



Department Graduates Outstanding Class of 2002

This spring the Classics Department graduated one of its finest and largest classes in recent memory. Twelve majors and four minors completed their degrees and will move on to exciting new opportunities in their lives. These included majors Quanna Cameron, David Darcy, Breehan Dean, Nancy Greguras, Shushila Heath, Rachel Kahn, Kristin Kemp, Stephanie Ladd, J.K. Melton, Wendy Motta, Eleni Papamihail-Vickles, and Braden Studhalter, and minors Scott Greene, Valerie Harbour, Beth Loftus and Will Martin.

Quanna Cameron, who double majored in Environmental Biology, wrote an honors thesis on Gladiators this spring which netted her magna cum laude. Quanna will take up a two year stint with Teach for America next fall. J.K. Melton, double in Political Science, also achieved honors magna cum laude for his thesis on Bishops and Politics in the Late Fourth Century AD. J.K. will work next year and take courses in preparation for graduate school in Ancient History. Braden Studhalter, who has combined his Latin skills with his musical and poetic talents to produce Latin hip-hop tunes, will begin a Latin teaching job next fall at the Vail Mountain School. His charisma and energy will surely lead to success in the classroom. Will Martin will study Anglo-Saxon at Leeds University in England. He has assured us that he will continue to use his Latin as well while pursuing a graduate degree in English. Stephanie Ladd, who completed a couple of small requirements to finish out her degree this spring, will return to CU next fall to study Law. After receiving top marks on the LSAT and admissions offers from across the country, she chose CU as the best place to



Eckart Schütrumpf



Peter Knox

Professors Schütrumpf and Knox Receive Prestigious Boulder Faculty Assembly Awards for Excellence

This year two more Classics faculty members were awarded honors for excellence by the Boulder Faculty Assembly. Eckart Schütrumpf was honored with the coveted BFA Excellence in Research Award and Peter Knox with the Excellence in Service Award. This makes Classics the most decorated department on the entire Boulder Campus in per capita recipients for BFA awards. It should be noted that, although Classics has garnered four such awards in the last three years, they are by no means easy accomplishments. Each year only four recipients are chosen for each of the three categories (service, teaching and research) from among the more than 1000 eligible faculty and staff around the campus. Classics's success in winning so many awards thus speaks volumes about the quality of the faculty this department can boast.

Every year in the impressive career of Professor Eckart Schütrumpf has been productive, but this past academic year may stand out as preeminent, for this year has brought him his highest honors, having recently been awarded a prestigious Boulder Faculty Assembly Award for Excellence in Research. Schütrumpf spent the 2000-2001 AY on sabbatical, after receiving a highly competitive UCB Faculty Fellowship. He devoted much of his time to finishing the fourth and final volume of his commentary on



Seven Earn Classics Masters Degrees

This May, the Department bids farewell to seven students who have completed the requirements for the MA degree. Renee Afimiwala-Rodgers received her MA in Classical Antiquities, with emphases on Roman history and Roman art and archaeology. Amanda Coles, Scott Farrington, Rachel Hanna, and Scott Speidel all took the degree with a specialization in Latin. A glutton for punishment, Amanda also asked to be examined in Roman History and acquitted herself admirably. Mary France and Kerry McCutcheon received the MA in Classics with an emphasis on Greek. Three of these new graduates are proceeding directly to PhD programs at other universities. Amanda Coles will enter the joint program in Classics and Ancient History at the University of Pennsylvania, Scott Farrington will continue to study Classics at New York University (in a town which we understand just may be able to offer him something in connection with his secret life as a playwright), and Rachel Hanna will join the Ph.D. program in Classics at the University of Washington. Good luck to all of you! We miss you already and hope you'll stay in touch.

