



# CLASSICS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

## **A memorable academic year...**

Salvete omnes! The students and faculty of the UA Classics program will look back at AY 2015-16 as one of its landmark years. So many accomplishments, so much activity! The Spring newsletter seems like a good opportunity to look back on all that has happened. We hope that this year is only the beginning: with our combination of bright, motivated students and stellar faculty, we are going to make this campus take notice.

**Fall 2015 - Spring  
2016**

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**Classics Students  
and Faculty  
Achievements**

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**Current Projects  
and Upcoming  
Events**

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## First, our students...

Karissa Annis

Abigail Arcement

Isabelle Cimala

Francisco Cruz-Uribe

Abby Holland

Sarah Griswold

Luke Knight

James Lowery

Katie Michaels

Simran Mahbubani

Avery Smith

Emily Warwick

Virginia Wright

**Karissa Annis:** Karissa is being awarded for her academic excellence in her classics courses next year with a Perry Scholarship from the Classics Program.

**Abigail Arcement:** Abby will be attending the medical school of her choice in the fall, as she was accepted to various programs to which she applied. Her excellence in our Program was demonstrated in all of her classics courses. She also served as co-president this year of Eta Sigma Phi Classics Honors Society.

**Isabelle Cimala:** Izzy has been recognized as this year's Outstanding Student in Greek and also demonstrated excellence in Latin. In addition to her linguistic talent, we were privileged to witness her theatrical ability during one of our symposia this term that will remain a most memorable moment to us!

**Francisco Cruz-Uribe:** Francisco is being awarded for his academic excellence in his classics courses next year by the Classics Program with a Perry Scholarship.

**Abby Holland:** Abby won an SGA Grant to work with Dr. K. Summers on a project concerning the translation of Philippians 1:21-22. Think you really know that passage? Read it again - not everyone throughout history agrees that it says what most of us think it says!

**Sarah Griswold:** Graduating with a BS in Math and Religious studies, and \*with one year of Latin\*, Sarah will be attending Florida State's MA program in Religious Studies fully funded. Congratulations, Sarah!

**Luke Knight:** Luke did the program proud by delivering a paper at the Undergraduate Classics Conference at the University of Tennessee. The paper, which he wrote for our course on Roman Religion, utilized early Latin texts to examine the construction of identity in the early Christianity of North Africa. Luke also served as President of the Eta Sigma Phi Classics Honors Society. For the upcoming summer, he has applied for an internship at the prestigious Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, DC. He has also been recognized as this year's Outstanding Student in Latin.

**James Lowery:** James is being awarded for his academic excellence in his classics courses next year with the Perry Scholarship from the Classics Program. His enthusiasm for all things ancient permeated our program! We celebrate your efforts as president of the Classics Academy this year!

**Katie Michaels:** After mulling over several offers, Katie accepted an offer from the very competitive Physical Therapy program at UAB! She will begin her program next January and in a few years we will be calling her Doctor Michaels! We also want to acknowledge Katie for her initiative with the Classics Academy and Eta Sigma Phi, both of which she greatly improved for incoming students!

**Simran Mahbubani:** Simran, a new and outstanding student to our program, is being awarded for her academic excellence in her classics courses next year by the Classics Program with a Perry Scholarship.

**Avery Smith:** Congrats to Avery for choosing to attend Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in the Fall! Louisville Seminary has been supplying ministers to numerous denominations for over 160 years.

**Emily Warwick:** A second year classicist and senior at UA, Emily's excellence must not go unmentioned! Emily accepted a full offer to the Law School of Ole Miss! We will definitely be hitting her up when we have legal matters in a couple of years. We were not the only ones to notice Emily's outstanding achievements. She is being named in the national 2016 issue of *Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

**Virginia Wright:** While she's not debating political social issues on campus, Virginia is earning a shout out from the Classics Program. She will be interning with Senator Shelby this summer, after being awarded a Perry Scholarship for her academic excellence in our program!

Congrats to **Dr. Tatiana Summers** for planning and hosting a very successful conference on Women, Democracy, and the Ideology of Exclusion. Not only did Dr. T. Summers kick off the 2-day conference with an excellent paper, later that same morning our own **Dr. Kelly Shannon** presented a beautiful paper on women in Herodotus. People from all over the world attended the conference and it drew in deans and professors from various programs. Concurrently she planned a series of exhibits and events as part of a world-wide celebration of "Aristotle Week." And we note that many, many of our students attended sessions - because we have the brightest and best students on campus!

Speaking of **Dr. Kelly Shannon**, kudos to her for receiving the Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship. This mega-prestigious award will allow her to devote the Spring 2017 semester exclusively to finishing her book on religious memory in Tacitus for Oxford University Press. She also is finishing an edition and commentary of on Phlegon of Tralles from the Hadrianic period. The edition will appear in Brill's New Jacoby series. Phlegon wrote a book entitled Περὶ θαυμασίων, a collection of weird marvels and miracles (hermaphrodites, people coming back from the dead, centaurs, the bones of giants, etc.).

Also, **Dr. Kirk Summers** has a book coming forth from Oxford University Press later this year entitled *Morality after Calvin: Theodore Beza's Christian Censor and Reformed Ethics*. The book describe the attempts to turn the theological vision of John Calvin into a practical ethical reality in Geneva after his death. The release date is set for October 1st, but we are expecting it sooner since we are hosting a **symposium on September 29th on "Discipline and Control in Calvinist Geneva."** Along with Dr. K. Summers, we have some outstanding scholars presenting.

Congrats to **Alecia Chatham** for producing the online Latin courses, which are now being offered by the College of Continuing Studies and Early College at the University of Alabama. These courses are also being offered to late majors and minors on campus that wish to take Latin out of regular sequence. Her laudable efforts to organize and publicize our events this year certainly do not go unnoticed!

## NOW FOR THE FACULTY...

Dr. Tatiana Summers

Dr. Kirk Summers

Dr. Kelly Shannon

Alecia Chatham

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*This year's last Symposium will be held at 5:00pm on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Sitar. You are warmly welcomed and encouraged to celebrate an excellent year with us!*

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