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Antiquity Now is the official newsletter of the Macalester College Classical Mediterranean and Middle East Department, featuring and highlighting students, staff, opportunities, and the future endeavors of the department. For more information about CMME at Macalester, visit our website at <https://www.macalester.edu/classics/>

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WELCOME!

A WELCOME FROM DEPARTMENT CHAIR NANETTE GOLDMAN

Greetings to all from frigid St. Paul. The air is cold but the sun is bright and the view of the Macalester campus from my window on 3rd floor Old Main is stunning.

Fall semester 2024 is in the books and we have much to tell you. Last week our thirteen accomplished senior majors delivered their capstone presentations. From analyses of the ancient Roman diet to 19th century Arabic manuscripts and everything in between, they inspired us with the breadth of their research and creative imagination. It was a true privilege to be educated by their expertise. Our department coordinator Carla Zelada and senior Student Newsletter Editor Merrick Gormley captured the event in photos which you'll see on the following pages. In January, Professor Beth Severy-Hoven will lead a group of 20 students to Rome for our 13th iteration of CLAS 155 - January in Rome: The Art, Archaeology, and Urban History of Ancient Rome. Professors Lush, Overman and I will accompany the group. Stay tuned for on-site pictures of group learning and merriment. In the spring we are fortunate to have three new courses taught by visiting faculty. Professor Kelly Tuttle will offer a class on the history and production of Islamicate manuscripts and Professor Johnathan Hardy will teach Archaeology and GIS: Digital Methods, Networks, and Data Analysis in Archaeology, and a course on the art and archaeology of ancient Iran. See inside the newsletter for the expanded course descriptions. As always we wish you health and happiness for the coming year. Please send us your news. It's our delight to hear from you.



-Nanette Goldman



CONNECT WITH THE ARABIC HOUSE!



Macalester's Arabic House provides an opportunity for students to live alongside native speakers in order to hone their conversational Arabic skills. This year our Arabic House was as involved as ever, hosting a wide variety of events open to the entire campus! They started off the semester with a Mediterranean Dip Making event (shown above), where students gathered to share recipes for delicious Mediterranean-inspired dips. Residents living in the Arabic House are responsible for organizing two cultural activities each semester, which can be a great chance to build connections and foster a greater Arabic and Classics community!

Students interested in living in Arabic House next year should look out for the application during Residential Life's language house application period in early spring! Any students who have completed Elementary Arabic and are currently enrolled in an Arabic course at Macalester are encouraged to apply!

DEPARTMENT EVENTS



FALL WELCOME PICNIC



Students, faculty, and friends of the department gathered at the Arabic House on a beautiful fall afternoon to welcome one another back to campus. Professors and current majors/minors met with a wonderful turnout of new and prospective students, and enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with one another after a long summer.

FALL EVENTS SHOWCASE

ARABIC CONVERSATION TABLES

The Arabic House offered Conversation Tables for students looking to practice their conversational Arabic. Conversation Tables provide an opportunity for students to speak in Arabic over lunch and tea in a friendly and immersive environment. Starting next semester, Conversation Tables will be aligned with the Arabic course schedules so that once a week class can be held at Arabic House! This is a great way to connect with the residents of Arabic House, and gives all Arabic students an opportunity to participate in the Conversation Tables during their allotted class time.



The Classics department Pre-Registration Lunch is an opportunity for students to learn about next semester's course offerings, as well as a wonderful time to mingle with the CMME community and share a meal.

PRE-REGISTRATION LUNCH

CLASSICS COOKIE PARTY

A long-standing tradition in the Macalester CMME department, students and staff got together on the last day of classes to celebrate with the Annual Cookie Party!



ARABIC POSITION JOB TALKS

The department began its search for a permanent Arabic professor this semester, offering a number of Job Talks where candidates shared their research with Macalester faculty and students. This was a great opportunity for students to learn about the selection process for academic positions in Classics and to get acquainted with next year's Arabic professor!

JOB TALK

The Tongues of the Poets:
Macaronic (Mulamma') Poetry in Ottoman Damascus

JOB TALK

Waiting for the Messiah: Legal Diversity, Self-Reform,
and Empire in Late Medieval Cairo

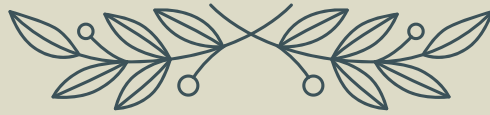
JOB TALK

Manuscript as Microcosm of Islamic Devotional Practice:
UPenn Ms. Codex 44

Cross-Cultural Perspectives
on Metaphor:
Al-Jurjānī's
Theory of Metaphor
and
Contemporary Cognitive
Approaches



CAPSTONES



On the evenings of December 4th and 5th, the Macalester CMME department celebrated thirteen seniors and the research they have conducted at this year's Classics Colloquium. These wonderful seniors presented their Capstone research before an audience of their peers, instructors, and families, all of whom were present to support them in the culmination of their hard work.



