

# The CAAS Newsletter



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## The Jerry Clack Lectureship

At the Association's fall meeting in New Brunswick, President Barbara Gold announced that CAAS had established the Jerry Clack Lectureship. This lectureship will honor a man who served both as editor of *Classical World* and as Executive Director of the Association. Few people have given as much to this organization for so long.

The annual Clack Lecture will feature a speaker from outside our region, an appropriate honor for Jerry who has traveled throughout the world. Lecturers will come from throughout the United States, Europe, and beyond and share with the members of CAAS their work on the worlds of ancient Greece and Rome.

Of course, to make this lectureship a reality, financial support is necessary. Already, 21 people have contributed more than \$2,500 toward the fund's goal of \$10,000. A good beginning but only a beginning. Everybody in CAAS is urged to support the Jerry Clack Lectureship. Please send your check (be sure to write "Jerry Clack Lectureship" in the memo line) payable to the Classical Association of the Atlantic States to:

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## Letter from the President

It is a pleasure for me to introduce the New Series of the CAAS Newsletter. Together with *Classical World* (the official CAAS journal edited by Matthew Santirocco at NYU), the CAAS website ([www.caas-cw.org](http://www.caas-cw.org)), and periodic postal and electronic mailings to members, we hope that this newsletter will serve as an important and useful source of information for all those who are interested—including teachers at all levels and Friends of Classics who might not be Classics professionals—in the study and teaching of Latin, Greek, and the Classics in the mid-Atlantic States. We would like to use this space for airing and sharing any Classics-related concerns regarding our conferences, programming, continuing education, cooperation between and among K-12 and college/university teachers, Classics outreach, pedagogy, scholarship, ways to promote growth of CAAS, the mission of CAAS for the new millennium, and anything else of concern to members and friends. Issues of this Newsletter are being mailed to all members and posted on the CAAS web site. In the near future we will make it possible for members to receive email notification of publication *Continued on Page 3*

## Howard Classics Major Wins Rhodes Scholarship

*Editor's Note: The CAAS Newsletter asked Prof. Rudolph Hock, Chair of the Classics Department at Howard University, to write a brief article on Marianna Ofusu, 2003 Rhodes Scholar and Classics major. Here are his comments.*

When I introduced her to the faculty in December I said that I could (quite literally) spend the better part of an hour singing her praises and outlining her string of achievements (both in academic and extra-curricular circles; e.g. working at the Solidarity Center, the international extension of the AFL-CIO, which provided institutional and financial assistance to labor and trade unions in the developing world). The comment of one of the Rhodes' panelists summed it up most aptly: "The only thing she has not done is part the Red Sea!"

During AY 2001-2002 she spent her junior year studying Classics and Ancient History at Christ Church College, Oxford (courtesy of a Beinecke fellowship), with the likes of Allan Bowman and Miriam Griffin. Currently, among other things, she is writing her senior honors thesis on civic virtue in *Continued on Page 3*

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# Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Colleagues,

Like any organization, CAAS must encourage communication among all its members if it is to be effective. The Association must let everybody know what is happening so that all may contribute to it and its work. The meetings each semester, the web site, and now this newsletter allow us all to keep in touch. Of course, communication is not a one-way street. Send stories of classical interest to our newsletter. Check the web site from time to time. And be sure to come to the meetings.

Also, I want to know what is on your mind. CAAS is your organization; I work for

you. If you have complaints, tell me. If you have ideas to make CAAS more effective, let me know.

Here is an example of where you can help. Your officers and I have undertaken a review of the bylaws, which are out of date and do not correspond with practice. Do you have advice for us on this revision? What should be added or deleted or changed? Tell us. You can find a copy of the bylaws on the CAAS website.

Sincerely,

Bob Boughner

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# The CAAS Survey

Thanks to the 116 CAAS members who returned the survey forms sent out in Fall 2001. The numerical and narrative results have been tabulated and circulated to the officers and other members of the executive committee. These results, especially the large number of helpful comments and suggestions, are still undergoing study, but a preliminary summary of the results can be given here.

