

## The Babysitter, the ABD, and the Absent Minded Professor

In this presentation, I will speak about my fifteen years of experience teaching classics at the middle school, high school, and college levels. I will touch upon a number of points that I believe need to be addressed by the classical studies community in order to strengthen our teacher preparation for those who may teach at one or more of these levels. Foremost among them are the following. As mentors to our students, we need honest discussion with them about the vocation of teaching at each level, which requires that we as colleagues need honest dialogue with each other to become informed about our respective vocations.