The VCLA/UVM Annual Fall Newsletter 2012

NOTE: If you are reading this via email or attachment and know someone who might be interested, please forward this annual update on the activities of the Vermont Classical Languages Association and the UVM Department of Classics.

Latin Day will be APRIL 5, 2013; note that there will be no Latin Day Planning Meeting this year in December, as that business was handled at the VCLA meeting (see below for more details about Latin Day)

The VCLA Annual Meeting took place on Saturday, October 27th, 2012, at Middlebury College’s Center for Fine Arts. Tami Munford, President, went to great lengths to secure the venue at Middlebury (a first) and to fold both Middlebury faculty and St. Mike’s faculty and students into this year’s mix. Many thanks to Tami! Christopher Star (Associate Professor of Classics at Middlebury) gave an enlightening and exhilarating presentation on Seneca and Petronius from his new book, The Empire of the Self: Self-Command and Political Speech in Seneca and Petronius (Johns Hopkins University Press). An elegant lunch, courtesy of Middlebury College’s Classics department, and College Museum tours followed.

Present at this year’s meeting (in no particular order): Mary Redmond (Montpelier), Lydia Batten (BFA, St. Albans), Leanne Morton (CVU), Cliff Timpson (BFA, St. Albans), Nora Cartier (Burlington HS), Jessica Evans (UVM), Jacques Bailly (UVM), John Franklin (UVM), Robert Rodgers (UVM), Barbara Rodgers (UVM) and Mark Usher (UVM), Karyn Greene (UVM grad student), Becky Sahlin (UVM grad student), Erin Nass (UVM grad student), Deepti Menon (UVM grad student), Tami Munford (Hardwood Union HS), Ian Sutherland (Middlebury College), Meg Holland (Lamoille Union HS), Christine Heagy (Middlebury Union HS), Don Buck (Hanover HS, NH), Christopher Star (Middlebury College), Marc Witkin (Middlebury College) Carol Begley (St. Michael’s), Ron Begley (St. Michael’s) E. Ben Duff (St. Michael’s, 2012), Steven Zelobrowski (St. Michael’s 2013), Mary Ann Chaffee (Emerita, Essex High), Phil Ambrose (Emeritus, UVM), Pam Cunov (UVM Admin)

Business Meeting (Tami Munford, President, presiding):

The following officers were elected and/or reappointed:

President: Meg Holland
Vice President: Cliff Timpson
Treasurer: Norm McClure
Representative to CANE: Leanne Morton

Financial Report: In absentia, Treasurer Norm McClure reported a balance of $2,243.80 in the VCLA fiscus. He provided a very helpful handout/ledger indicating payments
made and deposits received. Expenses were by and large prizes for T-shirt designs and CANE essay contest winners. It was noted with gratitude that Lydia Batten made a donation of materials costs to the VCLA coffers. It was also decided that all proceeds (and any losses/expenses) from the sale of Latin Day T-shirts would be split each year between the Kent Fund and VCLA. Dues for membership in VCLA are $10. If you have not paid your dues for the current year, please send them to Norm.

An additional reminder: the VCLA Directory of Members is available online at www.uvm.edu/~classics/VCLA/directory.html. Please send any changes, corrections or additions to this Directory to Pam Cunov, 802-656-3210, or email to Pamela.Cunov@uvm.edu (NOTE: current and correct email addresses are especially important to have for the VCLA e-distribution list; please notify Pam of any changes or updates.)

CANE News:

This year’s CANE meeting will take place March 15-16 at the University of Connecticut. The CANE Summer Institute 2013 will be held July 15-20, 2013 at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. The theme is “America’s Founding Fathers and the Classics of Greece and Rome” For further details about both events (including the call for papers), go directly to the new CANE webpage at www.caneweb.org/

The CANE Student Writing Contest: The topic for 2012-13 is “Kings and Tyrants, Senators and Citizens: Political Power in Myth and History.” See the CANE webpage for guidelines: www.caneweb.org. Note: Cash prizes of $50, $30, and $20 are awarded by the VCLA to the best three submissions from Vermont. Vermon ters have fared very well in this competition. Encourage your students to enter! The deadline for submission of entries is December 15. Please send submissions to Leanne Morton (CVU).

The 37th Annual Vermont Latin Day:

Date: April 5, 2013

Place: Patrick Gymnasium, UVM, Burlington

Theme: THE AENEID. Schools will choose from a list of 15 or so episodes covering all 12 books of Virgil’s Aeneid for their skit theme. The list of episodes will be sent out by email early in the New Year and episodes assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The Latin Day packet will follow by regular mail (and email) to participating schools soon thereafter. Probationes will include questions based on Aeneid-related readings—perhaps summaries/hypotheses of each book in Latin. Recitations will naturally be from the Aeneid as well.
We will be producing Latin Day T-shirts again this year. Each school can submit one design for the front and one design for the back. This means that schools/teachers will need to vet multiple student submissions ahead of time before forwarding on their finalists via e-mail attachment to Pam Cunov for distribution. Voting is open to 1) schools intending or committed to participating in Latin Day (whether or not they submit designs, and even if their teacher(s) are not members of the VCLA), with each school voting as a unit; and 2) any interested, dues-paying member of the VCLA (including UVM faculty). Each school and VCLA member should designate a first and second place design for both front and back (i.e., four votes in all). This simple system, proposed by Professor Ambrose at the VCLA meeting, lets schools put their own submission in first place while permitting an ultimate consensus. We will provide a vote-by-deadline in the email announcing the finalists with an attachment of the designs. School finalists in the design competition are due by December 15th. Please send artwork via high-resolution e-mail attachment (JPEG or PDF) to Pam (pcunov@uvm.edu). There will be prizes for the two winning designs at $100 each; runners-up will receive $50.

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In lieu of the usual summary of current activities of UVM faculty, I insert here a nice feature/profile of the Department that appeared in the October issue of UVM’s College of Arts and Sciences e-newsletter.

[www.uvm.edu/artsandsciences/?Page=enews/ClassicsProfile.htm](http://www.uvm.edu/artsandsciences/?Page=enews/ClassicsProfile.htm).

If you have difficulty opening the link, try copying and pasting the above address, or simply search for “Spotlight on the Classics Department” on the UVM website.

Wishing you all many happy returns,

Mark Usher
Associate Professor and Chair