The projects addressed a diverse span of topics, including a wide range of cultures and time periods, and pondered questions both ancient and modern. Capstones are a product of unwavering passion and academic achievement requiring the utmost dedication. As such, we couldn't be more proud of our seniors. Congratulations all!

A huge thank you to those involved in ensuring the Classics Colloquium went smoothly, including our fantastic professors, our Department Coordinator Carla Zelada, and all the friends and family members who attended to support our seniors. Thank you!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4TH PRESENTATIONS:



-- Anna Runquist --
A Taste of Empire: The Isotopic Analysis of Dietary Patterns in Lower-Class Romans



-- Claire Mcdayter --
The Leading Folly of the Day: A Geological Museum of Early Imperial Rome



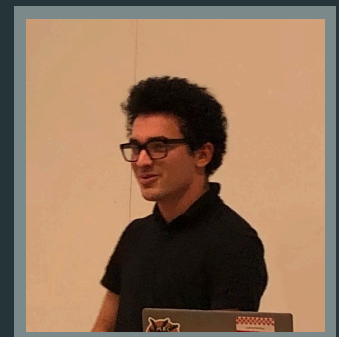
-- Josh Staub --
Digitizing Ancient Greek: Building a Dictionary



-- Merrick Gormley --
Unam Magnam Scutellan de Onichio: The Many Lives of the Tazza Farnese



-- Katie Abramson Newman --
Queer Narratives in Ovid's Metamorphoses



-- Jack Kerner --
The Essence of Greekness: Repatriation and A Greek Western Identity

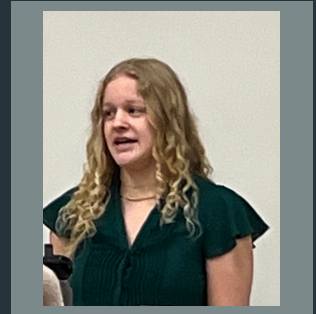


THURSDAY, DEC. 5TH PRESENTATIONS:



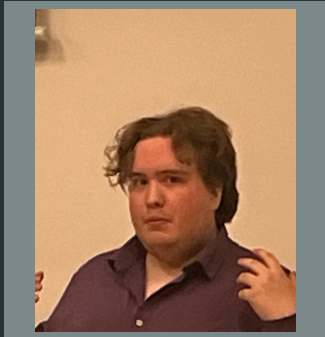
-- Verity Wray-Raabolle --

Archaeology By the Book, But Which Book?: Archaeology and Nation Building in Germany and Israel



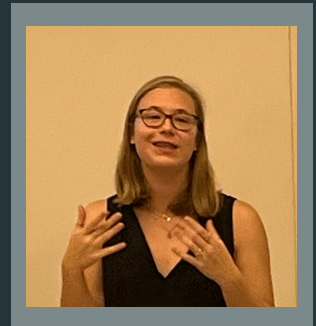
-- Kaley T. Murray-Rouse --

Dionysus's Transformations in Ancient Athens and Rome



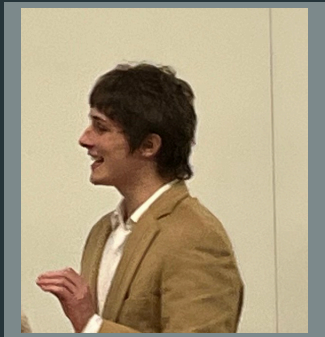
-- Leah Wasson --

Explanations Not Excuses: A Case Study in Centering Women's Voices in Greek Mythology Retellings



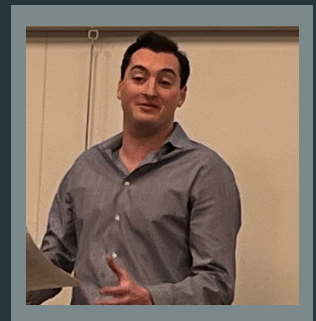
--William Srere --

The Immortalized Body: Imperial Power and Ideology in Augustan and Julio-Claudian Portraiture



-- Nicholas Miller --

Apocalypse Now: The Destruction of Syrian and Iraqi Archaeological Sites at the Hands of ISIS