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Aristotle's *Politics*. Volumes I and II were published in 1991, and volume III was published in 1995. Volume IV will hopefully be published within a year. All previous commentaries of similar scale on the *Politics* are over a hundred years old. In volume IV of his commentary, Schütrumpf examines Aristotle's best state, a topic concerning which Aristotle takes issue with Plato's concepts in both his *Republic* and *Laws*. Since Aristotle was very familiar with both of these works by Plato, Schütrumpf identifies points at which Aristotle follows the Platonic tradition and points at which he establishes new ground. He also offers new ideas about Aristotle's incorporation of information from medical writers of his time and notes the manner in which Aristotle uses numerous medical concepts, even for non-medical issues. His commentary on Aristotle's *Politics* has not, however, been Schütrumpf's sole focus this year. He gave talks at Rutgers University in October and at the University of Vancouver in January. In the fall he published the conference proceedings from the 1996 conference he organized on Dicaearchus, which was held in Boulder. He also published a monograph on Aristotle and the Austrian-American political scientist Eric Voegelin in addition to a number of other papers and reviews.

Peter Knox was an obvious choice for the Excellence in Service Award.

Since his arrival at CU not quite a decade ago, Knox has chaired two departments (Classics since 1994 and Comparative Literature temporarily in 2001), chaired the Arts and Sciences Council (1999-2000), helped develop the Center for the Humanities and the Arts (1996), sat on the Vice Chancellor's Cabinet for Research, Scholarly and Creative Work (2001-present), served on six other departmental committees and nine university committees, served as editor of the quarterly *Classical Journal* since 1998, co-organized the annual meeting for the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in 1997, co-organized the symposium for the Denver Center's blockbuster *Tantalus* in 2000, chaired the external review committee for Harvard's Department of Classics, and served as the North American representative for the Fédération internationale des associations d'études classiques. Indeed, this dizzying list reflects only a fraction of the service activities in which Peter has been involved. And he has done all of this while continuing to publish outstanding work in the field of Roman poetry and while working actively with undergraduates, graduates and colleagues on the daily business of education: teaching, advising, counseling and mentoring. As Prof. Christopher Braider of French and Italian commented, "It is hard, if not impossible, to imagine a better or more selfless citizen of our college and university."

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pursue her long held dream of becoming a lawyer. We are also proud to say that two of our undergraduate majors, Nancy Greguras and Rachel Kahn, will join us in our masters program at CU next fall. We are delighted that they will not be leaving us and look forward to continued interactions in and

out of class. At the same time, we are wistful as we bid goodbye to so many other outstanding majors and minors, we wish them the best in their lives to come, and we hope that we have prepared them well to face the challenges which lie ahead and, above all, to recognize what is truly valuable in life.



AIA Lecture Schedule Set For 2002-03

As of May 10, 2002, Beth Dusinger is the President of the Boulder Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, and Diane Conlin the Vice-President. The AIA offers a yearly lecture series; in the year 2002-2003, it will showcase "Archaeology at CU-Boulder." The AIA-sponsored guest speaker will be Prof. Michael Vickers, of Oxford University, who will talk about connections between metal-work and ceramics in ancient Greece. Other speakers coming to town through the year will also be co-sponsored by the AIA. The tentative schedule is given below; for updates, check the Classics Department's web site! All lectures will be at 7:00, in the Humanities building.

- Bob Hohlfelder (Roman harbor construction) (September 16 2002)
- Shelley Wachsmann (nautical archaeology, Texas) (September 23 2002)
- Michael Vickers (AIA-Kress lecturer) (October 14 2002)
- Kirk Ambrose (Vezelay cathedral) (November 18 2002)
- Doug Bamforth (Irish neolithic) (December 9 2002)
- Art Joyce (Oaxaca shoreline) (January 20 2003)
- Steve Lekson (the Anasazi and CU) (February 10 2003)
- Beth Dusinger (imperialism in ancient Persia) (March 10 2003)
- Payson Sheets (Mesoamerica) (April 21 2003)

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Five Nichols Scholarships Awarded to Outstanding Undergraduates

