California Classical Association—Northern Section Fall 2016 Conference: Classics—Right Now!
by Richard Martin, CCA—North President

This year’s autumn conference of the CCA—North, to be held October 1 at Stanford University, poses the question: in our era of instantaneity, when “classic” describes anything more than five years old, how do we spark interest in ancient Greek and Roman culture? Four very different answers will examine ways in which new media, cognitive studies, popular culture, and combinations thereof can bring new audiences to the ancient past.

Sarah Harrell (Bentley School) will offer the perfect backgrounder for next June’s blockbuster movie release in her paper “Wonder Woman: An Amazon for the 21st Century.” In addition to pondering the social and political reasons for the resurgence of Amazon stories, evident in the recent attention given a 1940s comic-book heroine, Dr. Harrell will also share her experiences in designing a related “mini-term” course at her school, using a model that could be extended to larger courses on Classical mythology or civilization.

Bárbara Alvarez Rodríguez (Stanford University) turns from heroic fantasy to the grim realities of contemporary wars and war-crimes in her paper “The Many Faces of Violence.” As Classicists—and as human beings—how do we “read” such images as the horrific photos that emerged from the prison at Abu Ghraib? What do they convey about the psychological aspects of warfare? Finally, how do we explain the disturbing similarity between these pictures and the descriptions depicted in the Iliad of Homer?

Scott Roos (Stuart Hall and Convent School) will report on some of the latest educational and technical research in “Cognition Theory and the Latin Classroom.” Practical applications for Latin instruction can be discovered in areas like Human Cognitive Architecture and Cognitive Load Theory. Scott will also examine visual organizers and concept maps by means of examples that he has created to aid classroom teaching. And we’ll hear from him concerning ways to encourage the valuable practice of “self-explanation” in language teaching.

Stephen Sansom (Stanford University) will bring together the popular, the technical, and the age-old practice of textual study in his talk “Kanye and the Scholiasts: Annotation in the Digital Age.” He’ll share with us promising technological advances that make a real difference in Classics classrooms, focusing on three online annotation platforms (Genius.com, Hypothes.is, and Google Docs). Moving beyond the digital, Stephen will also ponder the pedagogical and hermeneutic questions that such technological tools raise for teachers and for all interpreters of ancient texts.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
ALESHIRE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GREEK EPIGRAPHY
CHRISTIAN MAREK
“God or ruler cult? A New Hymn at the Hekatomnid Tomb of Mylasa”
5-7 p.m., 3335 Dwinelle Hall
aleshire.berkeley.edu

Saturday, September 24, 2016
ANCIENT ART COUNCIL
FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO
CAROL REDMOUNT
“Invisible Cities: Urban Environments in Ancient Egypt”
2 p.m., Florence Gould Theater, Legion of Honor
100 – 34th Avenue (at Clement), Lincoln Park, San Francisco
www.ancientartcouncil.org

Wednesday, October 5, 2016
JONATHAN LEAR
Title TBA
5 p.m., location TBA
University of California, Berkeley
classics.berkeley.edu

Tuesday, October 11, 2016
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
TONIO HOELSCHER
Title TBA
7 p.m., location TBA
University of California, Berkeley
classics.berkeley.edu

Saturday, October 29, 2016
ANCIENT ART COUNCIL
FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO
A LECTURE IN MEMORIAM OF J. K. ANDERSON
CHRISTOPHER HALLETT
“Ancient Bronzes as Art Objects: Roman Collectors and ‘Corinthian Bronzes’”
2 p.m., Florence Gould Theater, Legion of Honor
100 – 34th Avenue (at Clement), Lincoln Park, San Francisco
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Wednesday, November 2, 2016
BROOKE HOLMES
Title TBA
5 p.m., location TBA
University of California, Berkeley
classics.berkeley.edu

Saturday, November 5, 2016
ANCIENT ART COUNCIL
FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO
RITA LUCARELLI
“The Inhabitants of the Netherworld: Tracking Demons in Ancient Egyptian Mortuary Papyri and Coffins”
2 p.m., Florence Gould Theater, Legion of Honor
100 – 34th Avenue (at Clement), Lincoln Park, San Francisco
www.ancientartcouncil.org

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
IRVING FINKEL
“The Ark Before Noah”
7 p.m., location TBA
University of California, Berkeley
classics.berkeley.edu

Friday, November 11, 2016
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
IRVING FINKEL
“The Ark Before Noah”
Time and place TBA
Stanford University
classics.stanford.edu
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Saturday, November 12, 2016
JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
LUDI NOVEMBRES
An event for grade 6-12 students of Latin and Classics.
Miramonte High School,
750 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA
www.cajcl.org