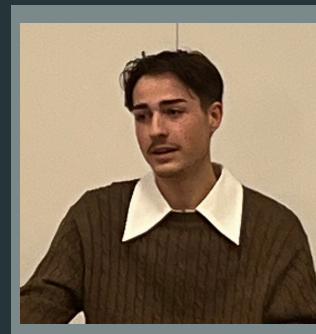
-- Macie McIlvain --

Acquisition 15: From al-Matbaa al-Kastaliyya to Florence



-- Ian Wanger --

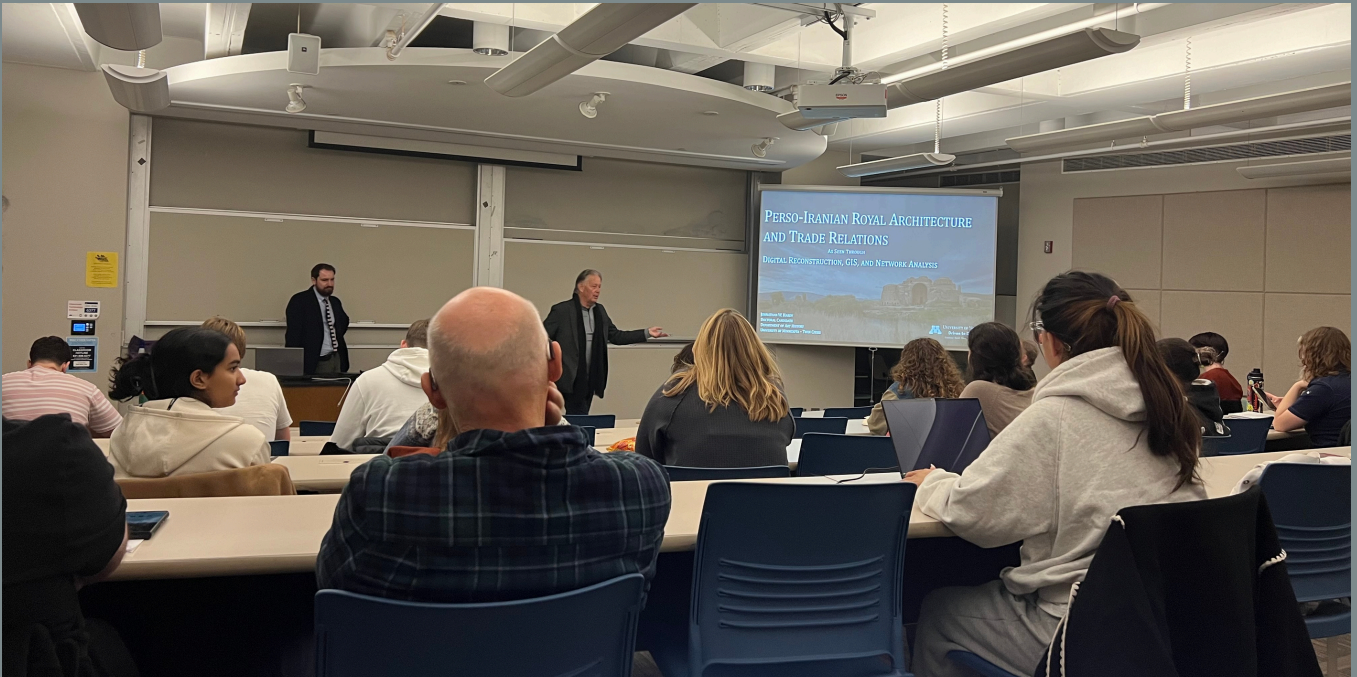
Unbuilding: an Ethical Approach to a Public Museum Gallery



FALL 2024 COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

INDIA AND ROME

CLAS 135/RELI 135 with Professors Andrew Overman and James Laine



A guest lecture by visiting faculty Johnathan Hardy on Perso-Iranian Royal Architecture



Professors Andrew Overman and James Laine’s co-taught course *India and Rome* examines the cross-cultural interactions of India, Rome, and the many civilizations in between. Students interact with literature, cultures, and the religious practices of the ancient world, from the Library of Alexandria, to the House of Wisdom, to the teachings of the Mahābhārata—testaments to the timeless nature of the pursuit of knowledge. This course provides many opportunities for students to learn first hand, including guest lectures and hands-on projects.



PREPARING FOR ROME: A HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT CITY

CLAS 192 with Professor Beth Severy-Hoven



Our previous January in Rome participants at the Ancient Synagogue in Ostia (2023)



Macalester CMME is excited to introduce this year's Preparing for Rome course as a brand new 2-credit elective! When combined with the faculty-led January in Rome trip, students can receive 4 total credits; but both opportunities are completely separate and do not require the other! Preparing for Rome supplies students with a knowledge of the literature, history, and significance of the very sites they will visit on their trip. Our January in Rome trip is open to students in any major, and is great way to build connections with other majors and our Classics faculty.

Happy travels to this year's January in Rome students!



UPCOMING COURSE FEATURES

Islamicate Manuscripts

CLAS 194-013 with Professor Kelly Tuttle



Our department is excited to offer a new Arabic offering this Spring featuring manuscripts from our very own Macalester Archives and Special Collections. This course will explore the artforms of calligraphy, illumination, illustration, and manuscript/book binding, and will provide the opportunity for student's to work hands-on with physical manuscripts managed and curated by Macalester's Special Collections. The course content will also interact with the interpersonal aspects of manuscripts, including collaboration between artists, the role of patrons and buyers, the circulation of texts after production, and modern preservation and conservation efforts. The manuscripts selected for this course will cover a broad range of Islamicate cultures, including Arabic, Persian, Indian, and Turkish manuscripts from the origins of Islam in the 7th c. through the early modern period. The course will include a field trip in which students can experience



14th-15th c. CE Mamluk Qur'an Folio from Egypt
[Macalester Special Collections]