\* Respondents were evenly divided between women and men.

\* 47% have been members for 15 years or fewer, and 43% for more than 15 years. Six respondents indicated that they were students, three that they taught grades K-5, forty-one that they taught grades 6-12, and fifty-one that said they taught in post-secondary institutions. Nine marked the category "other," the majority of whom were retired. (Some respondents chose not to answer these two questions.)

\* A majority of respondents (61%) are either satisfied or highly satisfied with recent meeting programs, while 19% are dissatisfied, and 20% expressed no opinion.

\* Most respondents (57%) favor some kind of change in the meeting schedule, but no option won more than 20% of the vote.

\* CAAS members favor meeting mainly on college campuses (35%) or equally often on campuses and at hotels (38%). Only 17% favor meeting mainly at conference hotels.

\* The most important feature of a meeting location for respondents was easy access by public transportation (68%), with inexpensive accommodations/meals and free parking tying for second at 59%. In third place (49%) was easy access by freeway.

\* A majority of respondents thought that holding meetings outside the I-96 corridor was either very important (16%) or important (49%). Only 3% thought this was not important.

\* The favorite program format of those who responded was panels (78%), followed by sessions composed of individual, short papers (68%) and workshops (66%). The least favorite format was 40-50 minute papers (16%).

\* The meeting attended by the most respondents (43) was held at NYU in Fall 1998. The second and third most popular meetings took place at West Conshohocken (Fall 2000) and Princeton (Spring 2000). Of the respondents, 21% (24) have not attended a meeting in the past five years; 21% (23) have attended one meeting; and 59% (69) have attended more than one meeting.

## Letter from the President

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that will include a "hot link" to the web version, either with or without the paper copy. The Newsletter has been reorganized along the lines suggested by an ad hoc newsletter committee that met in August and September of 2001. I would like to thank William Klingshirn, the chair of the committee, and its members: Melissa Schons Bishop, Fred Booth, Barbara Hedges, Lee Percy, Bob Boughner, and Matthew Santirocco. I would also like to extend the gratitude of the entire organization to Raymond Pietrucha and Brian King, the previous editors of the Newsletter.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to urge all the members of CAAS to send in news, announcements, ideas, and suggestions, and to consider writing an article for the Newsletter on a subject that would be of interest to other members. As a volunteer organization, CAAS depends on its members for everything we do. Help to make the CAAS Newsletter useful and interesting for all its readers.

Barbara K. Gold

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Athenian society. As of next year she will use the Rhodes Scholarship to pursue a M.Phil. in Development Studies, an interdisciplinary degree combining anthropology, history, politics, and economics. She will focus on the politics of gender and education in Ghanaian society.

She is an unbelievably terrific young lady in so many, many ways—and most deserving. What a fabulous representative of our Department, our discipline, and our University! I am quoted (somewhat garbled) in the school newspaper, *The Hilltop*, thus: "The achievement of Marianna dispels the myth that the study of Classics is irrelevant. The study is by nature inter-disciplinary. In studying the Classics we are not just studying antiquity, but we are cultivating and honing critical (and) analytical skills which can be applied to any endeavor."

**Mark your calendar!  
CAAS Meeting Dates**

April 25-26, 2003 Pittsburgh, PA  
October 10-11, 2003 Wilmington, DE

April 23-24, 2004 New York City  
October 8-9, 2004 Philadelphia, PA

April 29-30, 2005 Washington, DC  
October 14-15, 2005 Carlisle, PA

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**WORLDS INTERTWINED: ETRUSCANS, GREEKS, AND ROMANS**

On Sunday, March 16, 2003 the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology will inaugurate the major re-installation of its Roman and Etruscan galleries. The Opening Day Celebration of *Worlds Intertwined: Etruscans, Greeks, and Romans* will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is located at 3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA. From now through May 18, 2003 the museum is free to the public on Sundays.

For general museum information call 215/898-4000 or visit [www.museum.upenn.edu](http://www.museum.upenn.edu).

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