

LGI NEWSLETTER 2017

BENEFIT

On September 27th, a benefit to raise money for scholarships to the LGI was held at the home of Professor John Van Sickle of Brooklyn College. Hors d'oeuvres were furnished by M.J. McNamara (G01), a chef as well as a Ph.D. student in classics at The Graduate Center. She explained her choices of food and how she tried to approximate the ingredients the Romans used. Dr. Alex Conison, the Brand Manager of Josh Cellars at Deutsch Family Wine & Spirits, did his Ph. D. dissertation on Roman wine and supplied the wine and explained how it compared with the wines the Romans drank. There was a mixture of classicists and non-classicists and conversations flowed till late in the evening. It was a most successful event.

Earlier in the year, we held a different event for the same purpose. This was a lecture in lower Manhattan followed by a reception. The speaker was Joy Connolly, Provost and Professor of Classics at The CUNY Graduate Center. Her topic was, "Why Autocracy Appeals: Lessons from Roman Epic," a timely reflection on the lessons that Lucan's *Pharsalia* offers to our current political situation. About forty people attended.

UBI SUNT?

As a result of mailing out invitations to the Benefit, we found that over one hundred of our alumni are no longer at the addresses we had for them. If you know how to reach any of these people, please let us know.

Jonathan Abraham (L87)
Joseph Angel (G02)
Gabriel Bell (G82)
Bradley Bloch (G82)
Johanna Blokker (L2000)

Kevin Breslin (L73)
Thomas Bruno (G95)
Amy Bush (G93)
Rowland Butler (L87)
Jeffrey Cassvan (L92)
Donovan Chaney (G99)
Amy Cooper (G12)
Susan Crane (L97)
Michael Degener (G84)
Nicholas de Peyster (G85)
Jeanne Detch (G93)
Joan Esposito (G86)
Michael Esposito (G08)
Isabel Farias (G12)
Alison Fields (L07)
Jeff Fletcher (L88)
Thomas Frei (G83)
Robert Frumkin (L82)
John Fulco (L75)
Peggy Fuller (L85)
Robert Gabriele (G12)
John Gedrick (L90)
Richard Giambrone (G81, L82)
Zuzana Giertlova (G11)
Theodora Glitsky (G82)
Joseph Giovanniello (L77)
Arielle Goldberg (G96)
Samuel Goldman (G02)
Susan Grabstein (L83)
Mathews Grant (L98)
Nancy Greenberg-Concool (L76)
Travis Haglock (G98)
Eldrid Herrington (L94)
Judy Hewitt (G85)
Bethany Holmstrom (G07)
Daniel Horan (L97)
David Horowitz (L04)
Abraham Howland (G05)
Blair Hoxby (L92)

Xinyi Huang (L15)
Alan Itkin (L03)
Henryk Jaronowski (G02)
Lyn Kent (L83)
Deborah Krohn (L85)
Mitchell Kronenberg (L74)
Mark Kuczewski (G87)
Sheridan Lambert (G94)
Jennifer Kingsley (L01)
John Knapp (L80)
Steven Lee (G97, L05)
Abraham Levy (G83)
Ariel Loftus (G78)
Antonia Lolardo (G96)
Lorre Luther (G96)
Susana Martinez (UG96)
Daniel McCarthy III (AG 82 & 83)
Patricia McCormack (G86)
John McConnell (L82)
Kevin McMahan (L82)
Amy Meselson (G94)
Maria Mejia (G10)
Elizabeth Moore (G84)
Kelly Moutsis (G89)
Bonnie Murphy (AL83)
Nicholas Naquin (L02)
Robert Nashak (L02)
Maureen O'Brien (G01)
Patrick J. O'Connor (L84, G87)
Charles Oliver (G82, AG83, L85)
Sheila Orth Weiss (G79)
John O'Sullivan (L78)
Henry Pickford (G89)
Gabriel Pihás (G89)
Shyama Rajendron (L10)
Caitlin Ramiro (G13)
Lynn Ress (L73)
James Robinson (G83)
Aviva Rothman (L02)
Jeffrey Ruth (L2000)
Michael Saman (G96)
Abigail Schade (G01)
Nancy Schaubert (G82)
Lana Schwebel (L93, G94)

