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CAV FALL MEETING

The Fall Meeting will be held
on **Saturday, Sept. 21st**, at
the University of Virginia in
Charlottesville.

FLAVA

The Foreign Language
Association of Virginia will
hold its 2024 conference on
October 10-12 at the Norfolk
Waterside Marriott, Norfolk,
VA.

Registration may be found on
the FLAVA website:

<http://flavaweb.org>

Fall 2024: President's Message

Salvete, Omnes!

I sit down to write this message at the end of the second week of my school's new academic year, after a week of decidedly Autumnal weather (to be short lived, I am sure, but a taste of what's to come). The '24-'25 school year has really begun in earnest – for many of our school teachers, at least, to be followed in short order by our collegiate friends. By the end of day one, my students had made sure to verify that we would, indeed, be going to Latin Convention in November. Club tee shirts? *Ita vero! Saturnalia, Lupercalia, et Dies Natalis Romae parties? Ita vero, iterum!* Soon, we will all feel the familiar rhythms pulling us along as we settle into our familiar routines.

Hopefully, attending our Fall Meeting at UVA on September 21st will be part of that, as well as registering for and attending the FLAVA conference in October. Planning ways to incorporate the Latin Tournament, the Latin Essay and Classical Essay Contests into our curricula might be another. As the new year starts, you'll notice that hard working younger teacher or stalwart veteran getting down to business – think about nominating them for the Lurlene Todd or Angela Lloyd awards. That rising senior who has been giving their heart and soul to the Classics for 3, 4, 5, 6 years? Be sure to nominate them for the Jim Bigger and Wayne Wray prizes. Are you already planning how you'll spend next summer? Apply for a Professional Development grant. The CAV offers so many ways to get ourselves and our students involved, supported, and rewarded as we continue to do the fulfilling (and demanding!) work of teaching and learning.

I mused in the Summer Newsletter about the important relationship between change and continuity in our organization, as one provides comforting structure and rhythm while the other injects fresh energy and new ideas. I hope we will all look to keep The Classical Association of Virginia an anchoring part of our lives as teachers -- resolving to attend meetings, bringing along colleagues new and old; committing to participate in all the academic and professional programming that CAV offers; striving to find new ways to fulfill old goals. I hope that on September 21st, you'll enjoy

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seeing new faces and hearing new voices within the familiar and sustaining structure of our Fall Meeting. Let's make the "Introduction of New Members, First-Timers, and Guests" portion of the Business Meeting the lengthiest part! Let's see more schools and more students participating in our competitions this year. Let's leave no award money on the table. And let's enjoy the fellowship of friends, new and old, as we start yet another year of teaching (my 31st !) on the beautiful and sustaining Grounds of the University of Virginia.

Spero me vos omnes illic visurum esse!

Patrick Bradley,
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**FLAVA Fall Conference Updates & Information**

This year's theme is **Navigating a Changing World with Languages**. The Fall Conference will be held at the **Norfolk Waterside Marriott in Norfolk, VA on October 10-12, 2024**. Proposals have been submitted, and accepted, so the conference planners and organizers are hard at work making it all fit. Come see, share, and learn with and from your colleagues! The links below include registration and hotel information. Hope to see you there!  
Conference website: <https://flavaweb.org/conference/fall-conference/>

**Our At-a-Glance Program** is now available! Take a peek at what sessions are in store, especially the great offerings in Classics, including from some of our CAV stalwarts!

**Hotel Accommodations:** As you register, make sure you **book your hotel room using the FLAVA room block by September 18th**.

**Registration Information:** Register today and get our early bird registration rate! You can find the cost breakdown right on the registration page. All **early bird registrations** must be complete **by October 5th**.

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on "Greek Drinking Beyond the Symposium." Nadhira's research interests include households, drinking practices, ceramic production, and cultural interaction in 5th and 4th century BCE Greece. She received her B.A. in Classical Studies and Archaeology from Randolph-Macon College in 2016, and then received her Ph.D. in Ancient Mediterranean Art and Archaeology from the University of Michigan in 2023. Since 2014 she has participated in several archaeological projects in Greece, including the Athenian Agora Excavations (2014-2017), the Olynthos Project (2017-present), and the Pella Urban Dynamics Project (2022-present). In addition to her research, Nadhira is an active member of several professional organizations. Currently, she serves as a member of the Archaeological Institute of America's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; a member of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States' Anti-Racism and Social Justice Committee; and co-chair of the Society of Classical Studies' Graduate Student Committee. She is also the author of the blog Notes from the Apotheke, which aims to provide support to and highlight the work of scholars of color studying the ancient world. This work was awarded the Women's Classical Caucus's Public Scholarship Award for 2021-2022.

You will find in this newsletter the program for the day, as well as information on renewing membership and registration for the meeting (including lunch choices). We apologize for the short turnaround on registering, but we must ask you to please submit your registration by **Tuesday, September 10** so we can get a firm number for ordering lunches. Registration will be done online, but you will have the option to pay either online, via a mailed check, or in-person at the meeting.

