Salve! Warm greetings from the Classics Program, with faculty Tim Brelinski, (Provost) Ralph Hexter, Valentina Popescu, John Rundin, Carey Seal, Rex Stem, David Traill (now emeritus professor and Research Professor), and me — along with the other members of our Program Committee, Don Abbott (English) and Catherine Chin (Religious Studies). This marks the end of my three-year term as director of the program, with newly tenured Rex Stem (congratulations!) as the next program director. It has been truly a pleasure to work with such dedicated colleagues and students. We’re delighted now to welcome to our academic community Assistant Professor Anna Uhlig, who joins our faculty in fall 2013. Dr. Uhlig wrote an M.Phil. thesis (on Homeric simile) at Cambridge and completed her Ph.D. in Classics from Princeton University in 2011, with a dissertation on Script and Song in Pindar and Aeschylus. This coming year we’ll search for another faculty member for our successful (and growing) Classics program.

For the past four years, the Classics Program has welcomed Arabic, Hindi-Urdu, and Hebrew to our academic family. Pictured here, in our end-of-year celebration (left to right): Emily Albu; Tarika Tarika (Fulbright scholar and Hindi TA); Ibtisam Al Mata’ni (Fulbright scholar and Arabic TA); Mandy Bachman (Graduate Program Coordinator); Shayma Hassouna (Arabic lecturer); Poonam Chauhan (Hindi lecturer). Ibtisam and Tarika have returned to their home countries, Oman and India, and are sorely missed in Davis!

Seraphin. Please read on for news of other awards, including the prize as Best Department Entry in the Picnic Day Parade. Thanks to Tracey Myint and her amazing crew for their Trojan Horse large enough for Tracey to ride inside.

We enjoyed a busy year of guest speakers, including impressive candidates for the Hellenist position now filled by Anna Uhlig. Continued on page 2 ...
News from Alumnae and Alumni

Ashley Bacchi

Ashley Bacchi writes:
“I have completed my doctoral coursework in the Jewish History and Culture area at the Graduate Theological Union and am currently in exams. I focus on Jewish diaspora communities in the Greco-Roman period, specifically the use of pagan mythology in Second Temple texts. I have been lucky enough to present several papers in the last two years, including one in Amsterdam last summer. Things are going well, and I am on schedule to propose my dissertation this coming academic year.”

Jane Batarseh

Jane Batarseh and her daughter Amanda, currently a graduate student in Comparative Literature at UC Davis, spent the summer studying Arabic in Bethlehem, Palestine. She wrote from there: “Amanda and I are now in Bethlehem. It’s paradoxical that in a land of so much strife, we have found such peace. We live in a family enclave. Aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces on both sides, although we have our own spacious apartment. The windows are always open (few if any bugs) and soft breezes blow in. Haitham [Jane’s husband] told me that it’s been very, very hot in Sacramento, but the highest it’s been here is in the low 90s.

“We’ve been living like desert hermits, accepting food from all sides. Other than that, the local market has delicious fresh fruit and vegetables, incredible whole wheat flat bread, and yogurt.

“When we do go out, it is with family making sure that we’re not paying tourist prices for things and are kept safe. Last Saturday we went down to the Shepherd’s Fields to small olive wood carving workshops. We made our way down rocky slopes and piles of olive wood to meet Uncle Issa’s friends, all of whom were covered in fine sawdust. Amanda took close shots of them working and we were able to buy some things but were not allowed to pay for others. We came home with as many gifts as purchases including an Arabic Bible, various nativity sets, and a set of beautiful playing pieces for Haitham’s backgammon set.”

Michael Boal

Class of 2012

In the summer following graduation, Michael Boal excitedly re-entered the job-market with recent triumphs in Classical Latin and a declining prowess at unskilled labor, and soon gained hire in Sacramento for Meals-on-Wheels. There, the ineffable excitement of scooping frozen peas and cauliflower into divided trays stirred a primal yearning for a return to academia, and so in late summer he migrated down to Southern California, the swirling snake den of the nefas LA Dodgers, yes, but also the site of one of the few single-subject credential programs for Latin in California. After one semester, a delay in the... Continued on page 3...

