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## Spring CCA Meeting, Feb. 16, 2008

8:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn at DIA



Fabius at CU-Boulder  
Photo by M. France

A special thanks also to Joy Collins who sponsored the event in Colorado Springs and who came up with the idea to show a video about catapults during the interval between presentations at Palmer High School. It was a perfect filler and kept the attention of the crowd.

## Centurio Fabius Dr. Barcio's Presentation at Colorado Springs and Boulder

Dr. Barcio as Fabius the Tribune entertained rapt audiences in Colorado Springs and Boulder on February 9th and 10th. Fabius is a fictional character, born in 793 A.U.C., who joins the army, trains, and is sent to Britannia. The audience learns about the grueling exercises where occasionally trainees get killed to serve as examples for what death looks like and smells like to better prepare the others for real battles. Dr. Barcio demonstrates how the various weapons were used on brave student volunteers. The replicas of the weapons and armor, including the outfit Fabius wears, and the first-person account, bring those watching closer to the reality of a soldier's life which textbooks can not convey. Dr. Barcio packs a wealth of information about Roman military training and life into a very entertaining and humorous monologue; yet, he manages to point out the battlefield horrors, too, for all to contemplate more seriously.

The Fabius persona was set aside for the second part of the presentation as Dr. Barcio related his ten years of trials and tribulations with the design and construction of catapults at the high-school level, attempting to achieve a particular goal, and the national competitions, news coverage, and major damage to a couple of school buildings and a car that ensued.

Magistra Ellen DelMargo hosted the Colorado Springs event at Palmer High School. She and the Palmer High-School administration and staff did an outstanding job of procuring the equipment needs for Dr. Barcio and managing the school-bus loads of students coming together from all over town to enjoy their beautiful auditorium.

The second day of presentations was held at the Eaten Humanities building at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

This event was sponsored by the Colorado Classics Association to provide high-school and college students an opportunity to learn about Roman military life and about catapults in a memorable and entertaining way. Magistra France is convinced of its success based on the enthusiastic feedback received from her students and the chaperones.

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Dr. Barcio speaking about catapults at Palmer HS in CO Springs



**CCA Minutes for Sept. 8, 2007 Meeting at Cherry Creek High**



*Dr. Barcio giving a military signal with Roman horn replica at the CU-Boulder presentation. Below: Dr. Barcio at Colorado Springs*



**Executive Meeting**

Present were: Alison Orlebeke, Amy Sommer, Joy Collins, Mary France, Frank Gummerlock

**Meeting came to order at 10:19 am.**

Alison spoke about updating the mailing list and directory, and informed that Owen Cramer may be updating the directory and sending this out.

Alison informed that Barbara Hill is planning to update and mail out the grid she created a few years ago of all of the classics programs in Colorado, what texts each uses, etc.

Alison gave a treasurer's report. The dues are coming in. There is approx. \$100-200 in the checking account, and about \$500 in the savings account.

Alison encouraged the CCA executives to attend, make presentations, and serve on the Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers (CCFLT) conferences. The fall meeting is October 20 at Erie High School from 8:30-4:30 and registration includes breakfast and lunch. Their spring meeting is in February at the Holiday Inn near Denver International Airport.

Our spring meeting will tentatively be February 16<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the CCFLT meeting. Alison will also make some phone calls, try to secure a room at the Holiday Inn for the meeting, and see whether CCA will need to pay anything to have our meeting coincide with it. Joy will contact the Latin teacher in Grand Junction who attends CCFLT annually to let her know of CCA's plans for spring meeting.

**General Meeting**

Present were all of those at the executive meeting plus Amador Fierro, Latin and Spanish teacher at Wasson HS in Colorado Springs; Kris Tracy, Latin teacher at Ricks Center; Ilse Stratton, German and Latin instructor at UCCS and former Latin teacher at Rampart HS in Colo. Springs; Jim Broderick King, Latin teacher and administrator at Regis Jesuit HS; Mary Zang, Latin

teacher at Smoky Hill HS; and Rachel Zelaya, Latin instructor at Denver University.

