

An Exciting Academic Year for the Classical Studies Department

This year the Classical Studies Department continued to emerge from the pandemic with a fully in-person student experience. Some highlights from the year:

We offered an incredible array of courses in the department (as well as in the Honors program)

We welcomed a new faculty member, Dr. Richard Hutchins

Dr. Leanna Boychenko was promoted to associate professor

We brought in a large class of Eta Sigma Phi initiates

We hosted and co-sponsored several events at Loyola and around Chicago

Our students and alums continued to excel

Our faculty were very active giving talks, organizing conferences, and winning awards

See inside for a full run-down!

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NEW COURSES ON OFFER



SCHOLARSHIP FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IN CLASSICAL STUDIES POST-BACC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

In AY 2021-22, the Department introduced its first post-bacc scholarship, which covers \$5,000 in tuition fees. The scholarship is awarded by application process to a student from a traditionally underrepresented group. The winner in 2022-23 was Julian McCoy. For 2023-2024, the winner is Rachel Chinchilla. Congratulations!

Two new courses have been introduced to the Classical Studies Department's line-up:

1) CLST 278: Experiencing Mesopotamia

This course provides a comprehensive view of daily life in Ancient Mesopotamia. Students will become acquainted with the ways in which individuals experienced family, government, sports, art, and societal interaction in the "cradle of civilization." Along the way, students will receive basic historical background to contextualize chronological changes in daily life, from early Sumer (ca. 3500 BCE) to the fall of the Persian empire (ca. 330 BCE). We will cover many "firsts" of human civilization, such as the invention of the wheel, the first peace treaty, the first organized religion, first attempts at explaining the origin of the world, and the development of the first writing systems.

1) CLST 306: Sciences in Ancient Greece and Rome

This course explores the beginnings of scientific inquiry in Ancient Greece and its development and codification under the Roman Empire. We will survey the earliest scientific thinking in Greece, moving from the beginnings of scientific thought in Greek myth to the birth of physics in Ancient Greece. We will also discuss ancient medicine, particularly the Hippocratic school in Greece and its legacy in Rome. The course ends with the study of animal behavior and animal mind, as well as biology in Greece and Rome, including discussions of the first glimmers of evolutionary thought in the Greek and Roman world and the conflict between science and religion in Classical Antiquity.

CHANGES TO THE POST-BACC CERTIFICATE

Candidates for the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate may now pick among three tracks, depending on the goals with which they are pursuing the Certificate:

- **Classical Studies:** The certificate will be awarded to students who successfully complete two semesters totaling 18 "target" credit-hours at the 300-level in both Classical languages with a GPA of 3.0 in the program: "target" study in these two semesters should include at least 6 credit-hours in 300-level ancient Greek author-courses and at least 6 credit-hours in 300-level Latin author-courses. Depending on the individual's plans and as approved by the Post-Baccalaureate Director, this coursework may be combined with up to 6 credit-hours 300-level CLST or other subject-area coursework appropriate to the individual's plans.
- **Ancient Greek:** The certificate will be awarded to students who successfully complete two semesters totaling 18 "target" credit-hours: "target" study in these two semesters should include at least 6 credit-hours at the 300-level in ancient Greek author-courses, 3 credit-hours GREK 303, Greek Composition, 3 credit-hours Directed Study, and 6 credit-hours 300-level CLST or other subject-area coursework appropriate to the individual's plans, all as approved by the Post-Baccalaureate Director.
- **Latin:** The certificate will be awarded to students who successfully complete two semesters totaling 18 "target" credit-hours: "target" study in these two semesters should include at least 6 credit-hours at the 300-level in Latin author-courses, 3 credit-hours LATN 303, Latin Composition, 3 credit-hours Directed Study, and 6 credit-hours 300-level CLST or other subject-area coursework appropriate to the individual's plans, all as approved by the Post-Baccalaureate Director.



Eta Sigma Phi initiates are sworn in at a ceremony on March 1st

CONVOCAION AWARD WINNERS

2023 O’Connell Key for Classical Civilization

Vern Abraham

2023 Abel Key for Ancient Greek

Campbell Rosener

2023 Mertz Key for Latin

Claire Calhoun

2023 SCS Certificate

Mia-Rose Fasciana

2023 CAMWS Certificate

Jazmyn Morris

2023 ICC Certificate

Benjamin Bowen

2023 Leland Lontoc Traveling Scholarship

Gabi Rant

2023 Fr. Pendergast Memorial Scholarship

Daniel Runty

Matthew McKenna

2023 Excellence in Classical Studies Scholarship

Campbell Rosener

2023 Fr. Matt Creighton, S.J., Undergraduate Essay Contest, First Prize

Campbell Rosener, “Two Viewpoints on Imperial Augustan Imagery: The Ara Pacis Augustae and the Ara Gentis Augustae in Conversation (or not),” for CLST 207 (Dr. Betello, JFRC)

