

Tidewater Region (North Carolina and Virginia) Annual Report for 2016

Classics in both North Carolina and Virginia enjoyed apparent vitality in 2016.

North Carolina reports that while it has not been the most active in the country, collegiate faculties have maintained their numbers. The state also looks forward to some upcoming meetings that will hopefully bring greater and rejuvenating energy to classics: the 2018 meeting of CAMWS Southern Section, the 2022 meeting of CAMWS, and the 2020 Feminism and Classics Conference.

Classics continues to be active in Virginia as well. The College of William and Mary hosted the 2016 meeting of CAWMS; Lynchburg reports a record number of Gen. Ed. Latin students; Christopher Newport University hosted a Latin Day and its third annual Archaeology Day, and instituted a rotation of summer seminars in Greece and Italy. High school activity in the state is outstanding, ranging from a classics-oriented scavenger hunt in the National Gallery of DC to a variety of competitions and service projects. The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts notably appears to have a particularly classical focus.

One especially positive sign for the Tidewater Region was an increase in reporting to CAMWS by the institutions queried this year. While last year only 3 colleges/universities and 7 high schools responded to the surveys of the CAMWS Vice Presidents, this year the numbers were 10 and 9: an improvement of 90%.

There is still more room for such improvement. Many of North Carolina and Virginia's high schools offer Latin, though all 9 of those reporting this year were in Virginia, and both states are home to a large number of colleges and universities with classics programs. The practice by the state vice presidents in gathering information has been generally to send queries to CAMWS members and college/university department chairs, and then to follow up on these queries by email, Facebook, and other means. Even this, however, has not produced an amount of feedback sufficient to provide an accurate impression of the state of classics in the region. Even more vigorous emailing or mining of department websites might provide a little more anecdotal data, but the current system is dependent wholly on the willingness of very busy teachers and program chairs to take the time to reflect on the past year and to submit this information.

This regional vice president suspects that incentives of some sort, be they money from CAMWS in return for reporting (carrot) or, at the risk of appearing coercive, a listing of activities by all regional institutions, posted online and sent to all deans and principals (carrot and goad), might prove more productive in the end. Perhaps an email query that points to such an enterprise would elicit greater response.

Respectfully submitted,
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NORTH CAROLINA

CAMWS report for North Carolina
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The state of Classics in the state of North Carolina remains reasonably strong: not the most active in the country, but also not facing the systemic threats to programs and faculty that crop up elsewhere. Collegiate faculties have maintained their numbers. The state will be the place for a number of big Classics events in coming years, including the 2018 meeting of CAMWS Southern Section, the 2022 meeting of CAMWS, and the 2020 Feminism & Classics Conference.

Davidson College

Jeanne Neumann and her co-author, Καλλιόπη, published a second edition of her *Companion to Familia Romana*. *A Companion to Roma Aeterna* is out this month. Jeanne is excited. Her co-author knows she'll be on to the next not-playing thing that involves a computer too soon.

In other news, the whole department and 15 students are on our way to Athens for Spring Break thanks to a grant from the Bacca Foundation. The trip focuses on the Greeks and Persians.



Mitchell Community College, Statesville

For the second year in a row, we have had a number of local high school students taking the class - as part of our Early College program. It's a very practical thing for them to do: not only do they get their two HS credits to enable them to matriculate for the NC University system, but the credits count as college language credits as well meaning that they don't necessarily need to take more language if they prefer not to.

In other news, we have students signed up to take the National Latin exam this year - perhaps a first in the NC Community College system. Also we are trying to get the class

included in the NC Virtual Learning Community (VLC) offerings so that community college students anywhere in the state would be able to take the class.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

After several years of work, the Ancient World Mapping Center at UNC-Chapel Hill has completed its latest wall map, depicting Asia Minor in the 2nd Century CE. The map is available as a free digital download--it is at 1:750,000 scale, and prints at 80" x 50". For a download link, please email awmc@unc.edu.



Wake Forest University

The Department of Classical Languages continues to grow its class enrollments, its faculty publications, and its reputation on campus, and is pleased to welcome its newest faculty member, Assistant Professor Amy K. Lather, a specialist in Greek poetry of the archaic and classical periods. Professor Mary Pendergraft received the university's top Advising Award in the fall semester, while Associate Professor Michael C. Sloan received the university's prestigious Reid-Doyle Teaching Award and a Wake Forest University Teaching & Learning Center Teaching Innovation Award this year.

Individual members

William Cooper recently published an anthology of modern Latin poetry, *Poemata Moderna: Modern Latin Poetry*, containing 300 poems by 69 authors from 17 nations. The alcaic, sapphic, and heroic meters are used, along with modern metrical and rhyming formats. Guy Licoppe of *Melissa* magazine writes, "Lector gaudebis." Joseph Tusiani, dean of living Latin poets, states, "What a great book this is!" You can find it on the net at modernlatinpoetry.com.

VIRGINIA

CAMWS Report For Virginia 2016

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As in the past, this is only a small selection of what I know are many activities undertaken by high school and university instructors.