Kristina Sessa (L93)
Sandy Skallerup (L77)
Sara Skomski Honig (AL81)
Elizabeth Smith (L96)
Helaine Smith (G01)
Nate Smith (L95)
Jennifer Snyder (L06)
Rachel Sotos (G95)
Gloria Stieglitz (L75)
James Stone (G04)
Jessie Theobald-Ellner (G04)
Amram Trapper (L94)
Rosemary Twomey (G09)
Michael Vogel (G87)
Charis Walikonis (L04)
Lee Webb (L03)
Chelsea Wilfong (G12)
Elizabeth Wright (L04)
Omar Ziyal (L09)

LGI at the S.C.S.

Some of our friends presented papers at the January meeting of the Society for Classical Studies.

Scott Arcenas organized and gave an introduction to a session, *Stasis* and Reconciliation in Ancient Greece: New Approaches and Evidence. He also gave a paper, *What Was Stasis? Ancient Usage and Modern Constructs.*

Bill Beck, *Time in the Scholia to the Iliad*

Nick Cross, *Silver Coinage, Sovereignty, and Symmachia: Byzantium and Athens in the Fourth Century B.C.*

Kathy L. Gaca, *Thucydides on Coercive Martial Manliness, Virtue, and Rape*

Mary-Kay Gamel, *Re-reading Ovid's Rapes*

Sebastian Heath, *Demonstration 3: Make Your Own 3D Models*

Charles Kuper, Book IV of the *Dialogues* attributed to Gregory the Great as a commentary on *Ecclesiastes* 9

Fred Naiden, Rehistoricizing Greek Religion

Mark Payne gave the response to the session, Animal Encounters in Classical Philosophy and Literature.

Jonathan L. Ready, Odysseus and the Suitors' Relatives

Jamie Romm was one of the organizers of a session, Translating Greek Tragedy: Some Practical Suggestions. He also gave a paper, Representing Greek Meter.

Michele Salzman presided over the session, Spectacle and Authority.

Benjamin Sammons, The World's Last Son: Telegonus and the Space of the *Epigone*

Amit Shilo moderated a roundtable discussion section: Classical and Social Justice. He also gave the response to the panel, Ritual and Magic.

David Sider organized a session, The Villa dei Papiri: Then and Now.

Georgios Tsolakis, Epigraphical Evidence for Sovereign Lending in Classical Athens

Michael Tueller, The Voice and Mind of the Stone: Social Presence Theory, Artificial Intelligence, and Inscribed Epigram

Jeff Ulrich, Horace's Island of the Blessed: A Lyric Evaluation of a Pastoral Idea

Advertized at the meetings were books of three of our friends: *Lingua Latina: A companion to Familia Romana* by **Jeanne Marie Neumann** and *Lingua Latina: A Companion to Roma Aeterna*, published by Hackett Publishing, *The Mythological and Secular Centos in Antiquity*, by **Scott McGill**, published by Oxford University Press, and *Hellenistic Poetry A Selection*, edited

by **David Sider** and published by the University of Michigan Press.

RITA'S DIGEST

Ehsan Ahmed (AL84) is a professor of French at Michigan State University. He says that Latin is his tonic. "For the past several years I awake to the exquisite stillness before dawn to study Latin trying to keep up with the third or fourth year. It is a way of life."

Timothy Barr (L17) is currently reading Melanchthon and Linacre's translations of Galen in his studies in London.

Mason Barto (UL16, UG17) won a Lane Cooper Fellowship from CUNY. It awards \$16,000 that Mason says will help him to study at Heidelberg for a Master's in classical studies. The fellowship is awarded by the CUNY Academy for Humanities and Sciences to a CUNY student of superior character, attainments, and promise. It is meant for a student who aspires to become a college or university professor of the humanities.

