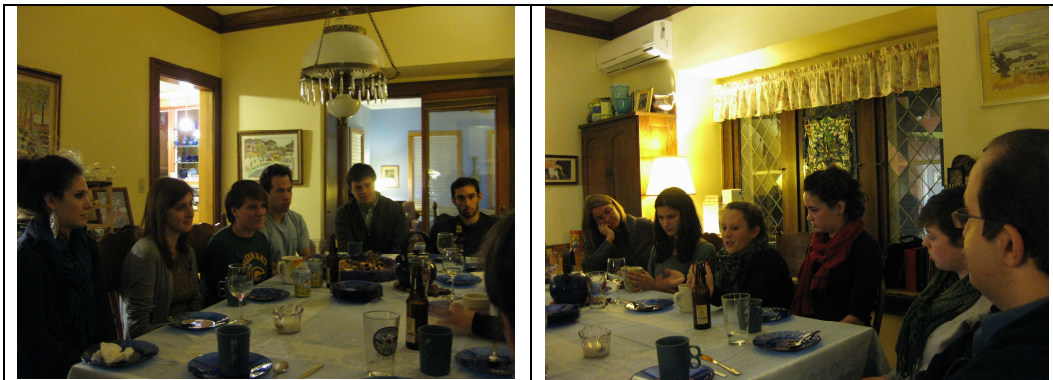
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News

Classics Colloquium

The Classics Senior Major Capstone Presentations took place on Tuesday, December 4. Students presented research on Roman imperialism in north Africa, the Iberian peninsula and Gaul, the evolution of Latin into Spanish and Italian, and the reuse of ancient material to construct modern identities among British Romantic poets, Hasidic Jews and creators of the Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893. There was also an online exhibit on the myth of Icarus and a Roman gossip magazine from 43 BCE. Congratulations seniors.

Classics Senior Dinner



On November 13 senior Classics majors ventured off campus for a dinner with the Classics professors at Herta's house.

Classics Cookie Party

The annual Classics Cookie Party took place on Monday, December 10 in the Old Main 4th Floor Lounge. It was a sugar-fueled, fun-filled occasion, highlighted this year by cookies made by classicists and a "Gingerbreadmanoff," cookie decorating extravaganza (with awards!) Top prize, a gingerbread house decorating kit, went to sophomore Classics major Lexi Carillo for her "Cat in the Hat" themed entry.

Dreams and Nightmares of the Egyptian Revolution

On November 7 our Professor in Arabic Language, Dr. Wessam El-Meligi from Alexandria, Egypt, spoke about the "Arab Spring" and Facebook Revolution in Egypt. Dr. El-Meligi addressed what he calls the "Dreams and Nightmares of the Revolution." He was deeply

involved in the revolution in Alexandria, Cairo, and the blog-o-sphere. His first-hand account of the changes in Egypt is a timely and compelling story.



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

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

Quote of the issue: "there was [...] a Roman gossip magazine from 43 BCE"

The "not yet famous" Arabic Discussion Hour

The Classics Department instituted Arabic Discussion Hour for all Arabic speakers - beginners to native speakers - in the fall semester. On four Mondays in November and December students met to speak Arabic together. The department plans to continue the program in spring semester. There are no rules or subject matter but one -speaking only Arabic. It is a time for casual conversation for Arabic learners and accomplished speakers alike to get together, get to know one another, and work on Arabic. Please look for announcements, plan to come, and spread the word. Classics will provide food for all the discussion hours.

Events

Classics Versus History But Open to Everybody Marshmallow Peeps Diorama Contest and Peeps-a-pult Contest

Dioramas will be displayed, Peeps will be pulted, and prizes awarded at PeepsShow 2013 on Friday, March 29, in Old Main on the third floor. Tantalizing Peepsfreshments will be served to all who attend. The complete announcement, rules, and FAQs will be disseminated early next year. Contact Herta Pitman 651-696-6376 or pitman@macalester.edu with questions.

Peeps Dioramas & Peeps-a-pult Contest entries are Due Monday, March 25.



Peeps Mission Control is shown here preparing for PeepsShow liftoff. [Start planning your entry!](#) Dioramas are due March 25, but winter break may be the best time to perfect your creation. Special winter-themed Peeps that might be just the thing for your project are available now.

The big event, "**Peeps-a-pult Contest and PeepsShow 2013**" will be on **Friday, March 29.**

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>

Events to add to your calendar:

[Mar 25 Peeps Dioramas Due](#)

[Mar 29 PeepsShow 2013](#)

[May 6 History and Classics End-of-Year Picnic](#)

Opportunities

Summer Teaching Internship at Philips Exeter Academy

Please see the Philips Exeter flier that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter, or visit the [Philips Exeter summer school teaching opportunities site here](#).

Summer Language Scholarships

The [Monterey Institute of International Studies](#) is offering summer language scholarships for prospective students. The [Betty and David Jones scholarship](#) will be granted to 50 or more students for summer 2013 to study in Middlebury, VT or Monterey, CA. Students may improve their language skills or learn a new language.

To qualify for summer language scholarships, candidates must also apply for a [Monterey Institute degree program](#) for Fall 2013. Deadline to apply for scholarship is [February 1st, 2013](#). Please see their website for complete application instructions: go.miis.edu/jones

MN Council of Churches: Spring Internship Opportunity

Please see the MN Council of Churches flier for a "Muslim Christian Dialogue Assistant Internship" attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

The Job Hunt

Our office receives occasional requests to forward e-mail announcements of events and opportunities to our majors and students in our classes. When possible, we consolidate these notes by including them in this newsletter. Otherwise, we generally reserve our e-mailing lists for department-specific communications. For information about job opportunities, we suggest advertisers post their opportunity with Macalester's Career Development Center (CDC). The CDC has career counselors who can help you with career planning, job search and graduate schools options. They offer resume & personal statement reviews, mock interviews, workshops, access to employment opportunities, and career assessment testing and interpretation to students and recent alumni. [Find their web site here.](#) Of course, a conversation with a Classics professor about your aspirations is recommended as well.

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 History happens. Old Main room 311.



Alumni

The Classics Department E-newsletters have been sent to Classics alumni worldwide. To have your news included in the next issue, please send a note to Herta Pitman at pitman@macalester.edu

There are no new reports this month. Please let us know if you have news you'd like to share.