Saturday, December 3, 2016
ANCIENT ART COUNCIL
FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO
ALBERT LEONARD, JR.
“Growing up Bacchus: An Archaeological Look at a Wine-God’s Early Years”
2 p.m., Florence Gould Theater, Legion of Honor
100 – 34th Avenue (at Clement),
Lincoln Park, San Francisco
www.ancientartcouncil.org

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
ANN AUSTIN
“Embodying the Goddess: Revealing the Practice of Tattooing in Ancient Egypt”
7 p.m., location TBA
University of California, Berkeley
classics.berkeley.edu

Wednesday, April 18, 2017
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
KRISTIAN L. LORENZO
“Early Hellenistic Royal Ideology in the MarineThiasos of the Neorion on Delos”
7 p.m., location TBA
University of California, Berkeley
classics.berkeley.edu

Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, 2017
JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION
An event for grade 6-12 students of Latin and Classics.
Saint Ignatius College Preparatory,
San Francisco, CA
www.cajcl.org

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CCA—North Treasury Report
by John Rundin—newsletter editor

As of June 1, 2016, the CCA—North had $7985.99 in its Wells-Fargo checking account, $744.21 in its savings account, and $344.61 in its PayPal account.

Since June 1, we have taken in $60.00 in membership fees and expended $38.85 for our Yahoo Small Business account.

The CCA—North Spring 2016 Conference
by Richard Martin, CCA—North President

Katniss Everdeen of The Hunger Games is only the latest in a long line of warrior women whom Western culture has made famous—at least in fantasy. The Amazons known to us from ancient Greek art and literature are the foremothers of the fighting female—but were they merely fictions?

Adrienne Mayor, a Research Scholar at Stanford University, thinks not. Her delightful illustrated talk was the centerpiece of our CCA—North Spring meeting on May 24. Drawing on the research for her recent book The Amazons: Lives and Legends of Warrior Women & Scorpions Bombs, to the biography of an ancient toxicologist (The Poison King: The Life and Legend of Mithradates, Rome’s Deadliest Enemy), to “fossil legends” that circulated in Greece, Rome, and the New World. The new format for this year’s Spring meeting (a weekday evening talk, with pizza and wine included, at Mozzarella di Bufala restaurant in San Francisco) gave us all the opportunity to question her at length in the comfortable setting of an amiable and erudite symposium.

What is more, as Adrienne pointed out, there are amazing similarities between the excavated clothing, weaponry, and battle-gear and the many depictions of Amazons on Greek vase paintings of the Classical period. From trouser-wearing to specific bow-shooting poses to the use of tattoos, the Amazons of the Greek imaginary seem to match what has been found either in the ground, or, more recently, in the documented customs of nomadic people who still inhabit the steppes. Among the many fascinating images shared by Adrienne were photographs of current-day eagle-assisted hunters (men and women) that explain, at last, what had seemed like a random constellation of raptors, horse-riders, and running deer on ancient artworks.

Bringing us right up to the moment, Adrienne also pointed out the role of Kurdish women fighters in the ongoing conflict in Syria—the ultimate descendants of freedom-loving Amazons, in a way. Overall, the Amazons in her view offer a vision of a tough but egalitarian society that remains an object of fascination and desire.

Adrienne Mayor’s Amazon project drew on her expertise as a professional folklorist and historian of pre-scientific traditions. She has written on topics ranging from the origins of biological weapons (Greek Fire, Poison Arrows & Scorpion Bombs), to the biography of an ancient toxicologist (The Poison King: The Life and Legend of Mithradates, Rome’s Deadliest Enemy), to “fossil legends” that circulated in Greece, Rome, and the New World. The Sixty-Ninth Annual Institute of the American Classical League
by John Klopaetz, CCA—North Board Member

Where can you participate in a workshop led by the 2016 National Foreign Language Teacher of the year, find out about the latest materials for pre-K ancient Greek (no, I am not making this up) or receive expert coaching in the “challenge areas” of the AP Latin syllabus? I trust you answered, “At an ACL Annual Institute, of course.”

From June 25 through 28, I attended the 2016 Institute at the University of Texas, Austin. This year’s Institute
attracted the largest number ever of first-time attendees, many of whom were able to make use of an ACL scholarship (tinyurl.com/aclscholarships). I was delighted to discover that some of the younger teachers were the former students of teachers also in attendance this year. Five long-time classics teachers were present with a classics teacher and Professor Karl Galinsky. Merita classics undergraduates and Professor Karl Galinsky were warmly welcomed to campus by University of Texas classics undergraduates and Professor Karl Galinsky. Merita classics undergraduates and Professor Karl Galinsky were warmly welcomed to campus by University of Texas (tinyurl.com/whatclassicsprofscan). Workshops and sessions focused on integrating the Common Core to classics, surviving and thriving as a solo Latin or Greek teacher, harnessing the power of one-to-one technology in the classics classroom, and encouraging all modes of communication in our language classrooms. Among the Latin authors discussed were Caesar, Vergil, Horace, Varro, Eutropius, Ovid, Petronius, and Lucretius. Several sessions were devoted to encouraging the study of Greek at all levels. The draft of the revised Standards for Classical Language Learning, a joint ACL-SCS project, was presented at a plenary session and is available for comments until September 15 (tinyurl.com/langstand). The complete program is available at tinyurl.com/aclprog2016.