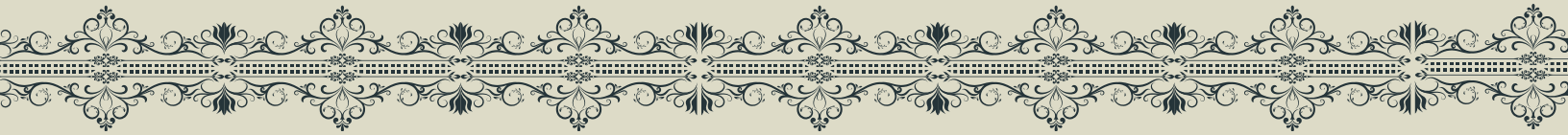
first-hand the act of crafting a manuscript. There is no language prerequisite for this offering, so students with or without Arabic are encouraged to enroll!

Art and Archaeology of Ancient Iran

CLAS 294 with Professor Johnathan Hardy



Visiting Professor Johnathan Hardy is offering a course which explores the art and archaeology of Ancient Iran, from the Dalma culture of the 5th millennium BCE to the end of the Sasanian empire in the 7th century CE. In addition to the transmission of visual culture between civilizations and time periods, the course will also examine the rise and spread of religions such as Zoroastrianism and Manichaeism, as well as commerce and the evolution of trade along the Silk Road. This course has no prerequisites, and any student interested in learning about the history and culture of ancient Iran and its surrounding civilizations are encouraged to enroll.



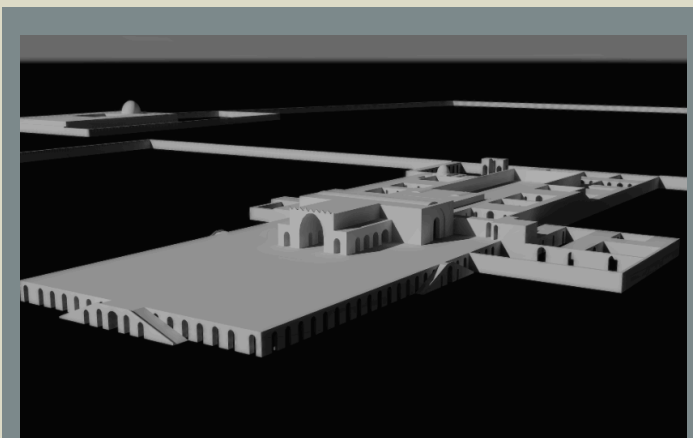
Archaeology and GIS: Digital Methods, Networks and Data Analysis in Archaeology

CLAS 194-01 with Professor Johnathan Hardy



Professor Hardy's Archaeology and GIS course will provide students with practical hands-on experience and instruction in digital software like ArcGIS and AutoCAD. Knowledge of this

software can be an incredibly valuable skill in the fields of archaeology, geography, and data science, and can be used to create complex 3D models of ancient sites and cities.



3D Reconstruction of a Sassanid Palace

CATCHING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI



Maggie Thompson '07 from Washington D.C. - Classical Archaeology and Economics double major:

Maggie is currently working for Secretary Deb Haaland at the Department of the Interior, in the office overseeing the National Park Service & the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Her archaeology degree has come in handy for the cultural resources part of her current job! She has two amazing kids who are two and four years old, and she has the following to say about her time at Macalester:

"Archaeology was my "fun" major. Economics was my "I need to get a job" major. But I have used both throughout my career. I found the major we pursued for passion ended up being deeply useful."

Andrew Pauly '22 from Cambridge, MN but currently residing in Greeley, CO. - Classical Archaeology and a double minor in Anthropology & German Studies:

Andrew is currently writing a lithic analytical article with Dr. Jason LaBelle of CSU for the Colorado Archaeological Society's "Southwestern Lore." The article is on an unusual lithic cache comprised of one Cody Complex biface and two Early Archaic Large Side-Notched Cluster bifaces from Logan County, CO. He was recently promoted to Senior Archaeological Technician for Metcalf Archaeological Consultants on a permanent basis, and is currently submitting applications to enroll in a master's program next fall. Andrew has the following advice for current CMME students:

*"If you're thinking about going to grad school, I strongly recommend taking at least a year after graduating to work in your field before doing so. Your interests *will* develop during that time. Also take care of yourself, work hard, and read challenging books! Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions at all about post-grad life and/or working in CRM / archaeology more broadly :) andrew.r.pauly@gmail.com."*



H Trostle '15, Citizen of Cherokee Nation and current resident of St. Paul, MN. - Classical Languages and Political Science double major with a minor in Hispanic studies

H has a Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning with a focus on Tribal and Indigenous Planning from ASU (2020). They recently co-authored a publication with Natalie Gubbay called: "The Geographic Divide in Native Incomes and Earnings" for All Magazine, Spring 2024, MPLS FED. They are now a Senior Policy Analyst in the Center for Indian Country Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and have two children: Tlameha (2yo) and Koga (2mo). Their advice for Macalester students:

"Trust in community as you navigate your life in college and afterwards. I thought I'd be a lawyer with my Classics degree, and then I found an alternate career path after college. Now I research community development with Native Nations.."