Bill Beck (G08) is currently the Edward Capps Advanced Fellow at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, where he is completing volume 1 of a translation of the scholia vetera to the *Iliad* (under contract with Cambridge University Press). He began this project as a Fulbright scholar. Next year, he'll return to U. Penn to complete his dissertation on the *Iliad*.

Roland Betancourt (G09) is an assistant professor of art history at UC Irvine and was on leave last year at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. His first book, which will be published by Cambridge in the Spring, is a reevaluation of Greek ancient and medieval theories of vision.

Bill Burton (G89) was blown down by a gust of wind in hurricane Irma in September. He survived by holding onto a pillar till it was safe to get up and get inside. He'd gone outside to photograph a fallen tree! He worked on the cleanup after the storm. His book proposal was accepted by Ave Maria Press of Notre Dame University. It will involve two volumes. The completed draft is due at the beginning of 2018. In June, he was elected by the friars in St. Louis to be "provincial definitor" (councilor to the provincial). It's a three-year term that will involve traveling.

Gerry Cahill (G97, L98, UL2000) and his wife announce the birth of Belinda Muthoni Cahill, known as Belle. She arrived on October 25th.

Anthony Carreras (L08) teaches philosophy at Lone Star College-Kingwood, a community college in Houston. He's also senate president and chair of the philosophy department. He's married with two daughters. They survived the hurricane, but the college was hit badly. Seven of ten buildings will be out of commission until the Spring semester (ten million dollars in damages). Most of the fall classes are on line and two satellite centers and some leased space are being used for face-to-face classes.

Yung In Chae (G12) is an M.Phil. student in classics at the University of Cambridge on a Gates Cambridge Scholarship.

Anna Marie Clifton (L09) is a product manager at Microsoft in San Francisco, helping designers and engineers get the best features to new users. She and her roommate go over half a unit from the Latin book every Saturday in preparation for reading Lucretius.

Jonathan Correa (L16) is pursuing doctoral studies in comparative literature at Penn State and is keeping up his Latin.

Jonathan Cottrell (L10) received his Ph.D. in philosophy from N.Y.U. in 2012 where he taught

in the philosophy department for the next year. In Fall 2013, he became an assistant professor at Wayne State in Detroit. He married his "long-suffering girlfriend" in 2015. He'll be up for tenure next year and has published articles in *The Philosophical Review*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, and *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* and has done book reviews, encyclopedia articles and a book chapter on Hume's philosophy.

Nick Cross (L12) received his Ph.D. from The CUNY Graduate Center and is now a lecturer and coordinator of classics at Queens College.

Dennis Curry (Faculty) retired from the State Department after nearly 31 years (mandatory retirement at 65) and applied for teaching positions in Latin and Greek for 2017.

Sheila Dillon (G91) was Editor-in Chief of the *American Journal of Archaeology* from 2013 to 2016. She is Chair and Professor of Art, Art History and Visual Studies at Duke.

Toan Do (G06) is a postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry (within the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy) at the Australian Catholic University. He is associate editor and board member of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

Alison Fields (L07) began pursuing biodynamic farming a year and a half ago. She's currently farming vegetables, flowers, and medicinal herbs at Rudolph Steiner College in California.

Alan Fishbone's (G85, L87, Faculty) book, *Organ Grinder*, was published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in April. A reading launch event was held on Monday, April 17th in New York.

Casey Genin (L06) received his Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon. He was in a joint program of computer science, mathematics, and philosophy. His father, **Joseph Sadove** (L 80, G81), said that Casey is involved with figuring

out the epistemology of statistical analysis— what is valid about its applications and how you can prove it.

Collin Hilton (G10, L11) is a Ph.D. student at Bryn Mawr and taught a class in Herodotus in the Spring. He is working on a dissertation on Plutarch's philosophical dialogues and Platonic commentary. He has presented papers on Lucretius too.