In addition to attending sessions and engaging in many informal conversations with old and new colleagues, I represented CCA—North along with board member Dobbie Vasquez at the meeting of the ACL National Council. While this Institute was the 69th, the organization itself is older and will soon celebrate its centenary in 2019. Several of the reports and proposals concerned moves to consolidate and move forward the work of ACL. The board has retained a development consultant to work on raising visibility and membership participation. A new and more easy to navigate website is currently in the works.

Yes, everything is bigger in Texas. One of our California Latin teachers, who was wearing her FitBit, logged in ten miles moving from session to session. Tex-Mex cuisine is delicious and I will gladly supply some suggestions for dining out in Austin, if asked. The staff at our meeting venues and hotels was universally helpful and polite. We were warmly welcomed to campus by University of Texas classics undergraduates and Professor Karl Galinsky. Merita and meritus awards were bestowed upon two of our Texas colleagues, Rose Williams and Gaylan DuBose at the concluding banquet, the tastiest in my memory. With all this said, dis gratias, for whoever invented air conditioning!

If you are not a member of ACL, I urge you to join now, and if you have never attended an ACL Institute, I encourage you to consider it. Many of our schools have staff development or travel funds that go unused. I encourage you to apply for an ACL scholarship or CCA—North grant-in-aid (ccanorth.org). It’s not too early to think about the 70th Institute at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 28 – July 1, 2017.

California JCLers Become Hoosiers for a Week

by Dobbie Vasquez, CCA—North Secretary, National Junior Classical League Communications Coordinator

From July 24 to 30, some 1200 students and 350 SCLers (university students), teachers, and parents gathered at Indiana University in Bloomington for the 63rd National Junior Classical League Convention. California was there, of course, with some 31 students, 3 SCLers, and 7 teachers to compete with friends from 36 other states plus Ontario in everything from academic contests, to sports, graphic arts, creative arts, certamen, and the performing arts. Of the 13 schools from California, Harker, Kehillah, Menlo, Miramonte, and St. Ignatius were from the north. This was the first time that St. Ignatius students had come to convention and also the first national convention for teacher Matt Davis from Miramonte, who was awarded the Miller Fellowship to attend.

Kyle Smith-Laird receives silver bowl while Martha Altieri (right) watches on.

Among the adults, the big news was that Kyle Smith-Laird from the Meadows School in southern California received his silver bowl for 20 years of attending national conventions. His presenters were none other than CJCL...
State Chair Martha Altieri (a former silver bowl recipient) and Sherwin Little, Mr. JCL himself! This was the first time that many of us heard that Kyle is published in both French and English and is working on the fifth draft of his first historical novel. Look out, Steven Saylor!

As always, it was a great week. The students who attend nationals are the best. They really don't need chaperones at all. They study and play hard and show up on time for assemblies and fellowships (which usually finish after midnight). We used to joke that the top certamen teams studied on their way home from convention for the next year, but, in the course of my conversations that week, I found out that it was true. As Randy Fields from Georgia said of his years as a student from Tennessee, “We wanted to be the best, and taking all the academic tests on the bus on the way home was the beginning of the journey.” These students flock to workshops and colloquia and listen attentively to the constitutional amendments and the candidates’ speeches. They cheer themselves hoarse before assembly every day, and they give standing ovations to contest winners, both students and adults, as if these people were their own family. When other JCLers perform in That’s Entertainment, they listen in rapt silence or they clap to the music or sway with the audience at all. They study and play hard and show up on time for assemblies and fellowships (which usually finish after midnight). We used to joke that the top certamen teams studied on their way home from convention for the next year, but, in the course of my conversations that week, I found out that it was true. As Randy Fields from Georgia said of his years as a student from Tennessee, “We wanted to be the best, and taking all the academic tests on the bus on the way home was the beginning of the journey.” These students flock to workshops and colloquia and listen attentively to the constitutional amendments and the candidates’ speeches. They cheer themselves hoarse before assembly every day, and they give standing ovations to contest winners, both students and adults, as if these people were their own family. When other JCLers perform in That’s Entertainment, they listen in rapt silence or they clap to the music or sway with the cell phone flashlights. No matter how bazaar (squeaky bagpipes or strange yoyos or original poems), they cheer their support for each act, and this year they set up a chant for the stage hands. At first these union workers didn’t know what to think, but at the end of the evening they came out for their bow with the performers at the insistence of the crowd. The kids talk about JCLove, but it is really palpable there. They also spend hours on community service projects and this year for the first time they made a large mosaic triptych for a local school.

