CAMWS CONVENTION INFORMATION 104th Annual Meeting, Tucson, Arizona April 16-19, 2008

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS) will hold its 104th Annual Meeting in Tucson, beginning on the evening of Wednesday, April 16, 2008, and ending on the afternoon of Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the invitation of the University of Arizona. All sessions will be held in the Tucson Marriott University Park Hotel except those on Friday afternoon, which will take place on the University of Arizona campus. Temperatures in Tucson in mid-April range from the mid- to upper 80's, sometimes higher, so bring a bathing suit, cool summer clothes, a hat, and sun block, and be sure to drink plenty of water!

MEETING REGISTRATION: You may register online (and pay via credit card) through the CAMWS website (http://www.camws.org/membership/meetingform.php), or you may mail a paper copy of the registration form, along with a check, to the CAMWS Office at St. Olaf College; all registration fees go up after <u>March 17, 2008</u>.

HOTEL INFORMATION: The Tucson Marriott University Park is located at 880 E. Second Street, Tucson, AZ 85719, adjacent to the main gate of the University of Arizona at the corner of Tyndall Avenue and Second Street. It is a nine-story atrium hotel featuring 250 guest rooms. All rooms are furnished with cable TV, two phone lines, in-room coffeemaker, iron/board, and blow dryer. Beat the heat by enjoying a refreshing swim in its outdoor pool, relax in its whirlpool and sauna, or work out in its state-of-the-art fitness center.

To make a hotel reservation online at the convention rate of \$129 for a room (single, double, triple, or quad) or \$154 for a suite (plus 12.05% for state and local taxes and a \$1.00 city surcharge go to this URL: http://marriott.com/tusup?groupCode=CAMCAMA&app=resvlink

You may also make a hotel reservation by calling either 520-792-4100 or 1-800-228-9290; to get the convention rate, be sure to mention that you are attending the CAMWS Annual Meeting. Reservation requests received after 5:00 p.m. (local time) on <u>Monday, March 17, 2008</u>, will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

The Marriott is a non-smoking hotel. On-site parking costs \$11.00 per day, valet parking \$15.00 per day. Those attending on Saturday may park free all day in the University of Arizona Main Gate Garage, located at 815 E. Second Street, right across the street from the Marriott.

TRAVEL TO TUCSON

By Air:

Twelve airlines currently serve Tucson International Airport (TIA), among these American, Continental, Delta, ExpressJet, JetBlue, Southwest, US Airways, and United. The airport lies to the south of the city, a 15-minute drive from the Marriott and the University of Arizona.

Ground Transportation: The Marriott University Park Hotel does not offer its own airport shuttle, but it recommends the Arizona Stagecoach; bus, taxi, luxury car, and rental car services are also available. Here is a summary of the ground transportation options:

Shuttle: Arizona Stagecoach (www.azstagecoach.com; 520-889-1000; reservation desk in Baggage Claim) provides shuttle service. A one-way ticket for one person from TIA to the Marriott University Park costs \$20. Rates to/from other hotels vary from \$4.50 to \$41.

Bus: Public buses (Sun Tran; www.suntran.com; 520-792-9222) leave every half hour outside Baggage Claim. One-way fare anywhere is only \$1 (cash only, exact change).

Taxi: Three cab companies serve TIA: AAA Airport Taxi (520-207-4790), Allstate Cab (520-881-2227), and Yellow Cab (520-624-6611). Estimated fare from the airport to campus/the Marriott University Park is \$22 (+ gratuity).

Luxury car: Two companies provide luxury car service: Airport Executive Sedans (www.airportexecutivesedans.com; 520-573-8178; counter in Baggage Claim) and AAA Sedan (www.AAAyellowaz.com; 520-573-8152; counter in Baggage Claim). Both charge \$30 (+ gratuity) for a one-way ticket for one person to the Marriott University Park.