Sabrina Janesick (L11) is working for the Santa Monica (CA) library while looking for a position teaching Latin and Greek. She got her Master's in classics a few years ago.

Demetrios Katos (L94) is Dean of Hellenic College in Massachusetts as well as Professor of Religious Studies.

Athena Kirk (G2000, UL02, Faculty) and her husband had a baby on December 9, 2016, Elizabeth (Elsa) Maria, who weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Bryant Kirkland (G04) has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Classics at UCLA.

Jessica Lee (G10, UL11, Staff) won a company award in the Spring. She and her husband went to Greece in July and visited Athens, Delos, Delphi, and some other places.

Mary Lekousi Papoutsy (L85) finished two Bachelor's degrees and a Master's in Greek and Latin at Rutgers some time ago. In Fall 2016, she received an invitation to submit a proposal for a research doctorate at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Her dissertation topic will be a financial study of a Greek village in the Late Ottoman Empire "falling, interestingly enough within the School of Theology because the main body of records will be ecclesiastical. The archival material uncovered in this small Aegean village may very well change the way historians view provincial

history of the Empire." Mary and her husband have started endowment funds for several educational programs, the first an endowed chair in ethics at Southern New Hampshire University, the second a Lecture Series at the University of New Hampshire. She is convinced that "the Classics will only endure if former Classics students get involved and help actively to raise funds for teaching positions and programs."

Jeff Litwin (L78) continues to teach Transcendental Meditation and has been helping veterans with P.T.S.D. **Karen** (L78) volunteered for the Democratic party hoping to change the NC Governor and Legislature. "It is hard to believe that we are in our sixties now, and yet it feels like only yesterday, we were in New York studying Latin! Thank you for those memories!"

Bradley Maleh (UL16) read 250 lines of the *Aeneid* a week for three months after he left the Institute and for a while met a fellow Institute student on line once a week to go over the lines. Bradley continued on his own through December and finished Books 1-5. In the fall of 2016, he audited a Greek course in which they read *Lysistrata*. This Spring, he took a class on Attic Orators in Greek, a class on Cicero and one on Ovid/Catullus. There was no time for reading on his own as he was auditing these classes plus others in translation. He resumed the *Aeneid* on his own this summer.

Sarah Marks Linder (L86) and her husband have four grown children. The eldest has a degree in computer science and his first job, one is a college junior, another a college sophomore finishing a J-term in Tanzania, and the youngest is a high school senior.

Elizabeth McNamara (UG15, UL16) participated for the fourth time in a Greek play (*Trachiniae*) presented by Barnard College. She began as a

student at Barnard in the Fall, having been graduated from high school in June.

Barbara Morrow (G92, UG96) is no longer teaching, but she's in a New York City reading group studying ancient Greek texts. In the past year, they've read selections of Herodotus and the entire *Birds* of Aristophanes. The group started as Swarthmore alumni/ae, but have branched out. They now have five members and work with professors in the area.

Geoff Moseley (Faculty) is a visiting faculty member at Ohio State University in Arabic.

Jun Nakamura (L16) is a Ph. D. student in the History of Art at Michigan. He audited an intermediate/upper level Latin class both in the Fall and Spring.

Scott O'Connor (G07) received his doctorate in 2013 and is now a member of the philosophy department at New Jersey City University. As of November 15th, he has a two-week old newborn occupying his attention.

Joanna Oh (G11) is now in her second year at Berkeley.

Alice Phillips Walden (G03, L06, UG07, Faculty) and her husband announced the birth of their daughter Clarissa Vered Phillips Walden who was born at noon on January 2nd.

Michael Rand (G97) is a member of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Cambridge.

Cyrus Reza (G16) was exploring classics at Stanford. In Fall 2016, he took an advanced Greek course in Thucydides and in the Spring, he took Greek tragedy in translation, Marine Archaeology of the Mediterranean, and the advanced Greek course on Plato. He found them all great.

