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CAV Fall Meeting

Will be held on Saturday, September 17, at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

In Memoriam

The CAV extends its deep sympathies to family, friends, colleagues, and students of Lisa Auanger and Max Meador, both former members of the CAV Executive Committee.

Spring Meeting Lectures on Romans, India, and Persecutions

The CAV is pleased to offer two fascinating talks which are sure to appeal to all members of our organization.

Dr. Sethuraman Suresh will speak on "Spices For Silver: Ancient Roman Commerce With India." Based on extensive field research in South Asia and Europe, the lecture unfolds the little-known story of the Rome-India contacts. The presentation takes you on a unique voyage across the places through which the Romans travelled in India and the interesting things—coins, ceramics, sculptures—that they left behind in those sites.

Dr. Suresh lives in Chennai, India, and holds two Ph.D.s—one in Classical Archaeology and another in Medieval South Asian Art. He is Regional Chapter Convener and Academic Consultant for the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)—India's counterpart of the U.S. National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP). He has researched and lectured at various universities and museums in Asia, Europe and the U.S.A. He has authored over 70 research papers and 36 books including college textbooks, exhibition catalogues and historical novels. He is currently in the U.S. as a Fulbright Academic and Professional Excellence Lecturing Fellow at the Department of Art and Art History, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia.



Dr. Joe Leedom will speak on the "The Reality of Persecution." One of the first mass movements in western history that we can follow in any detail is the Christianization of the Roman empire. The path from Golgotha to Constantinople was littered with crosses, arenas, and beleaguered Roman officials wondering what they could do to shut these people up. And while the stories of Christian martyrs are overstated, embellished, often enough forged, there is still a great deal in the persecution narratives that tell us how Christians became Romans, which enabled Romans to become Christians.



Dr. Joe Leedom was educated at the university of Wyoming, where he received his B.A. degree in history and philosophy. He went on to the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he received his Ph.D. in ancient and medieval history in 1979.

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CAV PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A concern rather than a harangue.

The passing of several devoted members of CAV recalled a growing uneasiness about the role of our organization for college and university faculty. Participation both active (e.g., help with CAV contests, awards, and committees; attendance at meetings) and passive (paying dues) has declined among the professoriate. The emblematic episode for me came prior to my presidency, when a university colleague confessed—or was it boasted?—that he had not attended a CVA [sic] meeting in fourteen years; but since his institution was hosting, he chose to attend the morning talk by his departmental colleague. Where is the vaunted Virginia collegiality?

The sources of such neglect doubtless vary. Among other things health, demands of family, scheduling conflicts, and fatigue of meetings play a role. There can be too much of a good thing when national, international, regional, and state conferences all beckon; and the happy increase in distinguished guest lectures at our state institutions, such as the series at UVA and named honorary lectures at VT and W&M, combined with fixtures such as the AIA speaker circuit, offer us opportunities almost every week for professional development and camaraderie. Perhaps CAV meetings occur at an inconvenient time, or fail to entice more than beautiful fall and spring weather, or none of the topics appeals (though I wonder how anyone could decline Paul Menzer's dazzling analysis of Egypt in the English theatrical imagination, combined with a performance of *Antony & Cleopatra* at the Blackfriars Playhouse).

I admire greatly how John and Jon at UVA have served CAV so faithfully alongside their university and the international scholarly community; they are role models to be emulated. The crew at VT has established and transmits an exemplary culture of engagement with classics throughout the Commonwealth at every level. How do we develop their spirit of joyous service to CAV at other colleges and universities? Certainly Virginia displays such devotion at the student level (witness JCL, Ascanius, GLA, and the like), and at the secondary school level (our middle and high school teachers are unsurpassed in competence and dedication). But something has been lost at the highest level.

The problem is not unique to CAV. One can point to evidence of a decline in collegiality at most colleges and universities. One might even see the AAUP's 1999 well-intentioned statement against collegiality as a criterion for evaluation as evidence of the problem. Collegiality only emerged as a criterion for tenure and promotion at some institutions because they could no longer take for granted that faculty would strive to behave as good colleagues.

There is no systemic, external solution. The cure to the ailment lies within each individual. Please consider dedicating a few hours to an organization that has labored for over a century to cultivate the Commonwealth's classical vineyard whose fruits you enjoy daily.

-Fred Franko



continued from page 1, Dr. Joseph Leedom

He has taught at the University of Maryland and the University of California, Davis, and has been part of the history department at Hollins since 1981 where he has held named chairs for liberal arts, social sciences, and history. Leedom has written about the sons of Constantine, the Anglo-Norman civil war of 1038, and fourteenth-century English law. He has translated and edited collections of sources for classes in both ancient and medieval history. He is currently working on a translation of Richer of St-Remi's *Historia Francorum*, which gives the history of the Frankish kingdoms in the tenth century.

