

## Pre-Conference Workshop

### *Disce ut Doceas*: Preparing to be a TA in Latin

The Graduate Student Issues Committee (GSIC) would like to propose repeating the successful pre-conference workshop on helping graduate students prepare to teach Latin at the college level for the first time. Many Classics graduate students find themselves responsible for teaching Latin without having any real pedagogical training or previous experience outside of having taken Latin themselves. At the Tucson and Minnesota CAMWS meetings and three consecutive American Classical League institutes, GSIC organized and ran a workshop to address this issue. At both locations, those in attendance commented on the usefulness of the workshops and the greater confidence gained from them to face their own classrooms in the future. The workshop will cover many of the major topics that the first-time Latin teacher at the college level needs to know: preparation before the first day, surviving the first day, daily classroom management, lesson planning, winning over the class in a way that enhances learning, understanding learning styles, using grammar and vocabulary drills, writing quizzes and exams, teaching the tough topics (case system, passive voice, etc.), using spoken Latin, and playing classroom games. The highlight of the workshop will be the practice teaching sessions at the end in which those in attendance will have the opportunity to practice what they have learned by teaching the “class” a series of assigned topics in a constructive, supportive setting. This workshop is meant for those who expect to teach Latin in the future (whether currently an undergraduate or graduate student) or those who have already taught but feel they would benefit from further training and practice. In fact, we have had many teachers attend the workshop in order to gain new ways to better their classroom experience. The workshop setting allows for a great variety of informative questions and discussions to take place.

The proposed workshop will be held Wednesday afternoon /evening before the conference begins and prospective attendees will need to sign up for it in advance when they register for CAMWS. In the past, there has been a discrepancy between the number of people who signed up and actual attendees. We propose charging a small fee for the workshop that would go toward the purchase of pizza and soft drinks. The workshop is usually held around dinner time and we think this could help encourage those who sign up to attend. Two organizers (one of whom has presented at two ACL workshops and the two previous CAMWS workshops) will be responsible for the development and presentation of the workshop program.