

Trends, Problems, and Prospects for the Promotion of Latin Teaching

This talk, drawing upon the CPL's pool of BIG and Caristia grant recipients, will first describe some of the most successful Latin promotion activities from around the country, both at the college/university level and in K-12 schools. It will also focus briefly on the outreach techniques employed by the winners of the CPL Outstanding Promotional Activity in the Schools awardees at both the college and K-12 levels.

It will then address some of the most common problems Classics programs are currently facing, including obstacles to effective communication among scholars, teachers, institutions at all levels, and the public, that have been reported by the state CAMWS VPs and by teachers in college and K-12 programs, with an emphasis on how these issues affect program advocacy and teacher recruitment.

Finally, it will consider some suggested remedies to these problems, including more effective electronic communications, increased support for conference travel at all levels, and strengthening Classics organizations at the state and local level. It is hoped that further paths to greater success in these areas will be solicited during the question-and-answer and discussion period following the talk, which can then be incorporated in the CPL strategies.