**If you are unable to complete the registration form online, please contact our Treasurer:**

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Please visit this link to register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJaJqOhe5Y1-pmXaRrYYirJUEtpRXVjsGBe0Dax8Cz7PcmQQ/viewform>



**THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA SPRING  
MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 21, 2024**  
**University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**  
**Gibson Room, Cocks Hall**

**REGISTRATION second floor, outside Gibson**

9:30 AM Registration  
Coffee and Pastries, Compliments of the UVA Department of Classics

**MORNING SESSION in the Gibson**

10:00 AM Business Meeting

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| Welcome and Introductions of CAV Officers and Chairs  | Patrick Bradley   |
| Minutes of the Spring 2024 Meeting                    | Lori Kissell      |
| Treasurer's Report                                    | Jacquelyn Wilkins |
| Executive Committee Report                            | Patrick Bradley   |
| Tournament, Contests, and Awards Report               | Bart Natoli       |
| Introduction of New Members, First-Timers, and Guests |                   |
| General Announcements                                 |                   |

11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM "Exciting Changes to the AP Latin Exam."  
Charlaine Lunsford, Great Bridge High, Chesapeake, VA

12:15 PM Group Photograph  
Prepaid Box Lunch—outside on the Grounds & in the Amphitheatre,  
or in Cocks Hall, as weather permits

**AFTERNOON SESSION in Gibson**

1:30 PM "Annotated *Amores*: Book History in Ovid's Elegies."  
Caleb Dance, Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA

2:30 PM "Greek Drinking Beyond the Symposium"  
Nadhira Hill, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA

The 2024 CAV Fall Meeting will be held in the Gibson Room in Cocke Hall, building 13.

The Central Grounds Parking Garage, building 9 (by the Bookstore), has paid visitor parking. Access the garage from Emmet Street (Route 29).

Closer, free parking may be available in the C1 Lot, located near New Cabell Hall, building 29.



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**IN MEMORIAM:** Jane Harriman Hall,  
by Linda Montross, presented at the Spring Meeting

Come back with me to 1971. Most of you weren't even born then! I was 24 years old and I had been asked by the Foreign Language Supervisor to give a talk at the Fairfax County Foreign Language inservice. I have no clue what I said, but I do remember my last sentence..."Latin is alive and well at James Madison HS." I also remember two Latin teachers coming up to me afterwards, two teachers who would become mentors, friends, colleagues for all the decades since that year.

Who were they? Christine Sleeper and Jane Hall. We soon were calling ourselves the TRIUMFEMINATE and meeting monthly for dinner at a restaurant just off the Capital Beltway in Northern Virginia. I learned so much about teaching Latin from the two of them but my aged brain only can retrieve one little anecdote, and I know it was from Jane. How do YOU teach the direct object to those restless Latin I students. Jane would slowly move the classroom trash can away from her desk, give it a good kick into the wall, shock her students, lift up the can and show them the years of dents on the can! I KICKED THE CAN! Who did it? I... What was the action?...Kicking ...What received the action? THE CAN!!! I hope Patty Lister remembers that from my classroom in 1983, not that she was a restless Lovely Latin Learner, a term I stole from Jane!

Jane received her B.A. from Mt. Holyoke College in 1952 and her M.A. from the University of Maryland in 1969. She taught all levels of Latin at Fort Hunt HS and for many years was an adjunct professor at the University of Mary Washington. She was Virginia's Foreign Language Teacher of the Year in 1984 and director of the first Governor's Latin Academy in 1988. She was awarded an Ovatio by CAMWS in 1984, the John F. Latimer Award from the Washington Classical Society in 1996, and a Merita Award from the American Classical League in 2001. She was a lifetime member of the Classical Association of Virginia.

In June 1976 Jane approached ACL during the annual Institute being held at Georgetown University about reinstating a national Latin exam. They concurred and gave her \$1000 to get started. She invited five of her Northern Virginia colleagues to accompany her on this journey: Marty Abbott, Sally Davis, Maureen O'Donnell, Christine Sleeper, and me. She guided and nurtured the exam for 35 years until her retirement in 2011 at the age of 80. From that first exam in 1978 with 7000 participants to this year's 114,000, the exam continues its mission of providing an opportunity for students to receive reinforcement and recognition for their accomplishments in the classroom and to promote the learning and teaching of the Latin language. Jane was the driving force behind our ten year, twenty year, thirty year books as well as all 24 episodes of the Forum Romanum series, now available on You Tube.

Jane's husband of 69 years passed away two years ago. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Dianne and Steven Thomas, their daughter and her husband Amanda and Kyle Kaeser, their son Steven, and granddaughter Riley Kaeser.

Jane's hobbies included crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, opera, travelling with students and The Mediterranean Society, swimming, and making beeswax candles to sell at the Historyland Project's annual fundraiser on the Northern Neck.

*Dux femina facti....ave atque vale, magistra et amica!*

Please pause for a moment of silence in memory of Jane.

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NUNTIANDA:

CAV Professional Development Grant

Have plans for professional development or travel this year? CAV can help you out! Up to \$600 will be awarded in total each year for activities that develop your abilities as a teacher of the classics. Each applicant could receive up to \$100 for a local event or up to \$300 for a larger event. The [application form for the CAV Grant](#) is open year-round so fill it out any time. Recipients will be announced annually following the April 30 deadline. Please don't be shy about applying. We want to support you!

If you have any questions, you can contact Amy Petersen at MagistraP@gmail.com.

CAV Teacher Placement Service

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!

CAV News submissions due Aug 1, Nov 1, Mar 1, May 1. Please notify us directly when your email address changes! Send changes to fulvia52bc3@gmail.com

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