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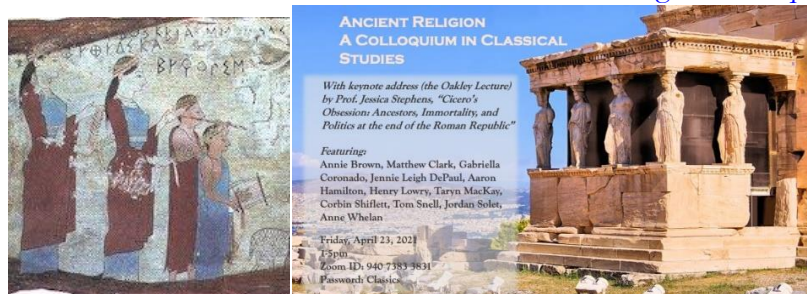
Greetings from (virtual) **Boswell Hall!**



As we emerge into the light from our pandemic *katabasis*, we hope that you and yours are healthy and thriving. Despite restrictions, and a very quiet, compressed Fall term (with no break and no visiting lectures), Spring term was robust. We hosted two virtual AIA talks (Hillary Becker, SUNY Binghamton: “Shopping for Artists’ Material in Ancient Rome: Pigment Shops, Pigments, and Product Choice; and Rebecca Flemming, University of Cambridge: “Anatomy as Religion: The Body in Ancient Italian Votive Practice”) and a Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar: Peter Meineck (New York University) whose public talk was entitled, “Citizen-Soldiers and Warrior Poets: Ancient Greeks, Modern Veterans and Drama of Democracy.” Professor Meineck also visited with three of our classes.

The fourth annual **Classical Studies Colloquium** took place online (via Zoom) on April 23, featuring the research of eleven graduating seniors under the broad rubric of “Ancient Religion.” The colloquium was capped by a keynote “Oakley Lecture” from our very own Dr. Stephens, “Cicero's Obsession: Ancestors, Immortality, and Politics at the End of the Roman Republic” The talks were well received and the discussion periods at the end of each session were lively. See the full program here:

<https://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/news/ancient-religion-colloquium.php>



Faculty News



We congratulate our colleague Professor Molly Swetnam-Burland who was awarded with a Collegiate Teaching Award from the Society for Classical Studies (SCS), the most prestigious teaching award for Classical Studies professors in North America. Well-deserved, indeed!



We also congratulate our colleague Jessica Paga, who is now **Associate Professor Paga** (with tenure). Her well-earned promotion makes our department stronger and is a gift to all our students.

Another Classics Fan



We would also like to crow that, during his virtual visit to William and Mary, Dr. Anthony Fauci waxed poetical about his training in the Classics (philosophy, Greek, Latin) which "prepared me (for my current work) as much if not more than my scientific training... I had a very unusual course in pre-med. It had an interesting name that is sort of oxymoronic. It was called Bachelor of Arts, Greek Classics dash pre-med. ... Understanding civilizations, understanding mankind, understanding a variety of aspects about the humanities was as important as the biology that got me to do the science... I took a lot of philosophy, Greek, Latin, Romance languages, and just enough science to get me into medical school. Understanding civilizations, understanding mankind, understanding a variety of aspects about the humanities was as important as the biology that got me to be able to do the science." (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HUCZ2NZg7s&t=2446s>)

2021 Graduation

Graduation was also a virtual ceremony. On May 21, we awarded fifteen diplomas and one post-baccalaureate certificate.



Antepenultimately, as always, we invite your news:

<https://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/alumni/sendnews/index.php>

Penultimately, we are as ever grateful for the continued financial support of our alumni:

<https://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/support/index.php>

And **ultimately**, we wish you and yours health, peace, and joy.

~From all of us in the Department of Classical Studies at W&M

~Georgia

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