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We are grateful to alumna Allison Hack Nguyen, who taught for us this year and is moving on to teach Latin at the Menlo School. To all our alumni/ae: We love to hear from you and especially appreciate seeing you on your return trips to Davis. When you visit us, please step into our library, with newly donated books organized by student volunteers and our student librarian, Sarah Davis. Watch our website for announcements of lectures, Picnic Day parades, Classics picnics. — And finally, a very special thanks to John Rundin, who once again masterminded this newsletter. 🦋
issue of the critical CA Certificate of Clearance interrupted work on the teaching credential and returned him to the labor pool.

Meanwhile, his relationship with his wonderful girlfriend (2013 UCD graduate Tracey Myint) flourished and grew, and to his delight in mid-June on a warm Davis night before friends, family, and beloved UCD students and professors, she exchanged rings and vows of marriage with him. Finally, a few days later, after a long Spring of unloading freight trucks, degreasing old motors, and painting a small factory, Michael began his first Latin teaching job with Upward Bound at Long Beach City College, and is looking forward to returning to CSULB in the fall.

Aaron Heuckroth  
Class of 2012

Aaron writes to us: “I moved to Boston for an internship at a synthetic biology start-up called Ginkgo Bioworks, where I helped them develop a high-throughput DNA assembly pipeline for engineering microbes to perform useful tasks. I also took on the role of maintaining and programming their laboratory robotics platform and got my feet wet interfacing biological systems with software.

“I was selected to receive a National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG), which gave me a unique opportunity to take some risks and sign up for a Computer Engineering PhD program at Boston University, where I will start in the Fall. Until then, I’m working with my future lab to brush up on my programming skills and to start designing software that will help make biology easier to engineer.

“I feel really lucky to have had such awesome opportunities come up for me, and I asked my advisors at both Ginkgo and BU why they had decided to hire me on, and they both had the same answer: ‘Well, we didn’t have any other applicants who could read Latin!’”

Laura Hutchison  
PostBac 2011

Laura Hutchison has completed her first year of Ph.D. coursework at The Johns Hopkins University in the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology. Over the summer Laura will be spending three weeks at the Universität Freiburg, using the library and participating in courses at the Institut für Klassische Archäologie. This will be followed by a week in Rome and a week in Campania, where she will observe art, artifacts, and archaeological sites first-hand. Laura has thought fondly of her Classics friends and professors from UC Davis when working through courses this past year.

Jennifer LaFleur  
Post Bac 2008

This has been a busy couple of years for Jennifer LaFleur. Shortly after writing last, in the summer of 2011, she was diagnosed with late-Stage II breast cancer at the ripe old age of 31. This was quite a surprise, to say the least, but with the excellent care at the University of Virginia Breast Care Center and the loving support of family, friends, and colleagues, she came through four months of chemo, two surgeries, and six weeks of radiation with no sign of disease and has been cancer-free for 18 months now.

Although she had never run more than two miles before and never more than a handful of times a year, to promote recovery from treatment she trained for and ran the Charlottesville Women’s 4-miler, which raises money for local programs run by the UVA Breast Care Center. This was followed by the Charlottesville 10-miler, just because, and along the way she’s raced an 8K and two 5Ks. She is about to run her second 4-miler, and may be addicted to free T-shirts. Cancer did for her, as it does for some, unleash a somewhat insatiable joie de vivre that led not only to running but to regular yoga, a performance in Midsummer Night’s Dream, teaching with Fata Morgana Bellydance, and last but certainly not least, on the academic front, an application to the American School for Classical Studies at Athens. She will miss her loving...
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partner, Scott, and the two best cats in the world, but she is thrilled to be headed to the ASCSA on September 12 as the John L. Caskey Fellow. What an honor that is! In the meantime, there are two PhD comp exams to take very shortly, and upon her return, a dissertation to look forward to, most likely on a topic related to Greek influence on early Roman historiography.

Thom MacMillan  Class of 2012

Thomas MacMillan writes: “Following my graduation from UC Davis in June 2012, I married my wife Jessica and began working with a Christian ministry active on many college campuses around the world called Cru. We spent last year working with involved students at UC Davis and next January we will spend another year with Cru working with students in Port Elizabeth, South Africa at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. Ancient Greek continues to be a part of my daily life as I work my way through the Greek New Testament. I’m very thankful for the language, history, and critical thinking skills I’ve gained through the faculty and students of the UCD Classics department.”