Rental car: Seven rental car companies serve TIA: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, and National. The rental car building is adjacent to the terminal. **Avis** is offering a special discount for CAMWS meeting attendees; it will be effective April 9-26, 2008. The Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) Number for CAMWS is J907572. If you call Avis at 1-800-331-1600, be sure to mention this number in order to receive the discount. It is also possible to reserve a car from Avis by going to this URL: http://tinyurl.com/363gu4

A convenient brochure with information on ground travel is posted at the following URL: http://www.tucsonairport.org/media/GroundTransportationBrochure2007.pdf

By Car:

Tucson sits at the intersection of I-10 and I-19. It is most easily—and quickly—reached via I-10 from the east and northwest; via I-19 from the south; via state route 86 from the southwest; and via state route 79 from the north. The Marriott University Park is located very near the corner of Speedway Blvd., one of Tucson's main east/west thoroughfares, and Euclid/First Ave., and sits at the western edge of the University of Arizona.

By Bus:

Greyhound (http://www.greyhound.com/home.asp; 520-792-3475) offers bus service to Tucson. The bus station is located at 471 W. Congress St., two miles from the Marriott University Park.

By Train:

Amtrak offers rail service to Tucson, via the Sunset Limited (Orlando to Los Angeles) and the Texas Eagle (San Antonio to Los Angeles) lines. The train station (http://www.amtrak.com/) is located at 400 N. Toole Ave., 1.3 miles from the Marriott University Park.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Teachers who would like to earn Continuing Education Unites (CEUs) for attending the CAMWS Annual Meeting in Tucson do not have to do anything in advance. When they arrive at the meeting, they should simply ask at the CAMWS registration desk for a CEU application form. Before they leave the meeting, they should return the completed form to the CAMWS registration desk, along with a check for \$7.50, payable to "UW-Madison Extension."

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS

The Graduate Student Issues Committee (GSIC) is excited to be sponsoring a pre-conference workshop, "*Disce ut Doceas*: Preparing to be a TA in Latin," in the Marriott on Wednesday, April 16, 3:30-7:30 p.m. (dinner break 5:30-6:00). It is designed for graduate (or undergraduate) students who expect to be teaching assistants in college-level Latin courses; current TA's are also welcome. The workshop will cover topics such as lesson planning, classroom management,

student learning styles, drilling grammar and vocabulary, writing quizzes, and using oral Latin. Attendees will have the opportunity to do practice teaching with the rest of the "class." There is no charge for the workshop; those interested should simply sign up for it on the registration form. The workshop has been offered before at two ACL meetings, but this will be the first time it is offered at a CAMWS meeting. GSIC urges all TA's, past, present, and future, to participate!

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A margarita-punch reception in the Marriott, 8-10 p.m., on Wednesday, April 16, will open the meeting. Between Thursday morning and Saturday afternoon there will be 68 paper sessions and 16 panels on a variety of pedagogical and scholarly topics, plus a happy hour for graduate students, and special events sponsored by the Vergilian Society, the Women's Classical Caucus, SALVI, and SORGLL. Friday's schedule will include a double-barreled presidential panel in honor of Greg "The Virginian" Daugherty on "Classics and the American Western: Making Film, History, and Myth." After the Friday-afternoon sessions a reception in the University of Arizona Museum of Art will be hosted by the Dean of the College of Humanities. Friday evening's banquet in the Marriott will be followed by a reception on the hotel's outdoor patio.

TUCSON HIGHLIGHTS

Many charming boutiques, bookstores, and cafés are just a block away from the Marriott. Several major attractions, both on and off the campus, are within easy walking distance.

On Campus:

Arizona Historical Society: the world's largest collection of Arizona history artifacts, documents, and photographs (http://www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org/)

Arizona State Museum: experience the indigenous cultures of Arizona, the greater Southwest, and northern Mexico (http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/).

Centennial Hall: venue for cultural and music events

Center for Creative Photography: an archive and research center holding the archives of Ansel Adams, Edward Weston, Garry Winogrand, Harry Callahan, and other great 20th century photographers—over fifty archives in all. Check website (http://www.creativephotography.org/) for current exhibits.

Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium: hands-on science exhibits, exciting shows in the planetarium theater, and workshops (http://www.gotuasciencecenter.org/)

University of Arizona Museum of Art: changing exhibitions and a growing permanent collection ranging from fifteenth-century to contemporary art (http://artmuseum.arizona.edu/)

In the Neighborhood:

Fourth Avenue Trolley: Old Pueblo Trolley (http://www.fourthavenue.org/trolley) operates through some of the most historic and diverse areas of Tucson. Beginning in the heart of the funky Fourth Avenue Business District, the electric streetcar passes the length of the Avenue, turns onto University Boulevard where it passes elegant, beautifully restored homes (and the Arizona Historical Society), and terminates near the main gate of the University of Arizona.

Fox Tucson Theatre: one of the few historic theatres left in the United States, this movie palace (http://www.foxtucsontheatre.org) was in operation from 1930 to 1974. In 2005 the doors to the theatre reopened; it is now home to a variety of "must-see" performances.

GREAT OUTDOOR EXCURSIONS

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum: world-renowned zoo, natural history museum, and botanical garden, all in one place (http://www.desertmuseum.org/)

Sabino Canyon: a natural desert oasis located in Tucson's Coronado National Forest, home to spectacular desert landscapes and abundant wildlife (http://www.sabinocanyon.com/)

Tucson Botanical Gardens: sixteen different gardens, offering a unique and tranquil experience (http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/)

SURROUNDING AREAS

San Xavier del Bac Mission: just nine miles south of Tucson is the "White Dove of the Desert" (http://www.sanxaviermission.org/Index.html), the parish church of the Tohono O'odham nation. Founded by the celebrated Jesuit missionary and explorer, Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, San Xavier Mission is acclaimed as the finest example of mission architecture in the United States. It is a graceful blend of Moorish, Byzantine and late Mexican Renaissance architecture, yet the blending is so complete it is hard to tell where one type begins and another ends. Its beautiful frescos by native artisans have recently been fully restored.

Tubac: home to a vibrant art community, Tubac (http://www.tubacaz.com/) boasts over eighty galleries and import shops. There are over 112 artisans who actively create and showcase their work in the many galleries and working studios that surround the old presidio, once home to the 18th century Spanish military garrison who first settled Tubac.

Note: a visit to San Xavier Mission and then to Tubac makes a pleasant afternoon excursion.

Tombstone: an authentic Old West gold-mining town, best known as the site of the "Gunfight at the OK Corral," Tombstone (http://www.cityoftombstone.com/) is an hour-and-half drive from Tucson through sparsely populated rangelands that still support numerous cattle ranches.

Bisbee: founded in 1880 and named after Judge DeWitt Bisbee, a financial backer of the Copper Queen Mine, this community (http://bisbeearizona.com/content/) is located 90 miles southeast of Tucson and is the picturesque county seat of historic Cochise County.

CULTURAL EVENTS COINCIDING WITH CAMWS ANNUAL MEETING

Rosanne Cash: Thurs., April 17, 7:30 p.m., University of Arizona Centennial Hall

The Mikado: Sat., April 19, 3:00 p.m., University of Arizona Centennial Hall

Tickets for both events can be obtained from UApresents (http://www.uapresents.org).

Urinetown: April 16-19, 7:30 p.m.; Sun., April 20, 1:30 p.m., University of Arizona Marroney Theater (mature themes and violence)

Fine Arts Box Office: finearts@email.arizona.edu

Hopi Arts and Culture Travel Ed-Venture: Apr. 15-18, Tohono Chul Park

Spring Concert: Thurs., April 17, Tohono Chul Park

Information for both events: http://www.tohonochulpark.org/calendar.html

If staying through the next week: **Tucson International Mariachi Conference**, April 23-26, www.tucsonmariachi.org