I must say, I feel privileged to work for this organization and these kids. Students and adults pour their hearts into whatever they are doing, whether in front of an audience or behind the scenes. This is my eighth year on the National Committee, and I can honestly say that I have never seen so many individuals work so hard (for absolutely no pay) as this group. If someone can’t do the job for some reason, everyone rushes in to fill the void, and no one ever complains.

Congratulations to Miramonte for placing first in the nation in Publicity, to Woodbridge for its 1st. in Scrapbook, 2nd. in Website, and 3rd. in Local Publication, and to Menlo for 3rd. in both Website and Scrapbook.

If you want your students to get involved, please contact me at communications@njcl.org. Remember, the northern gathering, Ludi Novembres, is November 12 at Miramonte High School and the state convention is at St. Ignatius on April 21-22, and we would love to have you there.

What can CCA—North Do for You?

by Holly Coty, CCA—North Past President

CA-North can directly support you in either your work as a classicist or in your ambition to study Classics. If you are a CCA—North member and a Classics teacher, consider applying for the Richard Trapp Grant-in-Aid of $250 to offset the costs of summer study or travel, or to make your way to the American Classical League Institute.

Do you have graduating high school seniors with plans to continue your study of Classics in college? Encourage them to apply for a Marian McNamara Scholarship! This will bring them $1000 to support them after they meet the Classics course requirements in their first or second year of college.

And for all of our Classics students at any level, consider submitting an essay or commentary for our Excellence in Classics Writing award, and see your work shared in this newsletter and on our website. If you win, you will also be given a one-year membership in our organization!

Teachers, please help us to share these opportunities with your colleagues and students. We count on you to help us bring CCA—North to the attention of a wider audience.

The application or submission deadline for all three opportunities is January 15. We look forward to hearing from you!

More information can be found on our website: ecanorth.org.
In Memoriam of Professor John Kinloch “Jock” Anderson (1924–2015)
by Louise Chu, CCA—North Board Member at Large

As Professor of Classical Archaeology in the Classics Department at the University of California, Berkeley, Jock was an invaluable mentor and teacher to generations of students, generous with his time and encouragement, and a titan both mentally and intellectually. He and his late wife Esperance opened their home in Tilden Park to students, friends, and colleagues and regaled them with warmth and hospitality.

Jock was born in the Punjab and educated in Scotland and at Christ Church, Oxford. During the Second World War, he served in the Royal Highland Regiment (the “Black Watch”), saw action in Europe and South-East Asia (behind the Japanese lines), and participated in intelligence work. His teaching career started in 1953 in New Zealand at the University of Otago in Dunedin, where he met Esperance, and thereafter in 1958 at Berkeley until his retirement. While there, he was also curator of the Lowie Museum (now the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology) as well as a founding member of Berkeley’s “Group” (Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology), contributing to its success as an interdisciplinary program. He also excavated at sites in Greece and Turkey and published major works and monographs on ancient horsemanship, military theory, and practice, hunting, and Xenophon, as well as numerous scholarly articles and coauthored (with the illustrator Nancy Conkle) charming children’s coloring books on different aspects of the ancient world. He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1976.

Not only the wealth of his knowledge of archaeology, literature, history, but also the breadth of his reading was phenomenal. His memory was prodigious and his keen interest in the world around him was equally extraordinary. He was also known and loved by all for his wit and for his tremendous and delightful ability to recall and quote from Scottish, English, Greek, and Latin poetry. Jock devoted his waking hours to teaching, reading, and writing, and still found time for his family, the exploration of nature, and any subject that interested him or piqued his curiosity.

For those of us who had known him, we will always remember Jock as a gentleman and a gentle man—and truly kind and giving.

Professor Anderson is survived by his three children, Elizabeth (and husband Kim Abbott), Katherine Mary (and husband John Schaaf), and John (and wife Karen) and by five grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and his beloved dog Isla.

The Ancient Art Council will host a memorial lecture for Jock on Saturday, 29 October 2016, at 2:00 pm, at the Legion of Honor. Professor Christopher Hallett, from the University of California, Berkeley, will lecture on Ancient Bronzes as Art Objects: Roman Collectors and “Corinthian Bronzes.”
Conference Registration
(Registration includes continental breakfast, refreshments and lunch)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
(N.B.: There will be a $5 surcharge per person for same-day registration)

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