Deepti Menon  Class of 2010

Deepti Menon writes to us: “I have just finished up my MA in Classics at the University of Vermont and will shortly begin my PhD program at UC Santa Barbara in Comparative Literature. I had a great time in the frozen north, and had the opportunity to present papers at CANE for two consecutive years, the first on the female roles in Roman comedy, the second on the reception of Aesop’s fables in Medieval France. I also was able to TA the exciting course ‘Myths and Legends of the Trojan War,’ taught by the incomparable professor Robert Rodgers. I leave the beautiful foliage of Vermont with sadness, but I look forward to my return to sunny California and my first experience with language teaching (French 1!) in the fall.”

Raed Moustafa  Class of 2007

Raed gives us the following news: “Hi everyone. Since graduating from UC Davis, I moved to Boston and have obtained an M.A. program in Medical Sciences and a Master of Public Health degree, concentrating in Health Law, Bioethics, and Human Rights at Boston University. “I am currently in my 4th year of medical school at this same institution. Over the years I’ve drawn substantially from my UC Davis education in Classics; it has had significant application to my learning of medical/scientific lingo (mostly Latin- and Greek-derived), critical thinking skills, and also in various research projects involving ethics, law, and public policy in the health care field. Studying Classics at UC Davis has provided me a firm foundation for continuing to explore these important social elements.”

Rob Olson  Class of 2008

Rob Olson remains a very happy high school teacher and coach in the Napa Valley. He has recently taken up AP European History and is thrilled to be able to explain the Greek origins of Thomas More’s Utopia and the Latin meaning of various papal terms. For the 2013-2014 year, he is hoping to incorporate as much Greco-Roman political theory as he can get away with in an American Government class. In the accompanying photo, he is on last year’s trip to Maui, taking a very rainy and cold hike on the volcano Haleakala — which, amusingly enough, means “House of the Sun.”

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Giorgio Selvaggio
Class of 2011

Giorgio received his Master’s Degree in Secondary Latin Education from Boston College this past December. He is now returning to the Sacramento area to help start an elementary school Latin program at John Adams Academy in Roseville. Giorgio has been married for 3 years and has a tuxedo cat named Hawkeye. He is excited to adopt more kitties but does not plan to have any kids in the near future.

Jacqueline Wolf
Class of 2007
(and Nicole Huff and Sara Mykytyn!)

Jackie Wolf brings us news of her studies and travel:
“I will be entering grad school in the fall at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, pursuing my masters in Library and Information Science through the University of Michigan’s School of Information, which is where the book nerds and computer nerds join forces and do awesome things.

“Right now I’m currently backpacking through Russia, Mongolia, and China via the Trans-Siberian Railroad with two friends I met through the Classics program at Davis: Sara Mykytyn and Nicole Huff. The trip has been incredible so far, and I’ve definitely used my rusty Greek skills to interpret all of the Cyrillic signs I’ve come across (as well as to deal with the crazy internet security questions my email persisted in posting only in Russian). So if anyone questions the practicality of a Classics degree you can tell them it helped this Hellenist work her way through Russia despite knowing only three words of Russian.”

Eli Yani
Class of 2011

Eli is a masters degree of Political International Affairs candidate specializing in international politics and China studies at the UCSD School of International Relations and Pacific Studies where he is a Robertson Fellow. In that school, Eli is president of the program’s student government and thankfully did not have to cross the Rubicon in order to consolidate power. He is interested in international security, U.S. electoral politics, and U.S.-Sino relations, and would like to pursue a career in the federal government working on diplomacy or security policy. Eli is currently interning for the U.S. State Department Bureau of Legislative Affairs and despite the terrible humidity, has grown to really like D.C.

Though he will likely pursue a career in politics, Eli greatly appreciates the time he spent studying Classics at UC Davis and still takes the lessons of Caesar and Cicero to heart.

Andrés Zambrano
Class of 2011

Andrés is currently a second year at Columbia Law School student. In the summer of 2013, he worked as a litigation intern at the Office of the San Francisco City Attorney.

Trojan Horse Lives!
The Trojan Horse in the Picnic Day Parade, and the coordinator of its Creation, Tracey Boal (née Myint). More photos page 12.
News from the Faculty

Emily Albu

Emily tells us, “My last year of directing the Classics Program (and Medieval and Early Modern Studies) has been a busy one, with a successful search for a new Hellenist (welcome, Anna Uhlig!) and teaching (with John Rundin) nearly 500 students in Greek and Latin Roots of English — next fall increased to 800 in our two team-taught sections.