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Will Walker '22 from Charleston, WV but currently residing in Orlando, FL. - Classical Archaeology major:

Will is beginning another undergraduate degree in Hospitality Management/ Theme Park Management at the University of Central Florida. He is currently working as a Resort Concierge for Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. He offers the following insight to students in the department:

"Don't be afraid to research as many things as you want during your time at Macalester; there are always opportunities to meld multiple studies."

Zeena Yasmine Fuleihan '18, current resident of Durham, NC. - English (Creative Writing) major with a double minor in Music and Classical Mediterranean & Middle East (Arabic):

Zeena is a PhD candidate in the Program in Literature at Duke University with certificates in Feminist Studies, Middle East Studies, and College Teaching. She is currently in her fifth year of the program, and is funded by the Duke Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies Dissertation Fellowship. Her dissertation looks at the relations of fantasy, sexual violence, and the colonial encounter through literature, torture cases, and postcolonial, psychoanalytic, and feminist theory in Algeria and Palestine. Prior to her PhD, she received an MA from King's College London and worked at Coffee House Press and Mizna in the Twin Cities. She has the following advice for students pursuing graduate school:

"If you are thinking about graduate school, my top tip is to take some time between undergrad and graduate school if it's feasible for you. Even just a year spent working can help shape the perspective, intention, and values you bring to graduate school."



Hannah McIntire '13 from Philadelphia, PA.- International Studies and Religious Studies double major with a minor in Arabic:

Hannah is working at the Annie E. Casey Foundation in the Family Well-Being Strategy Group as a Senior Associate. She has two children -- Amaya (2) and Elias (4 1/2) with her husband, Abass Noor ('13). She leaves current students with the following message:

"A Macalester education will prepare you well to serve your community, locally and globally."

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Evelyn Adkins '06 from Gainesville, FL but currently residing in Shaker Heights, OH. - Classical Languages major.

In 2022, Evelyn published the book "Discourse, Knowledge, and Power in Apuleius' Metamorphoses" with the University of Michigan Press, and in 2024 she was promoted to Associate Professor of Classics with tenure at Case Western Reserve University. Her son, Rufus, just turned 1 year old in September 2024! She offers her expertise to current Macalester students:

"I'm currently the adviser for all Classics majors and minors at CWRU, so I'll pass on a couple of pieces of advice I always give my advisees: 1) Don't overload yourself too much - make sure you have time for sleep, friends, and fun! 2) You don't have to figure out what you want to do for the rest of your life when you graduate, you just have to figure out what you want to do NEXT. Careers can change and you might find yourself doing something amazing that you never imagined when you were a student."



Dalton Greene '22 from Wheeling, WV but currently residing in College Park, MD. - English (Literature) major with a minor in Classical Languages:

Dalton is currently in the second year of his English PhD program at the University of Maryland. This semester, he has been working as a research assistant with the Folger Shakespeare Library in DC on an upcoming public exhibition. This work has involved a lot of digging, some in-person archive visits, and thinking about public engagement with the humanities in a broad sense. All skills that my humanities classes at Macalester prepared me well for! He has provided the following insight on the humanities for current students:

"I think that so often, with humanities majors, things are brought back to money: what are you going to do with that degree? How are you going to support yourself? What comes next? And while it is often true that humanities majors take more circuitous routes and explore a range of roles (I know I have!), it's unfair to suggest that there aren't meaningful opportunities to put our skills to use. So many professional environments need people who can think creatively about the past and present, critically interpret information and parse narratives, and engage broad publics in written and oral communication. Which is all to say: embrace your studies now, dive deep into what interests you, and trust that What Comes After will work itself out!."



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Lisa Barnes '11, from Shoreview, MN and currently living in Brooklyn Center, MN. - Classics major:

Since her time at Macalester, Lisa has received a Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies, and she is currently working as a physician associate in colorectal surgery. She is married to a University of Minnesota graduate, and has the following advice for students:

"Pursue what interests you and pursue balance in your life. Making time for the things that bring you joy is more important than a particular career path (at least in my experience)."

Miriam Moore-Keish '19, currently residing in Minneapolis, MN, but is proud to be from Atlanta, GA. - English (Literature) major with a double minor in Arabic and Psychology.

Miriam has the following to share about her life since Mac:

"I graduated from the University of Cambridge in 2020 with a MPhil in Critical Approaches to Children's Literature. My dissertation was on constructions of Black innocence and maturity in children's books from Reconstruction to the 2010s. Quite the time to be in postcolonial and critical race theory !! I work in book publishing at Capstone here in Minnesota and have--outside of my career at a publisher--published two children's books (well, technically, at the time of writing this, one is still forthcoming in August 2025) and two more adult books of my own since graduating. I have a very cute and ancient dog--talk about Antiquity Now! I just Googled "good advice for college students" and the first result said to take care of yourself and prioritize sleep and rest--which I totally agree with. I'd also add "go on walks." Everything feels more manageable after or on a nice walk."