I. Universities

1. Lynchburg College

- Our Latin General Education Program has continued to grow since it started in 2007; we had a record enrollment of Gen. Ed. Latin students last fall.
- Intermediate I class took the ALIRA Reading Comprehension exam for the first time (with about 88% at least at Intermediate level, which meets our assessment target for Reading Comprehension).
- For the first time, some of our students entered the Latin Translation Contest sponsored by CAMWS.
- The Latin Club sponsored several activities in Fall 2016:
 - Movie Night: Monty Python and the Holy Grail
September 8, Hopwood Auditorium, 6:30-10 p.m.
 - Classics Costume Party
October 27, Hopwood Auditorium, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 - Saturnalia Celebration
December 8, Hopwood 26, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- An Intermediate Latin I student, Charles Rose, mathematics major, had his essay on Pliny and Newton, with excerpts in Latin, accepted for presentation at a national student conference, Association of Core Texts and Courses, Concordia University, Irvine, CA, in March 2017.
- They will be offering Medieval Latin for Teachers online this summer.

2. Christopher Newport University

- Christopher Newport University hosted Latin Day in February 2016, which featured a keynote lecture on *Politics and Religion in the ancient Olympics* by Prof. William Hutton, College of William & Mary as well as sessions on a variety of topics. This event is open to all middle and high school Latin students in Hampton Roads. Christopher Newport also continued the Annual Elizabeth Jones Lecture Series in Classical Studies, bringing Dr. Michael Danti to speak on “Iconoclasm, Pillage, and Plunder: The Cultural Heritage Crisis in Syria and Iraq” (March 16, 2016). Dr. Danti is Academic Director of the American Schools of Oriental Research “Cultural Heritage Initiatives”, a program run through the U.S. Department of State. This event was free and open to the public. Planning for the 2017 lecture is still in process.

- We held our 3rd Annual Archaeology Day in October 2015, which comprised hand-on activities such as a mini-dig and pottery painting.
- The Classics faculty have established a rotation of summer study abroad seminars, with trips to Greece alternating with trips to Italy. We currently offer these as 200-level 3-credit courses that are open to all students, not just our own majors and minors.
- The Classics club organizes a variety of activities throughout the year, which included a museum trip to DC this past fall.

3. Hollins University

Their annual symposium for 15/16 came in Oct 2015; for 16/17 it's March 2017, so nothing in calendar year 2016. We hosted CAV in May 2016, but that's CAV more than Hollins.

4. University of Virginia

Hosted numbers of events and speakers. See this site: <http://classics.virginia.edu/events-archive>

5. Virginia Tech

Hosted a number of speakers, including Dr. Maryline Parca of UC San Diego, who delivered our annual Virginia Hummel Classical Studies Lecture on “Cleopatra 2016.” We had over 250 people in the audience! We also hosted Dr. Alexis Castor, Associate Professor of History and Classics at Franklin and Marshall, who spoke on “The Princess Bride: Jewelry and Weddings in Classical Greece” in April of 2016. In addition, our VT Classics Club continues to meet every Friday, host movie nights regularly, participate in service events on campus, and organizes trips to museums and other lectures. Dr. Rick Phillips, newly on a tenure-track position, spent weeks in Rome in summer 2016 on an American Academy in Rome Summer Program in Latin epigraphy. And Drs. Andrew and Trudy Becker co-led a four-week study abroad program to London where the students studied Roman London among other subjects.

6. William and Mary

William and Mary hosted Classical Association of the Middle West and South meeting in Spring 2016. Additionally, they hosted the Virginia Classical Studies Undergraduate Research Conference in November of 2016.

II. High Schools (A selection of the many high schools who participate in activities regularly)

1. Buffalo Gap High School: Rena Glavas Collins

- School Family Movie Night Booth- mosaic projects for children and their families
- American Academy in Rome: Classical Summer School Attendee (June 13 - July 22)
 - American Academy in Rome Goldman Sachs Scholarship Recipient
- 2016 VJCL Convention Attendance with 12 students
- BGHS Latin Club says the Pledge of Allegiance at an Augusta County School Board Meeting and presents VJCL Convention Awards

2. Flint Hill School: Kate Hattemer

- 60-strong attendance at Virginia Junior Classical League convention in November
- Participation at the Kick-Off Certamen in October
- Schoolwide pumpkin collection contest to sponsor a booth at Homecoming, "Decorate a Pumpkin Like a Mythological Figure"
- Hosting the Flint Hill Certamen this weekend
- Hosting a booth at Winterfest (Homecoming-esque celebration for basketball), "Make a Candy Mosaic"
- Cheering in toga for a varsity basketball game
- Saturnalia party that involved a gag gift exchange and students teaching lessons to the teachers
- Participation in the Medusa Mythology Exam, the National Classical Etymology Exam, and (of course!) the CAMWS Translation Exam; planned participation in several other contest exams this spring
- Weekly Classics Club meetings and certamen practices

3. Washington Lee High School, Yorktown High School, Thomas Jefferson Middle School

- Washington Lee High School hosted a "Mini Convention" for Arlington Latin students in preparation for the State Convention
- Washington Lee Latin students toured the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts as part of their trip to the VJCL State Convention in November
- In December Washington Lee Latin and Art students travelled to the Philadelphia Museum for a Classical Mythology tour of the collection, and also visited Longwood Gardens
- Also in December, Yorktown High School hosted a Saturnalia party for Arlington middle and high school Latin students
- In February, Thomas Jefferson Middle School will host the Classics Movie Night showing of "Watership Down," exploring the film's parallels to the Aeneid.
- Also in February, Washington Lee High School will host a casual Certamen for Arlington Latin students and Latin students in nearby countries who also use the Cambridge Latin Course.