This is the fourth year now that we have been able to offer scholarships to our undergraduates through the generosity of Classics alumna Ann Nichols. In contrast with previous years, however, we chose to offer five scholarships to current students staying at CU, one to an incoming freshman, and none for study abroad. This distribution does not reflect negatively on our applicants' qualifications to study abroad; on the contrary, it was precisely because of the extremely high quality of the pool this year that we chose to distribute awards more evenly. To give just one measure of this quality, the average GPA for our thirteen applicants was 3.76! In view of this tremendous depth, we decided to support a higher number of our students with somewhat smaller awards rather than committing so much money to a single student for study abroad. This year's winners were Ted Broberg, who will be a junior next year, Aaron Kessler, who will be a senior, Megan Lillie, who will be a junior, Michelle Soufl, who will be a senior, and Jesse Vader, who will be a sophomore. Each winner will receive \$3958 toward tuition and fees. As the winner of our Ann Nichols Fellowship for outstanding new students, Patrick Ferguson will also receive the same amount. Patrick will join us from Regis High School in Denver where he has studied three years of Latin under the direction of CU alumnus Jim Broderick-King and has for years cultivated an interest in the ancient world. We, the members of the Classics department, extend our warmest congratulations to these students and our deepest thanks to Ann Nichols for enabling us to reward our fine students so handsomely through her generosity.

Noel Lenski Wins Humboldt Award

Noel Lenski, who was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, will travel to Munich next year where he will spend a sabbatical under the sponsorship of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. This organization, sponsored by the German Federal Government, brings together young scholars from across the world to work on guided research projects with a German mentor. Lenski will collaborate with Prof. Jens-Uwe Krause, an expert in late Roman social history, on a book about Slavery in the Late Roman East. Using the resources of the the Institut fur alte Geschichte, Lenski hopes to complete most of the research for this project, which will involve culling a broad array of sources for attitudes to slavery and statistics about the continued use of slaves as a source of labor down to the sixth century AD. Lenski will live in Munich with his wife and two children, who will attend



Professor Noel Lenski

German schools for the year. They are thrilled to have this opportunity and Lenski hopes it will enrich both his teaching and scholarship in the years to come.



News from our Alumni

Ivy Stiles (BA 1986) visited the department in June and introduced his wife, Marina, to the department and showed her CU and Boulder. Ivy teaches Latin I-Latin AP and Introduction to Greek at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School in Rabun Gap, Georgia, where he also coaches swimming, cross country and track and field. Ivy is working on his MA in Classics at the University of Georgia.

Dorothy Rohner (MA 1989, PhD 1993) is a member of the faculty of the Classics department at the University of North Carolina Asheville, where she was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. UNC Asheville is a small liberal arts institution with a student population of 3300 and a vibrant Classics department. Dorothy takes a group of students to Greece every odd year for a two-week tour of archeological sites and two weeks of excavation with a Greek archaeologist. Last summer the group worked on Mykonos. She recently received a \$20,000 grant from the UNC system to develop an e-learning course in "Old World/New World Archaeology" in collaboration with Prof. Anne Rogers of Western State University. In addition, she is active in CAMWS and the Women's Classical Caucus.

Clay Jenkinson, who completed Classics graduate courses in the 1990's as part of his continuing effort to attain knowledge similar to that of Thomas Jefferson, presented "An Evening with Thomas Jefferson" in Denver on February 15. Clay was the principal on-air commentator in Ken Burns' series on Jefferson, has been a featured guest on "Politically Incorrect" and CSPAN, and hosts the "Thomas Jefferson Hour," a nationally syndicated radio program.

Georgia Irby-Massie (PhD 1994) has accepted a position at Baylor University where she will join John Thorburn (PhD 1993) on the Classics faculty. John has recently been appointed editor of the CAMWS newsletter and serves as Assistant Director for both Baylor's University Scholars Program and the Baylor in Italy Program.

Alexandra Christidou (PhD 1996) teaches elementary school in her homeland of Greece. She has received a permanent assignment to the first elementary school in her

hometown of Ag. Stefanos. Alexandra's e-mail address is aleka@rockinmranch.com.

Anetra Parks (BA 1998, JD 2001) will continue to work as the staff attorney/law clerk for the Ho-Chunk Nation Court System till June 28. In early July she will move from Black River Falls, WI, to Boulder, where she will begin a new job as an Associate with the law firm of Greene, Meyer & McElroy, a firm which practices both Indian Law and Family Law. Welcome back to Boulder, Anetra!



Prof. Lenski, dressed in the garb of an ancient Roman Flamen Dialis, prepares for a Lupercalian sacrifice."