Ellie Heaton '16, from McKenzie, ND. but currently living in Sacramento, CA. - Classical Civilization major with a double minor in Anthropology and History:

Ellie is currently a NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation) Assistant at UC Davis.

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Rebecca Moorman '14, from Houston, TX but currently residing in Boston, MA. -
Classical Languages major with a Philosophy minor:

Rebecca has served as an Assistant Professor of Classics at Boston University since 2023. She shared a photo from her visit to the Vergil mosaic (Bardo National Museum, Tunis) from a recent research trip to study the Roman North African author, Apuleius.



Eve Woogen '12, originally from Somers, NY but living in Cairo, Egypt. -
Classical Languages major (MESIC Concentration) with a minor in Religious Studies:

Eve received a Masters in International Education Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2020. After moving to Cairo, Egypt in 2022, she began working with the refugee legal aid program at Saint Andrew's Refugee Services, where she was recently promoted to Senior Legal Officer

Isabel Capecci '24, from Franklin, MA but currently living in Washington D.C. -
Political Science and International Studies major with a concentration in Legal Studies and a minor in Classical Languages:

Isabel is in her first year of law school and is progressing through a JD (*Juris Doctor*) program. She reminds current students:

“Do what feels right for you!! There is always pressure to take a certain path or do a certain thing but you can never go wrong doing what feels best for you.”



Abby Gore '21, from Los Angeles, CA but currently residing in St. Paul, MN. -
Religious Studies major with Classics and Philosophy minors:

Last year, Abby graduated with a Masters in Jewish Nonprofit Management from Hebrew Union College. She was recently promoted to Director of Youth and Young Adult Engagement at Mount Zion Temple, and she got engaged to her fiancé Sam over the summer, with a marriage date set for next May!

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Amy Vandervelde '21, from Ottawa, IL but currently residing in Urbana, IL. - Classical Languages (Latin & Greek) and English Literature majors with a minor in Political Science:

Amy is currently a fourth year Ph.D. student in the Classical Philology program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She recently passed both of her ancient language Qualifying Translation Exams (Latin & Ancient Greek), and will be starting to prepare for her special author exam on Claudian in the Spring 2025 semester. Her advice to current students:

"Attend your professors' office hours (they want to see you there)!"

Michal Gradoz '21, from CO. - Classics major with a double minor in Religious Studies and Geology:

Michal was conferred a PhD from the Interdepartmental Program in Ancient Mediterranean Art & Archaeology at the University of Michigan in summer 2024. She is currently looking for her next opportunity outside of academia! She offers current students the following words:

"Enjoy your time as a professional learner and explore as many subjects and experiences as you can!"



Katie McCarthy '22, from Vienna, Austria but moving to Leiden, Netherlands soon - Classical Languages and Religious Studies majors with a concentration in MESIC Concentration, in addition to a Comp Sci minor :

Katie graduated from Universität für angewandte Kunst Wien (University of Applied Arts Vienna) in October with a Master of Arts in Applied Human Rights. Her thesis was titled: *Access and Inclusion of Seniors in Parks Politics in Milwaukee County*, and it revolved around the ways that parks benefit the health and wellbeing of seniors, and how they are included/excluded in the parks planning processes -- from a human rights lens. Post-graduation, she has been working for a small nonprofit, Accountable Now, as a Project Manager and on their communications team. As part of her job, she was able to travel to Cairo for the World Urban Forum and was able to see some of the incredible sites she learned about in Andy's classes! She provides the following advice to current students:

"You're doing great!! Don't forget to recharge and read a non-academic book or try a new recipe this winter break!"



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Lynn Kidwell '03, from Oaxaca, Mexico - Classical Languages and Mathematics double major:

Lynn started a doctorate in global leadership this fall through Fuller Seminary. She is also currently serving as a linguistic advisor to a Bible translation project in Zapotec. Furthermore, she is the chair of the EC for SIL Mexico and the director of planning, monitoring, and learning for SIL Americas. She reminds students:

"You never know where life will lead."

Franki Gillis '20, originally from the Chicago area but currently living in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.- Classical Archaeology major and Geology minor:

Franki will be going to be at the AIA conference in early January 2025 to give a talk on how climate change is impacting archaeological preservation using their current work at Roman Vindolanda and Magna Fort as case studies. Their advice to CMME students is as follows:

"If you're looking for a career in archaeology, try lots of different subfields and specialisms to see what you like best! There's an amazing variety of research being done worldwide and I truly believe there's a niche for everyone."



Lisa Michels '04, from Minot, ND. - Classics and English double major:

In 2022, Lisa completed her MS in Disability Human Services at Minot State University. This year marked her 20 year anniversary at Kalix, an organization that provides residential and employment services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She has also been an adjunct instructor at Minot State University since fall 2022 in the Special Education department. She has the following advice for current students:

"Life may not carry you on the path you expect! I certainly never envisioned myself working in disability services when I was learning Latin and reading Shakespeare, but I love my career—this is my calling! Just hang on and see where the current takes you."