4. Loudon County: Andrea Weiskopf

Andrea Weiskopf, who teaches in Loudon County designed, organized, and ran an amazing scavenger hunt at the National Gallery in Washington DC this past October. The scavenger hunt spanned the entire museum and included spoken Latin elements as well. Latin Teachers from Northern Virginia schools helped facilitate and more than 125 students from all over Northern Virginia participated!

5. Fairfax County: Chris Ann Matteo

My 2015-16 sophomores in Latin 2 completed a project on Latin in Harry Potter. Among the activities that built into the unit were reading "Puer Qui Vixit" at sight; several quizzes in vocab especially body parts and adjectives including those of the 3rd (adj) & 4, 5 declensions. Their final group project was to create a poster of a creature that Hagrid would care for. Minimum fifteen body parts labelled with correct noun-adjective agreement and baselines stated for how many 4th/5ths you used. They also had to name the creature in proper Latin and give it a motto using good guidelines for Latin composition. The photo (below) of last year's winners out of eight groups.



6. Classical Cottage School, Winchester, VA.: Magistra Solomon

- Latin Club Newsletter - Latin Club students write articles and produce the quarterly newsletter, the Rumusculus.
- Roman Culture Presentations - Every six weeks a slide show and lecture is presented on a particular aspect of Roman culture, such as Hadrian's Wall and Roman Britain by Susan Schearer.
- Mosaic Workshops - Students are guided in how to make an ancient mosaic for entry in the VJCL Convention and the NJCL Graphic Arts competitions by Deanna Solomon.
- Weekly Memory Period - Concentrated time for chanting, reciting noun and verb endings and other important patterns.
- School-wide celebration of Rome's Birthday.

7. Rockbridge High School: Patrick Bradley

Took part in the various exams--CAV contests, the CAMWS translation contest, and the Medusa exam. This past summer two did the Governor's Latin Academy, and two have applied for this summer.

8. SSSAS (St. Steven and St. Agnes School: Ian Hochberg)

- NJCL Convention (at Indiana University this summer) -- 8 students
- taught 3rd grade science classes Latin and constellations -- 80 students
- two field trips to see the National Geographic Museum's exhibit: *The Greeks: From Agamemnon to Alexander the Great* -- 20 students and 23 students
- Latin Club Picnic at Fort Ward Park -- 30 students
- toga tying lessons for Seniors during homecoming week -- 40 students
- hosted Kick-off Certamen at SSSAS (for 10th consecutive year) -- 300+ students attended
- opera (at University of Maryland) *The Rape of Lucretia* -- 8 students
- scavenger hunt at the National Gallery for Art -- 10 students
- VJCL State Convention (2 day experience in Richmond, VA) -- 60 students and 10 parent chaperones
- DC Basis Certamen -- 12 students
- NJCL Classical Etymology Exam -- 20 students
- CAMWS Translation Contest -- 23 students
- Medusa Mythology Exam -- 5 students

9. Robinson SS Latin: Beth Campbell

- Monthly Latin club meetings
- Latin Honor society meets 4 times a year
- Trip to VJCL Convention
- Trip to NYC to see Met. Museum of Art (happening in April)
- Collected toys and hats for Head Start children in our pyramid
- Organized a "dress like a Roman" photo booth for Home Coming activity
- Went to Greece last year, headed to Rome in 2018

III. Other Classical Activities

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts: Dr. Peter J. Schertz, Jack and Mary Ann Frable Curator of Ancient Art

I was hoping to get solid numbers on tours of the ancient galleries (which include Egypt – I'm not sure if we break them down by Classical/Egyptian), but the educators have been swamped with other things. What can I say in lieu of the concrete is the Milquetoast: tours of the ancient galleries are the most oft-requested tours in the museum, in large part because of the SOLs. In

addition to regular tours of the gallery, we hosted a joint VMFA/AIA lecture at the museum last year on the Temple of Herod as a Roman Building (my paper, but I forget the title) that attracted a capacity audience of ca. 450 people in our main auditorium. We have an active acquisitions effort, meaning that the department is growing, that brought in a Roman bronze statuette of a Molossian Hound last year. In the 2017-18 fiscal year, we will have a major exhibition on the horse in ancient Greek art co-curated by myself and Nicole Stribling of the National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, VA.

Osher-Life Learning Institute at George Mason in Fairfax, VA: Alana Lukes

Senior citizens at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) sponsored by George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. study Latin using Cambridge since Fall of 2012. See pages 4 & 5 about the program at <http://cambridgelatin.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Spring2015.pdf>

Classical Association of Virginia

Helped to host Classical Association of Middle West and South meeting in Williamsburg, Va in Spring 2016.