Classics Day 2013
A morning of lectures, discussion, and competition
for high school Latin students

Friday, October 25, 2013 9:00 am-1:30 pm

The program

On Friday, October 25, 2013 the Department of Classics and General Humanities at Montclair State invites high school students who are studying Latin, together with their teachers, to our annual Classics Day, a morning of lectures, discussions and academic competition. Six students only from each school may participate in the competition which is aimed at the advanced level.

Classics Day will begin at 9:00 am with welcoming remarks and orientation. The lectures begin at 9:20. Following the lectures at 11:20, students who are participating in the competition will go to their assigned room for the half-hour test. Students who are not participating in the competition can have lunch at that time.

The lectures

9:30-10:20 and 10:30-11:20 (two sessions)

You will be asked to choose two lectures from the following four topics. Groups of 10 or more may be split up among different lectures. (see registration form.)

"Roman Holiday"
Beth Calamia, Adjunct Professor, Department of Classics & General Humanities, MSU

What do whips, black beans, and pregnant cows have in common? A look at a year's worth of celebrations using primary sources.

"Exotic Religions of the Roman Empire"
Jean Alvares, Chair, Department of Classics & General Humanities, MSU

The standard gods of the Roman empire are familiar. But as Rome became the center of the world, immigrants to the city brought their gods, which Romans too often worshiped. We'll look at some exotic religious imports and their rites, one of which was Christianity.
"Couples in Homer: What Makes a Relationship Work?"

Peter Dodington, Adjunct Professor, Department of Classics & General Humanities, MSU

In the *Odyssey*, Odysseus tells Nausicaa that he hopes the gods will grant her desire: "a home, a husband, and harmonious conversation with him -- the best thing in the world." Perhaps Odysseus and Penelope have such a marriage, but what of the other couples in Homer? In this illustrated talk, we will look also at Helen's relationship with Paris and Menelaus, and Hector and Andromache's marriage. What seems to be the key to happiness in a relationship, according to Homer?

"Roman Venus: Making Sense of the Goddess Who can Take Away your Good Sense"

Susan Hussein, Adjunct Professor, Department of Classics & General Humanities, MSU

Like other important deities, Venus played a variety of roles in Roman literature and life. How did the Romans make sense of her multifarious -- and at times malevolent -- interference in human life? This illustrated talk will put together a few pieces of the puzzle by looking at the evidence of brief selections from the *Aeneid* and other pieces of literature.

The competition

Following the lectures, a competition testing knowledge in three areas, Roman Civilization, Latin Grammar, and Classical Mythology, will be held. The competition will be entered on a school group basis. Six (6) students only from each school may participate in the competition.

The participating school groups will be assigned to an area where they can discuss and complete the answers to the questions, which will be multiple-choice in format. The group will have one-half hour to demonstrate its collective knowledge of the material. The three groups that provide the most correct answers within the time limit will each receive a prize for their school. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony following lunch at 1:00 pm. Teachers may be asked to proctor a group from a school other than their own.
Registration Form
Classics Day, 2013  Friday, October 25

Complete this form and return with your check or purchase order to the Institute for the Humanities by the registration deadline date: Tuesday, October 15.

Teacher's Name: ____________________________________________  Department: ________________________________

School Name: ____________________________________________  Address: _______________________________________

Daytime telephone: __________________________ (ext.)

E-mail address (print clearly): ________________________________

Confirmation and program information will be sent via e-mail.

# Students: ______  # Teachers: ______  # Cars: ______  # Van/Bus: ______

☐ Yes, our school will participate in the competition
☐ Our school will not have a group in the competition -- coming to hear the lectures only
☐ I would like to receive 3 hours Prof. Development Credit: ($25.00 additional)
☐ Yes, I would like to participate in complimentary lunch (1 teacher, additional teachers @ $10.00 each)

List the names of teachers who would like to receive Professional Development Credit for this program.

Session presentations
Choose two. You will have the opportunity to attend two of the four presentations. Mark your two choices, below, by writing in the number of students and teachers for each talk. Note that since space is limited in some of the lecture rooms, groups of 10 or more may have to be divided between different lectures. We will try our best to give everyone their first choice selections.

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Students/Teachers @ $18 per person: $ ______________

Prof. Dev. Credit @ $25.00 per teacher: $ ______________

Total Amount Enclosed: $ ______________

Purchase Order Number: ____________________________

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