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Kendra Price '99, from Philadelphia, PA. - Classics and Economics double major:

"With a double major in Classical Studies and Economics, I was torn on which path to take after graduation. I was more passionate about Archaeology and academic research, but I also felt a pull towards a lucrative career that would allow me to accomplish my financial goals and pay off my loans. I ended up taking an offer from Andersen Consulting (now Accenture) and stayed there for 8 years as a road warrior. A million Starwood and Northwest points later, I was tired of being on the road and got a more local job at Chatham Financial, where I stayed for about 6 years.

After that I switched to NRG, an energy company. I've been there for over 13 years and have had a lot of different roles there. Currently, I'm working for the head of Marketing at Vivint, a Utah-based smart home company we acquired. So... I'm travelling for work quite a bit again. I was married for the first 8 years of my career (take-away: management consulting isn't great for relationships). Currently, it is just me and my rescue pitbull, Abby. She's a little cannonball of love. My personal passions are travel, music, and theater. I subscribe to the Broadway series in Philadelphia every year, attend concerts frequently and serve as a Program Partner for our local public radio station - WXPB, and take at least 3 big international trips a year, most of which involve big hikes. This next year I have Patagonia and a return trip to Wales on the list. My Classics degree and the relationships I formed with my professors and fellow students continue to enhance my life, and I'm so happy for that learning and foundation. Despite the tough career choice path, I'm still seeing the world... just not from an excavation site. When I visit ancient cities, I understand the history, the context, and even most of the inscriptions still. I have really cool mythology stories to tell fellow hikers on the trail, when we all need some distraction and encouragement. My Classics major has provided the inspiration for at least 3 of my tattoos. I'm not sure I'm qualified to give advice, but I would say if faced with difficult life decisions, do your best at the time and keep moving forward... things that are important to you and make your life better have a habit of showing up again down the line. :-)"

Trey Muraoka '16, currently residing in Minneapolis, MN. but originally from Honolulu, HI - Classical Civilization and History double major:

Trey is currently an Upper School Latin Teacher at the Blake School in Minneapolis, MN.

Anna Everett Beek '06, currently residing in Cleveland, OH - Classics major:

Anna is writing a book, under contract with Routledge, called "The Capabilities and Possibilities of Roman Mirrors: How Ancient Mirrors were Designed, Used, and Understood." She also has a forthcoming article in Acta Classica called "The Goddess Lucretia" and one in Classical Philology called "Rape and the Word Paelex: Agency and Opprobrium." This spring she will be teaching at Case Western Reserve University and at the Cleveland Institute of Art.

Elena Stanley '22, from Duluth, MN. - Classics and Religious Studies major with a MESIC Concentration:

Elena is currently in a Master's program for Curatorial Studies at the Universidad de Navarra in Pamplona, Spain. She has leaves the following message to the Macalester CMME community :

"CMME set me up for the most success post-Mac, especially through connections with professors!"

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Amy Pelz '19 - CMME graduate:

Amy is an urgent care physician assistant in San Jose, California

Max Edwards '13, Rochester, MN / currently South Orange, NJ. - Classics and Religious Studies majors: Max received in MTS from Harvard Divinity School in 2015, and his Rabbinic Ordination from Hebrew College in 2021. Since 2021, has has worked as an Associate Rabbi, at the Temple B'nai Abraham, in Livingston, NJ.

Noah Wilkerson '20, Minneapolis, MN. - Classics major: Noah is currently serving as a donations coordinator at MCC Refugee Services.

Colin Churchill '19, Washington D.C. - Classics and Political Science double major (MESIC and HRH concentrations): Colin is working as a Humanitarian Assistance Officer at USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance.

Charlotte Houghton '20, originally from Washington D.C. but currently living in Columbus, OH. - Classics major with a Linguistics minor: Charlotte graduated with a Masters in Library and Information Science in May 2024.

Chris Dayton '98, Austin, TX. - Classics and History double major with a Geology minor: Chris Dayton received his PhD in 2008, and has been in cultural resources management consulting for 16 years now. He recently joined a small Texas engineering firm after building a 70+ staff cultural resources practice at a previous firm. He leaves current Mac students with this note:

"Don't ever listen to the "do you want fries with that" comments from relatives, friends, etc. about liberal arts majors. I worked in a large financial firm prior to grad school, and liberal arts majors (Classics, history, philosophy, English) were in high demand there because writing and critical thinking skills were so hard to find among business majors. You just have to frame those skills appropriately. Happy to chat with any Mac people who want to discuss that further."

Bret Kramer '96, living in Worcester, MA. but originally from Canton, OH. - Classics and History double major:

Bret Kramer gave a presentation about the Worcester Common Burial Ground excavations at a meeting of the Western MA chapter of the Association for Gravestone Studies this month. He is continuing his research into William Young (1711-1795) who lived in Worcester, MA. He has the following advice:

"Despite being 51 years old, at no point in my life have I ever been 100% certain I knew what I wanted to do with my life. And yet, I'm having a delightful time. Be more like Herodotus and less like Thucydides."