**Meeting commenced at 10:50 am.**

The first fifteen or twenty minutes were spent in distribution of Joel Berk's library among anyone who wanted his classical books, posters, teacher's guides, etc. Thanks to Kris Tracy for storing about six boxes or more. Frank will send a thank you card on behalf of CCA to the family via Kris.

Alison gave an update on the status of mailing lists, directory, and grid of Latin programs throughout the state. See minutes of executive meeting.

Alison informed us about the fall and spring CCFLT conferences, handed out copies of registration forms, and told us that the spring CCA meeting will be Feb 16 to coincide with the CCFLT meeting. See the executive minutes.

Frank informed us that the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, whose annual conferences were out of state the last few years, is having their annual meeting in Boulder on Friday April 18. If anyone is doing research in late antiquity and would like to present, their topic may cross over into the medieval period. See their website for more on the call for papers.

Mary informed us that the fall newsletter will be coming out soon.

The majority of the meeting was spent in a roundtable discussion of how we approach translating with our students. Many present handed out sample tests, exercises, and translations. Too many ideas were discussed to record in the minutes. I felt it was very helpful and informative, and I trust others received ideas and felt it was beneficial.

In the discussion, two ideas for future meetings were brought up. One was differentiation, or how we teachers deal with the different learning needs of our students. The other was the topic of teacher tricks and treats.

Meeting adjourned about 1:05.



## Cherry Creek's Advanced Placement Program Institute

### Opportunities for Latin Teachers at Cherry Creek AP Institute

In August of 2007 Cherry Creek High School hosted its annual AP Institute. This was the first year that an AP Latin: Vergil and Latin Literature session was offered, due in large part to the commitment of CCA members, as well as CCHS' desire to expand its offerings. Six Colorado Latin teachers attended the four-day institute—Joy Collins, Missy Johnson, Hildegard Roberts, Amy Sommer, Helen Vickery, and Mary Zang—and were joined by a seventh teacher from the Los Angeles area. Dr. John Sarkissian of Youngstown State University in Ohio presented the workshop. As the outgoing Chief Reader of the AP Latin exams, he was able to provide participants with countless insights into the creation and grading of the exams. Participants learned how to write AP-style multiple-choice questions and how to teach students to write a passage-based analytical essay, among other things. There were frequent opportunities for conversation and the sharing of best practices, and all participants left with materials donated by publishers, as well as the materials that they helped create during the institute. The next Cherry Creek AP Institute will take place August 4-7, 2008. Dr. Sarkissian has agreed to return and promises a new workshop tailored to the needs and interests of the participants. This is a terrific opportunity for Colorado Latin teachers!

[http://www.cchs.ccsd.k12.co.us/fac\\_staff/apsi/apsi\\_index.html](http://www.cchs.ccsd.k12.co.us/fac_staff/apsi/apsi_index.html)



*Fabius with his recruits in Colorado Springs and in Boulder.*



## Colorado College's Summer Institute

### Courses offered for the 2008 CC Summer Latin program this summer include:

Block A, B (June 4-July 18) Beginning Latin. Richard Beaton, Patricia FitzGibbon  
 Block A (June 9-27) Latin Prose Composition/Intermediate Latin Readings. Alison Orlebeke  
 Block A (June 9-27) Colloquium: Latin Teaching Methods. Richard Beaton  
 Block B (June 30-July 18) Vergil. Rob Kendrick  
 Block B (June 30-July 18) Colloquium: Catullus. Patricia FitzGibbon  
 Block C (July 21-Aug. 8) Foundations of Classical Culture: The Romans (in English). Patricia FitzGibbon

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**CCFLT Note Bene:** Barbara Hill, Judy McDonald, and Carmen Kopen will give a three-part presentation at the CCFLT meeting on Friday from 11 a.m. to Noon on what to say, or not to say to struggling foreign language students, scaffold-learning for weak students, and testing and pre-testing.

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<http://www2.coloradocollege.edu/dept/cl/cca/welcome.htm>

From the main page, follow the "Newsletter" link where you can read the latest issue.

**Colorado Classics Association Membership & Dues**

**Registration for CCA**

Please complete this form and SEND it to NOEL LENSKI, University of Colorado, CCA Treasurer, Eaton Humanities, 248 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0248

CCA dues: \$10.00 for regular members and \$5.00 for retirees.