Ronnie Rombs (L94, G95, UL2000, Faculty) is chair of the theology department at the

University of Dallas and runs a summer program in Rome and Greece. His wife **Kathryn (Kreiling)** (L96) teaches part-time in the philosophy department.

Raoul Rosenberg (L81) says "after the Institute I got involved in political organizing in New York and helped found Physicians for Social Responsibility in New York and then became Executive Director of the Nuclear Freeze Campaign. . . .I went to Washington, DC where I was the National Policy Director for Physicians for Social Responsibility. And then I worked for a few years as the spokesman for a Congressional Committee. With my 30th birthday coming up I realized I didn't want to be a nuclear policy analyst or Congressional staffer for the rest of my life. I took a big turn, and went to USC Graduate School of Cinema out in Los Angeles. . . .We ended up living for 18 years in L.A. where we had two wonderful boys." He was primarily an editor and won a couple of Emmys for his editing a show called Starting Over. They came East and Raoul edited and co-produced documentaries for Frontline and Nova and PBS. He is currently teaching history in a prestigious private school in Manhattan.

Naomi Rood (L92) is an associate professor of classics at Colgate University.

Rachel Ruisard (L16) and **Alex McAdams** (L16) "traipsed around Italy this summer for five weeks with the Paideia Institute, speaking and reading an incredible amount of Latin."

Emily Rush (G99) is Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics at Miami University of Ohio.

Angelica Russell-Johnson (L16) spent the Fall semester of 2016 in Hyderabad, India studying the literature of the South Asian diaspora. After the Institute, she did a directed reading course on Nepos' historical account of Hamilcar. This past summer, she interned in the Office of Institutional Affairs at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

Cathleen Schine (L75) spoke at Hunter College in April at a book signing and reception. She was described as “internationally best-selling author of *The Love Letter* which was made into a movie. Her essay Dog Trouble was included in *The Best American Essays of 2005.*”

Harrison Schwarzer (G09) got his B.S. in physics and math and an M.S. in data analytics. He continues to play frisbee and has had more than four surgeries as a result (leg, ankle, arm).

Christian Saenze, S.J. (L07) was ordained on December 10th in Miami.

Darrell Smith got his Ph.D. in English literature from Duke in the Spring.

John Tomarchio (L87, G88) is still teaching at St. John’s in Annapolis. He’s been there since 2001.

Patty Woehling (L84) won a commendation in the Hippocrates Prize for Poetry and Medicine. The award ceremony was held at the Harvard Medical School. The Hippocrates Initiative for Poetry and Medicine gave the following information about Patty, “She’s been a finalist in the U.S., Scotland and England. Her sonnets have been published in First Things and America.”

Mark Woldin (G83, L84) lives in the Basque Country of Northern Spain. He has mountaineered in Alaska (in the Black Rapids Glacier and in Denali). He visited Aconcagua in the Andes but spent most of his time at base camp, according to his blog.

Elizabeth Wright (L04) and her husband are parents of Gregory Victor born January 18th at 1:52 a.m. He was 7 pounds 3 ounces and 19.75 inches long.

Pamela Zinn (L03, G05) has a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Classics at Texas Tech University. She will be the Latin verse specialist.

GIFT IDEAS

At this time of year, when so many people are thinking of what presents to give, here’s a suggestion. A tax-free donation to the Latin/Greek Institute in any amount is always in good taste. For each donation, the recipient is sent a letter stating that you have made a donation in his/her honor. (The amount of the gift is not given.) Donations make a thoughtful gift for any occasion—birthday, anniversary, graduation, confirmation, or holiday and you don’t have to worry about size or color.

Checks should be made payable to Graduate Center Foundation, with Latin/Greek Institute written on the memo line and sent to Latin/Greek Institute, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

You can then feel good knowing that you’ve done a good deed for the Institute and solved your gift-giving at the same time.

Happy Holidays!