In winter quarter I taught the senior seminar (on the world of late antiquity) and film and the ancient world — a dream team of classes with superb students. I also completed a book on the medieval Peutinger map, now under contract with Cambridge University Press, and traveled to give talks on the map and (at Durham UK and Kalamazoo) on the Norman historian Orderic Vitalis. The Durham conference featured a banquet in the eleventh-century castle, a medievalist’s delight.

“Vacation travels included a visit to the north shore of Kauai, my favorite spot when I lived in Hawaii years ago. Now Alan and I are planning our usual summer retreat at a family cabin in Maine and looking forward to two weeks in Greece before school starts in September.”

Charlayne Allan

Charlayne writes us: “I’d especially like to send greetings to former students and congratulations to the Classics faculty and students for yet another stellar year. I was delighted to attend the picnic, as always, a grand finale with abundant atmosphere.

Nigel and I continue to enjoy our high desert home in Reno and our mountain retreat in Truckee. Last year we ventured into other high places, touring and visiting his family in the Highlands of Scotland and mine in the mountains of East Tennessee and North Carolina. ‘Montani semper liberi’ indeed, and I would add, ‘free to travel’ in retirement! The photo was taken in late summer on the east coast of Scotland at the Firth of Forth, much like a nice winter’s day in Davis.

“With all good wishes for a restful and productive summer, Charlayne.”

Tim Brelinski

Here’s an update from Tim: “This past year at UC Davis was a delight for me. I enjoyed teaching a wide variety of subjects, the highlight of which was my course on Tacitus’ Agricola. Each of the students in the course was so motivated and so capable at reading this difficult author’s Latin that I was truly impressed and inspired.

I’m also thrilled to be returning here for another year, and I am looking forward to teaching the excellent students that we have in our Classics program once again. I will, of course, enjoy teaching Cicero and Ovid and CLA 1 and 2, but I must admit that I’m particularly pleased by the prospect of teaching an author and a work near and dear to my heart, Homer’s Odyssey.

The latter has kept me busy this summer in research; I’ve been putting the finishing touches on an article about a scene from Book 22. In my free time, my wife and I hope to do some more exploring, hiking, and fishing in California’s many mountainous regions.”

Ralph Hexter

Ralph informs us about his activities: “In fall quarter, 2012, I co-taught Comparative Literature 210 with Professor Brenda Schildgen on the reception of Vergil’s Aeneid. It was a wonderful experience to be back in the classroom, and truly illuminating to learn from my colleague as well as the many students whose interests and expertise extended well beyond European literature.

Most of all, it was wonderful to have three hours every week when I could think about Vergil’s epic and its readers from Ovid, Proba and Augustine through Dante, Chaucer and Marlowe to Hermann Broch. I look forward to other teaching opportunities.

More broadly in the world of classics, I was elected as a trustee of the American Philological Association and attended my first board meetings in that capacity in Seattle. I am the junior of the APA’s two financial trustees, presumably because I know something about budgets.”

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Allison Nguyen

Allison, who taught several classes for us last year has left UC Davis to take a teaching job at the Menlo School in the San Francisco Bay Area. She writes: “I don’t have much to say about the new job yet. New employee orientation doesn’t start until the 15th of August, and then classes begin on the 22nd. So far, I have just been making sure that I have filled out all of my new-hire paperwork. Now that Summer Session I is over, Tien and I are getting ready to move. I am moving first and will start putting my classroom together, but Tien has to stay in Davis a couple weeks longer in order to finish his EMT course.”

Valentina Popescu

Valentina Popescu took some time off after the birth of her daughter, Catherine Maria, but she is delighted to be back now full time. She extends her gratitude to her wonderful colleague Allison Nguyen who carried the torch of first year Greek with such professionalism and dedication.

John Rundin

John completed his eighth year of teaching at UC Davis, and only enjoys the job more from year to year. He did have one mishap this year. He broke his ankle while on vacation over spring break. He’s grateful to all his students and coworkers, and particularly Laura Barrera, the Classics program coordinator, who helped accommodate his needs while he was unable to walk. He also wants to thank his partner, Robert, who drove him to work and back every day for much of the spring quarter. He expects a complete recovery by the winter.