In Memoriam Max Meador

CAV's former treasurer Raymond "Max" Meador died December 22nd, 2015 at the age of 80. He was a member of the CAV since the early 1960's and he served as our treasurer for 10 years starting in 2002. His wife, Jackie, said "he enjoyed his association with all the classicists and being involved in the CAV was very meaningful to him."

In remembering Max, Sue Robertson wrote that "a more genuinely kind and thoughtful person cannot be found! Max was the epitome of "a southern gentlemen" and he was remarkably generous with his kind words and support."

Margeret Hicks also remembered him for his thoughtful and kind manner. "Max was always gentlemanly and very conscientious as the treasurer. He came to meetings prepared with his records and reports, and he set up registration in a very organized way. But he thought about other things that we would need and was able to plan ahead. He was very patient with me as a new president, and I appreciated so much his wisdom and kindness. He was a very good man."

Max taught Latin for 44 years at Virginia Episcopal School and was involved in all aspects of school life. In addition to his role as Latin teacher, he also held the administrative positions of Assistant Headmaster, Dean of Students, and Foreign Language Chairman during his time at VES. He also enjoyed coaching football and baseball.

He earned several awards for his teaching and for his mentoring of young people. In 1989 Max was recognized by Presidential Scholars as the most influential teacher for one of the recipients, and was honored at the White House. He also earned the prestigious Bradford B. Sauer Family Award and the Paul Fulton Master Teacher Award. When Max retired VES created a scholarship in his name to be awarded to a Latin student.

Vale et requiescat in pace.



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CPL Award for Outstanding Promotional Activity in the School

To support programs and activities in schools, colleges and universities, the CAMWS Committee for the Promotion of Latin (CPL) annually recognizes with a plaque and a certificate the group which develops the most outstanding and effective activity for promoting Latin in CAMWS territory during each academic year (including the preceding summer).

Please send all inquiries and applications to CPL Chair Barbara Weinlich at cpl@camws.org. Also see <https://camws.org/cpl/funding/procedure.html> for further information.

NUNTIANDA... Info of note to CAV Members

Spring FLAVA Meeting April 16th

The Foreign Language Association of Virginia will host its first mini-conference on the western side of the Commonwealth on Saturday, April 16 at Washington and Lee University. All world language teachers are invited, whether you live out west or not and whether or not you are a member of FLAVA. There will be onsite registration, but in order to have lunch included you must register by April 7th.

Latin-related speakers will include Rebecca Benefiel of Washington and Lee speaking on “The People’s Latin: Writing and Reading in Herculaneum,” Patty Lister of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology whose topic is “Feliciter! Using a Whole-Class Re-enactment to Teach about Roman Weddings,” and Cygnet Steer of Virginia Tech talking on “The Poetry of Flowers.”

The theme of the event is “Expanding the Edges.”

Costs to You: \$35 using check, money order, or credit card for payment (includes continental breakfast and a boxed lunch)

Where Do You Register: <http://flavaweb.org/> (click on the mini-conference slideshow entry)

Below is a preliminary agenda for the day’s activities.

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:15 – 9:45	Opening and Welcome
10:00 – 10:45	Strand A – Concurrent Sessions
11:00 – 11:45	Strand B – Concurrent Sessions
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 – 2:00	Strand C – Concurrent Sessions
2:15 – 2:30	Closing/Conference Evaluation

There will be sessions relating to all languages, as well as to Spanish, French, German, Latin, Less Commonly Taught Languages, and Technology. Attendees will receive certificates of attendance useable for professional development points towards certification and recertification.

Vista Higher Learning will be supporting this professional development opportunity.

*This mini-conference is being held in addition to the regular fall FLAVA conference in Williamsburg on October 6 – 8, 2016.

Fall FLAVA Conference

The annual conference of the Foreign Language Association of Virginia gathers educators, administrators, and scholars of the Commonwealth’s world language programs and supports their professional development needs and interests in teaching, technology, pedagogy, and learning. The 2015 conference featured over 180 sessions and 1000 participants, and we invite you to join your colleagues at Virginia’s premier conference for language-educators.

The 2016 FLAVA conference will be held at the Williamsburg Doubletree Hotel in Williamsburg, from October 6th to 8th (Thursday-Saturday). Proposals are now being accepted, with a deadline of Sunday, April 17. To submit a proposal, please go to the following link: <http://flavaweb.org/conference/2016-call-for-proposals/>

A Message from Your Treasurer

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PAY YOUR CAV DUES FOR 2015-2016.

Even if you are not coming to the meeting at Hollins this May, you can still use the meeting registration form in this issue to pay your dues for the year.

WHAT DO MY DUES GO TOWARDS?

- The cost of producing and mailing CAV's quarterly newsletter.
- The cost of hosting a web site.
- Speakers and other expenses associated with holding two meetings each year.