2023 Fr. Matt Creighton, S.J., Undergraduate Essay Contest, Second Prize

Katrina Hainline, “Coming, Going, and Staying Put: Processional Images in the Times of Augustus and Domitian,” for CLST 207 (Dr. Betello, JFRC)

2023 Ed Menes Translation Contests

Greek: Campbell Rosener

Honorable mention: Sofia Stefanis

Latin: Campbell Rosener

NEW INITIATES

Vern Abraham

Jannah Ahmed

Claire Calhoun

Ainsley King

Melina Lopez

Julian McCoy

Matthew McKenna

Jazmyn Morris

Dan Sanders

Mark Semisch

Morty Skafish

Sophie Smith

Danny Tabet

Denton Wilkinson

TEAM WORK!

The faculty of the Classical Studies Department won the Loyola University Faculty Trivia crown for the second year in a row! See their trophy below!



FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to Dr. Leanna Boychenko, who was promoted to associate professor!

AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Laura Gawlinski won a Summer Stipend award to work on a project on the archaeology of Greek dress in the Athenian Agora in summer 2022.

Dr. Richard Hutchins published two articles in the past year: "Animals as Individual in Anyte of Tegea," for the journal *Helios*, and "Feeling Like a Species: the Environmental Future in Lucretius," for an edited volume entitled *Anticipatory Environmental Histories: Narratives of Coming Nature(s) from Antiquity to the Anthropocene*.

Dr. James Townshend's article, "'Shut Up! You Can't Even Read Latin!' Ancient Greek and Roman Material in Natsume Sōseki's *I am a Cat*," was accepted for publication by the *International Journal of the Classical Tradition*.

TALKS AND CONFERENCES

Classical Studies faculty were busy this year!

Dr. Boychenko gave four talks, including one at the annual SCS meeting.

Dr. Hutchins gave a paper at a conference in honor of the philosopher Michael Serres in Dresden, Germany.

Dr. Long gave papers at two conferences, including one at the Comparative Drama Conference.

Dr. Gawlinski co-organized an international conference in Athens at the American School of Classical Studies in summer 2022, entitled "New Perspectives in Greek Archaeology: A Celebration in Honor of John Camp from his Students at the Athenian Agora." She also gave an invited talk at a conference on Ancient Greek Law in Münster, Germany.

Dr. Finn gave invited lectures at the University of Texas-Austin and Stanford University.

STUDENT NEWS

In March, the department funded several students to attend the Eta Sigma Phi convention at Monmouth College in Monmouth, IL. The students, together with Dr. Graham-Skoul, attended lectures, workshops, and other Classically-themed events over the course of the weekend.

The Classics Club also remained very active this year, including a trip to the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago!



STUDENT AND ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to Mia Wang (post-bacc '22-'23), who has been accepted into the MAPH program at the University of Chicago!

Congratulations to Mia-Rose Fasciana (BA '23), who has been accepted to the post-bacc program for Latin and Greek at the University of Pennsylvania!

Congratulations to Campbell Rosener, who finished her year in Rome as a Ricci scholar, working on a project entitled "The Latin Script in Vietnam." Campbell was also initiated into

Phi Beta Kappa this year!

Congratulations to alum Brian Fitzpatrick (BA '92), who is a new member of the board of trustees at Loyola.

Congratulations to alum Matt Gallagher (BA '19), who received the Staff Member of the Year Award for his work in the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing at Loyola.

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Thank you for your support
of Loyola's Classical Stud-
ies Department!

With best wishes,

Dr. Jenn Finn

Associate Professor and
Chair

CLASSICAL STUDIES EVENTS

This year, the Classical Studies Department sponsored or hosted several exciting events:

In October, the department co-hosted with English, Modern Languages and Literatures, and the Honors Program the second iteration of "Scary Stories Near and Far," a Halloween-themed event that was once again well attended by students from across the university.

In November, Dr. Townshend and Dr. Hutchins organized and hosted the annual Greater Chicago Area Workshop for Junior Faculty in the Classics in the department.

In February, the department hosted Dr. Debbie Felton (UMass-Amherst), who gave our annual Callahan lecture. The riveting talk was entitled "Serial Killers in Ancient Myth and History," and the lecture room was full!

In March, the department co-sponsored a performance of Sophocles' *Electra* by the Reading Greek Tragedy Online project. The performance was directed by Paul O'Mahony and took place at UIC.