One high point for him was his attendance at University of Kentucky Professor Terence Tunberg’s annual Conventiculum Lexingonense, where people gather and agree to speak only Latin for a week. It was a really eye-opening and fun experience.

Allison and her husband Tien on Maui.

Lynn Roller

Lynn Roller enjoyed a busy year of research, teaching, and travel. One high point came in September 2012, when she returned to the Rhodope Mountains in southeastern Bulgaria to continue her survey project on the rock-cut cult and funerary monuments of the ancient Thracians. This gave her a chance to spend two weeks in a beautiful place, hiking, climbing mountains, and eating wonderful Bulgarian food. In late September she returned to Davis and to teaching, where her assignments included her first-ever graduate seminar in art historical theory and one of her favorite Classics courses, Early Greek Art. Professor Roller also published the first preliminary report on the results of the Bulgarian survey, an article on gender and Greek deities, and made good progress on her book, The Archaeology of Greek and Roman Cult, to be published by Cambridge University Press. On the personal side, she helped guide her twin son and daughter, both high school seniors, through the rigors of the university application process. Next year she and her husband John will be empty-nesters, which will be quite a change after eighteen years of intense parenthood.

Valentina with her daughter Catherine Maria.

The Winter Homer class was a special treat for Valentina thanks to our amazing Greek students at UC Davis. She has just finished revising an article that will appear in Illinois Classical Studies early next year, “Lucian’s Saturnalia. Rewriting the Literary Nomoi.”

Valentina will teach Summer Session I and then will take the rest of the summer off, enjoying together with her family the blessings of the nature around Davis, the mountains and the ocean.

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Carey Seal

This year Carey Seal enjoyed teaching classical mythology, for the second time, to three hundred students and exploring Lucretius’ *De rerum natura* with a somewhat smaller group of advanced Latinists. His schedule was rounded out by Greek 100, in which a talented group of students expertly balanced the delights of Plato’s *Symposium* with the still more sublime pleasures of reviewing Greek morphology and syntax, and by his first graduate seminar, a memorable voyage through ancient literary criticism, from Aristophanes to Augustine, with a wonderful set of graduate students pursuing the Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory. He finished an article on models of history in Valerius Flaccus’ *Argonautica*, an early version of which was delivered last summer at a conference in Greece, and made headway with his book on Seneca, which he hopes to complete during a sabbatical at Princeton University during the 2013-2014 academic year. As appealing a luxury as a year to devote entirely to research and writing is, he will miss his colleagues and students, who together make the Classics Program at UC Davis the ideal place to work. He looks eagerly forward to returning to campus in the fall of 2014.

Rex Stem

It was a really memorable year for me as a Classics professor. First, my book came out, entitled *The Political Biographies of Cornelius Nepos*, published by the University of Michigan Press. Nepos was a friend of Cicero and Catullus who, in the final years of the Roman Republic, wrote a series of biographies about famous generals, and I argue that he wrote them with a republican edge, presenting his subjects as models to imitate or condemn in light of contemporary politics. No reviews yet, though lots of favorable comments about the calming blue of the cover.

Then came an even bigger deal, my promotion to Associate Professor with tenure! When the news broke this spring, the students in my Caesar class surprised me with a chalkboard celebration (see picture below) and then threw me a happy little party laden with cake and honorary Latin titles. These are the moments in research and teaching that make my job such a great one! I am trying not to rest on these laurels, preparing a student commentary on the Latin text of Caesar’s *Gallic War* as well as other articles about Caesar’s writings, and even some further thoughts about Nepos. But in fact my head is still largely in the clouds.

**Don’t be ashamed to seek instruction about what you do not know; any knowledge is honorable; it is shameful to have no desire to learn at all. — Cato the Elder**
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David Traill

I spent the Fall quarter of 2012 in Florence with some forty student participants in the UCD Quarter Abroad (Italy) program. I was delighted to renew my acquaintance with the city after many years and was particularly impressed with the duomo (cathedral), whose exterior has now been cleaned to reveal its beautifully colored marble. We enjoyed great weather on our excursion to Venice. A week later tourists were wading through Piazza San Marco in water up to their thighs! Since returning to Davis in December I have been working on the two books that have been occupying much of my time for some years now: The Shorter Poems of Walter of Châtillon and Carmina Burana. I am happy to report that I sent off the proofs of the former to the publisher in July and that the book is scheduled to appear this fall.