CATCHING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI



Lindsay Morehouse '12, originally from Minnesota but currently living in Sweden - Classical Archaeology major with minors in History and Religious Studies:

Lindsay Morehouse is currently involved in a number of academic ventures in Europe, and has been kind enough to share her experience in academia post-Macalester. She reports that she chose to apply to Masters programs outside of the US for three reasons:

"1) the experiences of digging at Omrit and travelling to Egypt and Rome with the J-term program whetted my appetite for travel, 2) I didn't do a semester abroad and was curious about how different educational and teaching systems worked and 3) honestly, I didn't want to have to take the GRE. For my PhD, I originally planned to apply to programs in the U.S., but one day saw a salaried PhD position advertised on LinkedIn to study Archaeology at the University of Amsterdam. I applied, interviewed, and was offered the position. All together, I've been in Europe for 11 years, 2 years in the UK, 7 years in the Netherlands, and 2 years in Sweden."

When asked about her favorite memory at Macalester, she responded with:

"This is a very difficult question--I have so many great memories of Mac, and especially the Classics department! I have particularly fond memories of the cookie parties and peeps diorama contests: really any time that the department got together. It was such a warm and welcoming community to be a part of!"

On her favorite scholarly projects she undertook during her Masters:

"I was able to volunteer at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford on a project to digitize and document Late Antique Roman coins in the collection. I got to see and handle so many amazing coins, and learned a lot about numismatics, Late Antiquity, and museums. In particular, this project really inspired an interest in the history of museum collections and forgeries, something that would end up playing a large role in my PhD project later on."

On what drew her to her PhD thesis topic:

"My PhD position was part of a EU funded project to create a sustainable travelling exhibition about the Early Medieval Period in Europe, focusing on connections between the objects in various museum collections and the societies that created them. The collection at the host museum was largely made up of Late Antique Egyptian objects. My original plan was to complete my PhD by article (something pretty common in Europe), researching the context and connections between pieces in the collection. However, I only got to the first of such objects--a stele that was considered to be a forgery. This piece, and the questions about its origin, authenticity, and meaning, became the topic of my entire thesis. So, my research came about in an accidental way, but I've learned that sometimes that's just how it goes!"

Her advice to current students:

"What I learned at Macalester and in the Classics department has served me so well over the years and in many roles. Not just content-- though I have used articles I read at Mac in my theses!-- but also transferable skills. Something I've come to appreciate is that not every university prepares their students as well in things like presentation, writing, or interdisciplinary thinking skills as Macalester. Also, the courses I took have prepared me for my daily life in ways I could never have envisioned. For example, Greek and Latin helped me immensely to learn Dutch and Swedish, just by teaching me important grammatical concepts and how languages work! It can be pretty easy to feel imposter syndrome after Macalester -- I certainly did! But you can rest assured knowing that whatever comes next after mac, you are prepared, even in ways you might not realize yet"

SPRING COURSES

Number	Name	Days	Time	Instructor
CLAS-101	The Classical Mediterranean and Middle East	TR	1:20-2:50	Beth Severy-Hoven
CLAS-129	Greek Myths	MW	8:00-9:30	Brian Lush
CLAS-194-01	Archaeology and GIS: Digital Methods, Networks and Data Analysis in Archaeology	MWF	1:10-2:10	Johnathan Hardy
CLAS-194-03	Islamicate Manuscripts	TR	8:00-9:30	Kelly Tuttle
CLAS-202	Sanskrit and Classical Religion in India	MWF	9:40-10:40	James Laine
CLAS-294	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Iran	MWF	9:40-10:40	Johnathan Hardy
CLAS-212	Elementary Latin II	MWF	2:20-3:20	Nanette Goldman
CLAS-212 L1	Elementary Latin II: Lab	T	1:20-2:20	Nanette Goldman
CLAS-212 L2	Elementary Latin II: Lab	T	3:30-4:30	Nanette Goldman

SPRING 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS

Number	Name	Days	Time	Instructor
CLAS-214	Elementary Arabic II	MWF	2:20-3:20	Kelly Tuttle
CLAS-214 L1	Elementary Arabic II: Lab	T	2:20-3:20	Kelly Tuttle
CLAS-218	Elementary Hebrew II	MWF	12:00- 1:00	Nanette Goldman
CLAS-218 L1	Elementary Hebrew II: Lab	T	10:10- 11:10	Nanette Goldman
CLAS-218 L2	Elementary Hebrew II: Lab	T	2:25-3:25	Nanette Goldman
CLAS-332	Intermediate Latin II: Poetry	MWF	2:20-3:20	Brian Lush
CLAS-342	Intermediate Arabic	MWF	3:30-4:30	Kelly Tuttle
CLAS-342 L1	Intermediate Arabic II: Lab	T	3:30-4:30	Kelly Tuttle
CLAS-362	Intermediate Greek: Poetry	MWF	3:30-4:30	Brian Lush
CLAS-483	Advanced Reading in Latin	TR	9:40- 11:10	Beth Sevey- Hoven



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