

“Latin Teacher Training: Does It Have a Future Tense?”

ACL and CAMWS have long worked together to insure that our Latin teachers are the best they can be. This illustrated talk will first trace the history of the training of Latin teachers, with special emphasis on the crisis of the 70s when enrolments plummeted and the field mounted an effective counter-offensive. It will then discuss the future of the training of our teachers and the factors that will influence this training. Such a discussion necessarily leads to consideration of the field as a whole. Will the field be, in the near future, strong enough and sufficiently unified to guarantee that these hypothetical future teachers have students to teach? Is, in fact, the pipeline in danger of going dry? Some suggestions for future action will be put forth which might help in this regard.