Anna Uhlig

I spent the last year in Cambridge, UK, teaching Greek of all stripes and a little Latin to boot. My research energies were divided between a number of shorter papers, articles, and reviews which have (or will soon) see their way into print and my book project, a comparative study of Pindar and Aeschylus, which is still underway.

After four years in England, I am delighted to return to the US. I am especially excited to be joining the vibrant and rich Classics Program at Davis. My teaching this year will allow me to meet a broad range of students at Davis, from those just beginning to explore the ancient world, to the advanced Greek students who will join my Lyric poetry course this fall. I look forward to getting to know everyone in the Davis Classics community.

Classics Program Coordinator and Student Affairs Officer Laura Barrera marks twenty years at UC Davis  by John Rundin

Laura Barrera, who has worked for the Classics Program for nineteen years celebrated twenty years of employment at UC Davis this year. She is currently the Program Coordinator and Student Affairs Officer for the Classics Program as well as the Spanish and Portuguese Department.

For most of the time Laura has worked here, Spanish and Classics constituted one department. Today, they have been split into the Spanish and Portuguese Department and the Classics Program, but Laura still works with both.

She began as an administrative assistant but found a niche in student advising that was perfect for her. Under the mentorship of the late Professor Robert Scari, Master Adviser, whom she and many others very fondly remember, she grew into the position of great administrative responsibility she currently holds.

We can all attest to the efficiency, intelligence, skill, and good spirit that Laura brings to her work. The Classics faculty are so grateful to work with her.

As for Laura, she wishes to express her gratitude to Robert Scari and enthusiastically says, “I love working with the students.”

I speak for everyone when we say that we love working with Laura.
News from the Post-Baccalaureate Program

It was another successful year for our students in the Postbaccalaureate Certificate Program in Classics. We had five students complete the program and move on to further studies: Jill Bolin, to a Ph.D. program in History at UC San Diego; Max Botner, to a D.Phil. program in Theology at the University of St. Andrews (in Scotland); Wesley Hanson, to a M.A. program in Classics at the University of Kansas; Lester Stephens to a M.A. program in Classics at the University of Notre Dame; Rachel Tyra to a Ph.D. program in History at UC Riverside. All have secured funding for their advanced degrees, and most had multiple offers from which to choose. We are proud of their accomplishments, and we wish them all good luck and hard work in their development from students to scholars!

We have one student entering the program this fall, Colette Milligan (UCD Classics ’13 and winner of our Latin prize), who will join the five students continuing in the program this year. Watch this space next year for their future plans! 🌟

Macte Virtute, Graduating Seniors!

The seniors graduating with Classics bachelor’s degrees were a phenomenal lot this year. Talented and accomplished, they will be missed by the UC Davis Classics faculty, who are proud to have been a part of their education.

The following students were listed by the Registrar as receiving bachelor’s degrees in the Classics for the 2012-2013 academic year. 👤

Carolyn Carey  
Keil Chase  
Tracey Chong  
Esther DiCarlo  
Robert Hoile  
Quincy Kayton  
Tracey Boal (née Myint)  
Angelica Perez  
Julie Quattrochchi  
Chelcy Sandefur  
Rebecca Seraphin  
Scott Wong

Students Honored at Classics Picnic

Our annual Classics Picnic was held on Sunday, June 2, 2013, once again at Professor Emily Albu’s and Professor Alan Taylor’s house. Students were congratulated and presented awards for their achievements.

Angelica Perez was honored as outstanding graduating senior.

We congratulated Keil Chase, Quincy Kayton, and Rebecca Seraphin for being initiated into Phi Beta Kappa.

Keil Chase, Colette Milligan, and David G. Welch were praised for completing honors theses.

Esther DiCarlo, Tyler Moser, Chelsey Sandefur, and David G. Welch were recognized for doing best locally on the Eta Sigma Phi Translation exams.

Liztrelle Mangompit received the prize for best first-year Latin student; Troy Monteleone got the prize for best first-year Greek student.

Colette Milligan earned the Upper Division Latin prize. The Upper Division Greek prize went to David G. Welch.

Graduating seniors Keil Chase, Esther DiCarlo, and Chelcy Sandefur received Departmental Citations.

Graduating senior Rebecca Seraphin got an Outstanding Performance Citation.