Lenski Sponsors Lupercalia in his Paganism to Christianity Class

On a snowy February 15, Prof. Noel Lenski sponsored a traditional Roman Lupercalia using students in his course on Paganism to Christianity as participants. Several students volunteered to play the role of Luperci, traditionally naked male priests who ran around the Capitoline Hill striking maidens with strips of goat hide every February 15. The festival, designed to honor the god Pan and to ensure fertility for young maidens, forms the basis for the modern festival of St. Valentine. Our modern Luperci - both male and female in keeping with current gender norms - wore a bit more clothing - in keeping with current decency laws - and ran in the freezing cold around Norlin Quadrangle striking anyone with synthetic goat hide - in keeping with current attitudes about animal cruelty. Prof. Lenski officiated as Flamen Dialis, the priest of Jupiter charged with overseeing the sacrifice of a dog and a goat, for which stuffed equivalents were substituted.



Classics Reaches Out to Denver Middle Schoolers

The shards flew on March 6 at Slavens School in Denver. Ninety seventh and eighth grade students watched with rapt attention as Prof. Beth Dusinberre brought a pick axe down on a small pot in their school auditorium. "This is what archaeology is really like," she explained, pointing to the tiny shards. "This is what you actually find. It's not like Raiders of the Lost Ark." Using slides from her own field work, Prof. Dusinberre brought home the reality, as well as the excitement, of classical archaeology.

Prof. Dusinberre's lecture was part of a Classics department outreach program to Denver area schools. This was the third of three visits. On February 6, Barbara Hill and students from her "Latin Teaching Methods" course visited Mary Zang's seventh and eighth grade social studies and Latin classes. Braden Studhalter, Jesse Vader, and Justin Walker put their new skills into practice by teaching the middle school students about ancient writing and helping them construct scrolls, each with a Latin motto and a "name" of the student's choice (*aura* and *miles* were popular). Barbara Hill returned on February 20, with Ryan Butcher, Briana Myre, and Braden Studhalter, also "Methods" students, and Prof. Ariana Traill. The group gave a presentation on the ancient Olympics and led the seventh grade class through an



Professor Beth Dusinberre and Ariana Traill and classics major Jesse Vader prepare to leave for Slavens School.

ancient sports workbook, where students used their knowledge of Latin roots to identify sports from their neo-latin names (*natatio* was easy - but ... *subrotatae*? Ans. "ice skating"). The eighth grade assignment was to make a bulla, the amulet Roman children wore around their necks, complete with a Latin name and motto. Students pored over lists of subjects, verbs and objects, vying with each other to compose the best motto (*amor* and *veritas* were big hits but few wanted *mus* in their motto). The "genius" behind the scrolls and the emblem of the bulla was Mary France, also a student in Latin Teaching Methods and a veritable computer whiz.

The third visit began with Prof. Dusinberre's introduction to archaeology, followed by a presentation on Roman costume by Prof. Traill. Dressed as a Roman matron, she "bought" and fitted a volunteer slave (someone had to clean up those pot shards!) with a short tunic, and dressed a volunteer "bride" in the traditional Roman white tunic, *flammeum* (yellow-orange veil), and *reticulum* (yellow hair net). After giving the *nova nupta* a crash course in the drop spindle,

Prof. Traill pronounced her ready for marriage. She then helped classics major Jesse Vader become "Marcus", a Roman centurion. Wearing sword, greaves, crested helmet and fringed *sagum* or military cloak, Marcus talked about his life as a soldier and drilled several dozen eager "recruits" in Roman marching commands. The students' keen interest in ancient world, especially ancient warfare, made for a lively question period after the lectures. Everyone who took part agreed that the experience of working with so many eager young students was well worth the time and effort that went into the program.

Thanks to support from the A.S.C. Diversity Committee, the teaching equipment used in this outreach program is now permanently available for use in classes. In addition to the slave's tunic, bride's costume and military cloak and armor mentioned in the article, the collection includes a matron's *tunica*, *stola* and *palla* (and plenty of inexpertly spun wool for *vittae*), drop spindles, a Greek *peplos* and assorted jewelry, belts and *fibulae*. Photos and diagrams for drapery are also available. To arrange a loan please contact Ariana Traill (303 492-8165 traill@colorado.edu).



Professor Ariana Traill dresses a Slavens student for her Roman wedding.

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