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### Loyola Classical Studies Department Year in Review 2024-2025

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Leanna Boychenko was the recipient of the 2025 Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence. Congratulations, Leanna!

Dr James Townshend presented papers at the ICC and CAMWS. Drs. Leanna Boychenko, Laura Gawlinski, and James Townshend all presided over panels at CAMWS. Dr, Jackie Long gave papers at the Shifting Frontiers conference in Tulsa, as well as the Comparative Drama conference, held this year in London. Dr. Jenn Finn presented at conferences in Kiel, Germany, and in Athens, Greece.

Drs. Leanna Boychenko and Jenn Finn presented at the “Pleasures of Pseudepigraphy” Conference in March, sponsored by the Hank Center and the Theology Department at Loyola.

This summer, Loyola will host the annual meeting of the American Classical League, from June 30th-July 2nd, 2025. Loyola faculty and students from the Department will take part in a panel entitled “What I Wish I Had Known About Classical Studies Before College: A Round Table Discussion with College Students.”

The Classics Club hosted several events, including a trip to see Antigone at the Athenaeum Center and a “Clayssics” event, co-hosted by the Clay Club at Loyola. A special thanks to our Classics Club president, Citlalli Cervantes!



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## SPECIAL EVENTS



In October of 2024, the Classical Studies Department hosted an event entitled “Conversations in Democracy: Ancient Edition” in anticipation of the presidential elec-

tion in November. Drs. Laura Gawlinski and James

Townshend led discussions on election practices in Ancient Greece and Rome (respectively), using experiential activities to connect ancient democratic ideas to their modern counterparts. Student turnout was excellent, and everyone enjoyed pizza and cupcakes while listening to the presentations.

## COFFEE & COOKIES/WIPS

The Classical Studies Department continued its tradition of hosting coffee and cookies events in both the Fall and Spring semesters. Each was well-attended by new and seasoned Classics students. In the Spring, the coffee and cookies event was accompanied by a Works-in-Progress talk from Luc Bieri (post-bac student), who presented the paper “On the Tension between Philosophy and Religion in Lucretius’ *De Rerum Natura* and Cicero’s *De Natura Deorum*” in preparation for presentation at the CAMWS conference. The conference took place in Urbana-Champaign in March and was attended by faculty and students from Loyola.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

Gwen Acosta (CLCV major,  
GREK minor)

Luna Alvarez (CLCV major)

Madelaine Brix (CLCV mi-  
nor)

Citlalli Cervantes (CLCV  
major)

Teagan Cleghorn (CLCV  
minor)

James Damaso (CLCV mi-  
nor)

Gant Dunaway (LATN mi-  
nor)

Madison Herron (CLCV mi-  
nor)

Sophie Prock (CLCV major)

Gabi Rant (CLCV minor)

Daniel Runty (CLCV major,  
LATN major)

Ian Scheidel (CLCV major)

Morty Skafish (CLCV mi-  
nor, GREK minor)

Sophia Wagoner (CLCV mi-  
nor)

Denton Wilkinson (LATN  
major)

## STUDENT AWARD WINNERS FOR 2025

### 2025 O'Connell Key for Classical Civilization

Sophie Prock

### 2025 Abel Key for Ancient Greek

Gwen Acosta

### 2025 Mertz Key for Latin

Jannah Ahmed

### 2025 SCS Certificate

Daniel Runty, Rory Davis, Luna Alvarez

### 2025 CAMWS Certificate

Ian Scheidel

### 2025 ICC Certificate

Denton Wilkinson

### 2025 Loyola Classical Studies Community Leadership Award

Citlalli Cervantes

**Leland Lontoc Traveling Scholarship:** Jarilo Perkovic

**Excellence in Classical Studies Scholarship:** Sarah Lohmeier

**Greek Translation Contest:** Gwen Acosta

**Latin Translation Contest- Honorable Mention:** Sarah Lohmeier

**Latin Translation Contest - Honorable Mention:** Denton Wilkinson

### Essay Contest:

First Prize: Citlalli Cervantes, "Examining Geographical Elements Affecting the Oracle at Delphi", CLST 340 Classical Archeology: Greek Temples, Dr. Gawlinski, Fall 2024

Second Prize: Zoe Pramuk, "Union of Death Culture in Hellenistic Egypt", CLST 315 Alexander and the Hellenistic World, Dr. Boychenko, Fall 2024

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

THE CONSTANCE LONG SPALDING FELLOWSHIP, WHICH IS AWARDED TO AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT FOR SPRING TUITION, WAS THIS YEAR AWARDED TO JANNAH AHMED AND NICHOLAS SKABICH.

THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN CLASSICAL STUDIES (FOR POST-BAC STUDENTS) WAS AWARDED TO CAMERYNN TEUTA.