Awards for Meritorious service went to Sarah Davis, Esther DiCarlo, and Tracey Myint.

Finally, we must express our thanks to those who performed at the Classics Picnic. They include the Latin 3 Chorus, graduating senior Keil Chase for his recitation from Vergil, and, especially, our alumnus Ian Martin, who came back to Davis to do a bardic recitation of Homer. 🎤
Classical Studies Association Triumphs Again!

The Classical Studies Association [CSA], the student group associated with the Classics Program at Davis has had another victory in the Picnic Day Parade. Two years ago, its contingent won the Blue Ribbon for Best Student Organization Entry. In 2013 it earned the award for Best Department Entry. The students who worked so hard on the Picnic Day Parade contingent have a right to be very proud.

The Classical Studies Association was led in the 2012/13 academic year by Co-Presidents Quincy Kayton and Rebecca Seraphin. The Vice-President and Picnic Day Coordinator was Tracey Boal (née Myint). The Treasurer was Sarah Davis and the Secretary was Colin Caskey. The officers really outdid themselves this year and deserve great praise.

This year was packed with all kinds of fun stuff. The year kicked off with meetings to plan events, t-shirts, and a one-of-a-kind classics calendar. Winter was consumed by work on the winning float for the UC Davis annual event Picnic Day, for which the CSA built a ten-foot tall Trojan Horse, which, in the Parade, was escorted by Trojan royalty, wheeled around by soldiers, and accompanied by various Greek gods; of course, unbeknownst to the Trojans, Odysseus was hiding inside and intermittently poked his head out to the crowd, which knew what was going on all along. The year was finished off with the CSA's Classics Day event, filled with a classics-themed jeopardy, gladiator battles, and a mini-olympics.

Tracey Boal, the coordinator of the Picnic Day preparations has this to say about the Picnic Day festivities: “Classical Studies Association, the UC Davis student organization for Classics students, marched triumphantly again in the Picnic Day parade! Students, professors, and their families dressed as Trojan soldiers and royalty, accompanied by a few gods and a hidden Greek. Their theme this year was Trojan Horse! The group put together a 10-foot tall Trojan Horse on wheels, made of wood, paper mache, and metal, which the soldiers authentically pulled through the parade by ropes while Odysseus popped out of the side hatches of the Horse, waving to the surprised, cheering crowd, and occasionally clashing swords with the soldiers. Their efforts and hard work on the float entry earned them the prize of Best Department Entry 2013.

“We wish to thank everyone who waged war and helped claim victory through this project: Howard and Louise Worthington, Tom and Janet Davis, Tracey (alias Traceian) and Michael Boal, Tracy Chong, Jessica Howard, Sarah Davis, Colin Caskey, Rebecca Seraphin, Michael O’Sullivan, Alexandrea (Ali) Sherman, Kate Skow, Emily (Charlie) Liu, Cherise Glodowski, Brad Bennett, Angelica Perez, Keil Chase, Robbie Hoile, Wesley Hanson, Nate Kommoju, Haley Hauder, and Uncle Terry!”

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Picnic Day Parade Trojan Horse Rocks!
**Eta Sigma Phi**

Eta Mu, the UC Davis Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, the national society for students of Greek and Latin, added another thirteen members to its roles. The following students were initiated in the Spring of 2013 at Classics Day, hosted by the Classical Studies Association:

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In addition, UC Davis undergraduates participated in the Maurine Dallas Watkins translation contests sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi. Undergraduate students compete in six translation contests: an intermediate and an advanced translation contest of Greek to English; an intermediate and an advanced translation contest of Latin to English; a translation contest from Koine Greek to English; and a translation contest from English to Latin. UC Davis students win something every year; this year UC Davis students Esther DiCarlo and David Welch won honorable mention in Intermediate Greek.

**Classics Miscellany!**

Students Joanna Finton and Emma Luk strike a pose at the 2013 Classics Picnic.

**The Faculty goes to the gods**

Classics Major and Graduating Senior Tracey Boal’s (née Myint) rendering of the Classics Faculty as Greek gods. From left to right, Hera (Emily Albu), Dionysus (John Rundin), Zeus (David Traill), Hermes (Carey Seal), Poseidon (Tim Brelinski), Ares (Rex Stem), Demeter (Valentina Popescu), and Athena (Allison Nguyen).
Greeks at the Picnic Day Parade! More photos page 12 ...