Make out checks to CCA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ita Vero**, I'd like to be added to the Colorado Classicists E-Mail List.

My email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Minime**, I prefer to be contacted by phone or postal service.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Quoque**, I prefer to receive the CCA Newsletter by mail rather than read it online or print it from the www.



## CU Boulder News and Upcoming Guest Lectures

*Contributed by Noel Lenski*

The Classics live at CU Boulder! Our eleven faculty will soon be supplemented by a new Hellenist whom we are in the process of hiring. These faculty and our graduate students offered over fifty courses last year, including all levels of Latin and Greek as well as history, archaeology, mythology and ancient literature in translation, to over 100 majors and 40 graduate students. Last year we graduated 15 majors, 6 minors and 11 Masters students. We hosted a number of speakers, including CU alum Tyler Lansford, Columbia's Gareth Williams, and Manchester's Roy Gibson, all of whom spoke on Latin topics. We also hosted an international conference on "The Power of Religion in Late Antiquity." Above all, we were proud to host Dr. Bernard Barcio last February for his demonstration of Roman militaria in coordination with the CCA.

This spring look forward to talks by James McKeown of Wisconsin, who will speak on Ovid, and Judson Herman of Allegheny College, who will speak on the new text of the Greek orator Hyperides discovered in the so-called "Archimedes Palimpsest."

If you are not already on our lecture mailing list, please contact

[lenski@colorado.edu](mailto:lenski@colorado.edu).

You can find more information on the goings on in Boulder in our annual newsletter posted at:

<http://www.colorado.edu/classics/newsletter/index.html>.

## 2007 ACL Institute

*Contributed by Barbara Hill*

Five Latin teachers traveled from Colorado to Nashville, Tennessee in late June to attend the 60th Annual American Classical League Institute. Classroom veterans Lynn Gibert, Barbara Hill, Amy Sommer and Kris Tracy welcomed Sam Baumgarten, a Spanish teacher who will start teaching beginning Latin to sixth graders at Kent Denver in fall 2007.

The Colorado contingent were eager attendees at paper sessions and other gatherings, and they also played leadership roles. Barbara Hill joined former ACL president Ken Kitchell and other Latin methods teachers on the Presidents Roundtable on Latin Teacher Training. ACL president Sherwin Little, a Latin teacher at Indian Hill High School near Cincinnati, earned his MAT at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Amy Sommer gave a presentation entitled "Visualizing the World of the Romans with Digital Slideshows and Google Earth". Amy's talk was part of the paper session "Houses of Gods and Mortals: NEH Summer Institute 2006." This session featured presentations by five of the 2006 NEH Summer Institute participants, all of whom enjoyed five weeks of study in Rome. Lynn Gibert hosted a paper session, and Kris Tracy enjoyed an extended stay in Nashville as she worked with the Excellence Through Classics (ETC) committee on various projects.

## Teacher Features

*Contributed by Barbara Hill*

**Kris Tracy** serves on the Excellence Through Classics committee and therefore attends annual ACL institutes. After the meetings are all over, the sub-group of that committee, which writes the National Mythology Exam stays an extra day or two as does the other sub-group that writes the Exploratory Latin Exam. Since Kris works on both exams -- mostly as a proofreader, typist, and archivist -- she gets the best of all possible worlds bouncing back and forth! The Excellence Through Classics committee holds its executive meeting in Oxford in the spring, but the committee members get to touch base on all the things that happen in the fall and winter during the summer at institute!

**Welcome Rachel Zelaya** who is teaching Latin 101 at Denver University and tutoring in Boulder.

**Congratulations to Sherry Hulbert** who is beginning her Latin-teaching career at Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy.

## COJCL Events

### CoJCL Upcoming Events

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008:**

**Statewide Certamen Tournament** at Regis Jesuit High School—Girls Division. 1:00-3:30 pm. Sponsors have received a flyer via email with more details.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2008:**

**State Convention at the YMCA of the Rockies.**

Sponsors will receive an email with an electronic version of the registration packet. All registrations must be completed online by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008!