Note that CAV does not charge a registration fee for its meetings, as almost every other professional organization does.

- Support for the promotion of Classics. *CAV promotes Latin at meetings of the Foreign Language Association of Virginia, and it makes an annual donation to the National Committee for Latin and Greek—the voice for Classics in Washington, DC. It also makes occasional contributions to other initiatives that promote Classics in Virginia and nationally. Look for the “break” hosted this spring by CAV at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South.*

WISHING YOU COULD PAY ON-LINE?

Our web master reports that there has been a glitch in setting up a system for paying on-line, but she hopes to have things up and running this summer.

THE CAV TREASURER'S REPORT

Period ending Feb. 29, 2016:

General Fund (dues, luncheons, contributions)	\$ 617.19
Tournament Fund	\$ 1430.51
A. Lloyd Fund	\$ 1355.64
Professional Development Fund	\$ 1827.00
Reserve Fund	\$ 685.55
Total (cash flow)	\$ 5915.89
Treasury CD (12 months) (@ 0.10%) (10/22/16 maturity date)	\$ 3833.74
A. Lloyd CD (12 months) (@. 0.10%) (5/24/16 maturity date)	\$ 3633.68
Total (CDs)	\$ 7467.42
FINAL TOTAL	\$13,383.31

Respectfully submitted,

Liane Houghtalin, CAV Treasurer

CAV TEACHER PLACEMENTSERVICE

Do you know of a Latin teaching position in your area? Or are you currently searching for a Latin teaching position?

The CAV Placement Service offers a free program to bring together teachers seeking Latin positions in Virginia and schools in Virginia which are seeking Latin teachers.

Schools send us listings of their positions, and we send these listings by e-mail to the teachers who have registered with the CAV Placement Service. We provide continuous updates from March until September.

If you know of a position available, have the school principal or personnel office get in touch with the service. If you wish a position, send in your name and e-mail address.

We ask schools and teachers to contact Jon D. Mikalson by e-mail at jdm9x@virginia.edu.

There are no charges for these services!

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SPRING 2016 MEETING

May 7, Visual Arts Center, Hollins University

9:30 a.m. Registration (coffee and pastries)

MORNING SESSION

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

Minutes of Fall 2015 Meeting: Brianna McHugh

Treasurer's Report: Liane Houghtalin

Nominations Committee Report: Margaret Hicks

Executive Committee Report: Fred Franko

Tournament, Contests, and Awards: Mark Keith and friends

Other Reports, Announcements, and Introductions

11:30 a.m. "Spices for Silver: Ancient Roman Commerce with India,"

Dr. Sethuraman Suresh, Fulbright Lecturing Fellow, Mary Washington University

12:35 p.m. final call on silent auction

12:35 p.m. prepaid buffet luncheon in Private Dining Room, Moody Hall: roasted turkey breast (entrée); Tuscan tuna & white bean salad (entrée); four cheese pasta; Greek salad; fresh cut fruit

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 -2:45 p.m. "The Reality of Persecution"

Dr. Joe Leedom, Ruth Alden Doan Chair in History, Hollins University

Reception on campus, location TBA, courtesy of Hollins' VPAA

There will be a student performance of *Lysistrata*, translated and directed by a Hollins senior for a thesis in classics and theater, at 4:00 or 7:30 pm.

Yes, Virginia, There Will be a Spring Silent Auction!

The May 7th CAV meeting will indeed feature the silent action once again! Pass on the torch (or books or trinkets) of classical civilization that you no longer need to your colleagues! Bring cash or your checkbook so you can bring home some treasures!

All money raised will go to the Professional Development Fund to assist members who want to participate in activities that enhance their position as a teacher of the classics. It's never too early to apply for the next grant, which will be awarded at the fall meeting. Go to bit.ly/CAVGrant to complete the application!

To participate in the auction, all you need to do is bring your items with you to the CAV meeting and give them to Amy Petersen when you arrive. All items are welcome. We have a donation box for those things that may not be auction worthy but that someone might want. Any level of donation allows one to take whatever they want from the box. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Amy at MagistraP@gmail.com.

Deadlines for the CAV News submissions: Aug 1, Nov 1, Mar 1, May 1

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THE CLASSICAL PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP



Do you know a **high school** or **college student** who has an interest in the Classics and would enjoy sharing it with elementary students!?

Encourage them to apply for the **CLASSICAL PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP!**

These scholarships are available to any high school or college student who wishes to create or maintain a Latin/Classical Studies program in partnership with an elementary school.

Mentors will be available to guide recipients and scholarship recipients will receive free access to the hundreds of lessons and activities developed by Ascanius: The Youth Classics Institute.

Students may apply for scholarship funds at any time, but preference will be given to early applicants. Scholarship funds are available in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$200.

For more information and an application, visit

<http://www.ascaniusyci.org/scholarships.htm>