## ETA SIGMA PHI

In February, the department of Classical Studies initiated a new crop of students into the Iota Kappa chapter of the Eta Sigma Phi Classical Honors Society. The following students were recognized as new members:

**Sophia Allen**  
**Caelinn Carraher**  
**Rory Davis**  
**Charles Chengary**  
**Natalie Hein**  
**Matthew Poyner**  
**Samone Robinson**

**Ian Scheidel**  
**Camerynn Teuta**  
**Jon Barrager**  
**Sarah Lohmeier**

Loyola's chapter of ESP was first chartered in 2012. We are very grateful to Dr. Pat Graham-Skoul for her leadership of ESP, which she will pass on to Dr. Jonathan Mannering



## CHANGES TO THE CLCV MAJOR

As a result of last year's Academic Program Review report, the Department entered into collaborative discussions to introduce more structure to our most popular major, CLCV. As a result, we introduced new Program Learning Outcomes, which are as follows:

- demonstrate knowledge of the culture, ideas, and values of the ancient Greeks and Romans
- analyze written, visual, and material objects in accordance with the methodologies of the relevant discipline (literature & languages, art & archaeology, history & culture)
- contextualize the Greeks and Romans within a broader global environment
- formulate valid connections between the ancient world and the problems and questions of the 21st century
- sharpen discipline-specific research skills and present interpretive observations in written and oral form.

Additionally, we added 3 new requirements, so that the program now looks as such:

- 1) Requirement 1: CLST 275 (World of Classical Greece) and CLST 276 (World of Classical Rome)
- 2) Requirement 2: one course in literature in translation offered in CLST as a part of the Core curriculum
- 3) Requirement 3: 5 electives (which can include UCLR 100-C, as well as up to 4 courses in Greek and Latin)
- 4) Requirement 4: completion of the capstone sequence, The Humanism of Antiquity (CLST 383 & 384)

\*note: the minor in CLCV remains unchanged

## CALLAHAN LECTURE 2025

In February, the Classical Studies Department welcomed Dr. Jay Crisostomo, Associate Professor in Middle East Studies at the University of Michigan. Dr. Crisostomo gave a compelling lecture entitled, “The Past, Present, and Future of Ancient Dead Languages (e.g., Sumerian).”



## A SAMPLE OF EXCITING CLASSES FOR FALL 2025

- CLST 206: Art of Ancient Greece
- CLST 267: Medical and Scientific Terms
- CLST 271G: Classical Mythology, Women’s and Gender-Focused
- CLST 274: World of Archaic Greece
- CLST 276: World of Classical Rome
- CLST 281: War and War Experience, Ancient and Modern
- CLST 283: Classical Comedy and Satire
- CLST 362: Roman Law
- GREK 325: Demosthenes
- LATN 325: The Orations of Cicero
- +many more!

## Alumni News

Stephanie Wong (BA-Classics 2018) completed her PhD in History at Brown University.

Megan Jackson (BA-Classics 2017) recently moved back to Chicago and works on cultural heritage law as the Assistant General Counsel at the Field Museum.

## CLASSICAL STUDIES AT LOYOLA

The Classical Studies Department hosts three major/minor programs: Classical Civilization, Greek, and Latin. Our post-baccalaureate certificate has been going strong since 2011, and offers three tracks:

- 1) Classical Studies
- 2) Ancient Greek
- 3) Ancient Latin

We are also proud that our courses are integrated into 7 interdisciplinary minors within the College of Arts & Sciences at Loyola.

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## PLANS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS AND POST-BAC STUDENTS

Luna Alvarez (BA CLCV) will be continuing on to the post-bac at UPenn, supported by the Masciantonio Fellowship

Citlalli Cervantes (BA CLCV) is continuing on to a Master's Degree in Classical Art and Archaeology at King's College London

Gabi Rant (Minor CLCV) will be working for the Rocky Mountain Conservancy before heading off to medical school. Gabi was also initiated into Phi Beta Kappa this year.

Luc Bieri (post-bac) will go on to a Master's in Classics with a concentration in Archaeology and Material Culture at Texas Tech University

Daniel Runty (BA CLCV, LATN) will earn a certificate in Digital Restoration at Loyola

Camerynn Teuta (post-bac) will go on to a Master's in Classical Archaeology at the University of Colorado Boulder

Sophie Prock (BA CLCV) will go on to study for a Master's in Religion and Theology at Yale Divinity School

Gwen Acosta (BA CLCV) will matriculate into the post-bac certificate in Classical Studies at Loyola

Denton Wilkinson (BA LATN) will also continue in the post-back program at Loyola

Jon Barragan (post-bac) will be going on to a Master's in Ancient History at Florida State University.