From the Chair
Dr. John Thorburn

Hic amor, haec patria. These four words from Vergil’s Aeneid most frequently sum up my feelings about Baylor’s Classics Department, where our students continue to win high honors on the National Latin Exams, the National Greek Exams, and the Eta Sigma Phi translation exams; our students also formed the core of a Brent Froberg-led College Bowl team that finished second in the region. We continue to experience record numbers of students. We began autumn 2008 with 186 students in Greek, 375 in Latin, and 228 in our Classics courses. Since spring 2003, our enrollments have increased 46%, far outstripping the overall increase in our College of Arts and Sciences.

Not only have our enrollments risen significantly, but the numbers of our faculty have almost tripled since my arrival in 1994 as our fifth member. During the past year, we and the History Department welcomed Kenneth Jones (Ph.D., Univ. of California, Berkeley) as an Assistant Professor. Ken will take the lead on our two departments’ various offerings in Greek and Roman history and civilization. This year we have also benefitted from the added presence of three Baylor graduates: Dan Hanchey, Jeff Hunt, and Michael Sloan, all of whom are completing their doctoral degrees in Classics (from Texas, Brown, and St. Andrews, respectively). This dynamic trio of Lecturers have been teaching lots of Latin and Mythology for us. Dan also experienced his baptism by fire this past summer as he capped his first year by teaching in the Baylor in Italy program. Dan was joined by another BlI first-time leader, David White, who also directed a production of Miles Gloriosus for this year’s Latin Day.

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In addition to new faculty, we’ve seen our veterans engaged with new ventures. David White became one of the first professors to teach a class (Medical Terminology) in Baylor’s May ‘Minimester.’ Tim Heckenlively has been making inroads for us with Pre-Law advisement; Simon Burris has been heading up our Friday Afternoon Lecture Series. Jeff Fish and Alden Smith’s proposal for a colloquium inquiring into the relationship between ancient and modern politics will see its first set of lectures in early November. Julia Hejduk and Tommye Lou Davis have also contributed countless hours in organizing this event. In summer 2010, Antony Augoustakis hopes to lead our first Baylor in Greece program.

Besides excellent teaching and service, our faculty have been very active in research. During 2008, my colleagues have been working on at least half a dozen books (Julia’s book on Clodia came out this year), have seen over a dozen articles come into print, and presented a score of scholarly lectures. Antony continues his work on Statius this semester as a visiting scholar at Oxford; Jeff Fish has won a Loeb Fellowship from Harvard that will facilitate his work on papyri from Herculaneum.

So, friends and alumni, as you can see, Baylor Classics has much to be proud of and thankful for. Above all, we are thankful for you, whose prayers and gifts continue to uplift and support our students’ studies both in Waco and abroad. Maximas gratias vobis ago.

Welcome to New Faculty

Dr. Simon Burris

The Baylor Classics Department welcomes two new members of our teaching faculty this semester, both of whom are alumni.

Michael Sloan (’02) returns to Baylor after having received an M.A. in Classics at Texas Tech University, and an M.Litt. in Theology at the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland. He is currently finishing up his Ph.D. from Saint Andrews with a dissertation that is a translation and commentary on the Collectanea in omnes beati Pauli epistolae of Sedulius Scottus. This semester, Mr Sloan is teaching two sections of Classical Mythology.

Jeff Hunt (’03) is finishing up a Ph.D. from Brown University with a dissertation titled “Fiction and Mimesis in Theocritus’ Idylls.” He is teaching three sections of Elementary Latin this semester and is involved with Baylor’s Gamma Omega chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, the undergraduate Classics honor society. Mr Hunt was Chapter President while an undergraduate at Baylor.

There and Back Again

Jeff Hunt

When I first came to Baylor as an undergraduate in the fall of 1999, Latin 1301 was among my first college classes. I took an immediate interest in Classics and with only minimal coercion from Dr. Smith soon became a Classics major. After four happy years in and around the Classics department, I graduated, went off to graduate school, and now have the pleasure of teaching Latin in the very department where I myself was taught. Having returned to my alma mater, I cannot help but reflect on my experiences then and now.

Upon my return I was immediately struck by the number of new faces around the department. It has been an immense pleasure to join my former professors as a colleague, and I have also greatly enjoyed meeting those colleagues who have come to the department over the last five years. The Classics department has grown in a wonderful way, yet I am gratified to see that it remains as closely connected and in touch with its students as when I was taking classes at Baylor rather than teaching them. It is truly great to be back in Waco and to have the opportunity to affect the lives of current Baylor students in the profound way that mine was once affected.

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The summer of 2008 marked my first experience as director of Baylor in Italy, together with Dan Hanchey. The program ran from June 16-July 3 and we had 14 student participants. Dr. Hanchey's wife, Ginger, and son, Oliver, also accompanied us, and Dr. Antony Augoustakis joined us in Rome for the first half of the trip. This year’s program was slightly shorter than in previous years and did not include a trip to Sicily. We did, however, visit the customary sites in Rome and Campania, and a small group also took a one-day excursion to Florence. Two courses were offered: Art and Architecture of Rome, taught by Dan Hanchey, and Reading Rome, the Latin course, which I taught. Some of the highlights this year included seeing the Etruscan tombs at Cerveteri, visiting the subterranean necropolis beneath the Vatican (thanks to Dr. Augoustakis’ connections), and staying for the first time at the Vesuvian Institute in Stabia.

I have been to Italy several times before and speak some Italian. In 1984 I took part in the Vergilian Society tour in Campania, and in the summer of 2005 I lived in Rome while taking part in programs in Latin (with Fr. Reginald Foster) and intermediate Italian. So the city, the country, and most of the sites are very familiar to me, and my Italian came back, for the most part, when I needed it. But the students added a new and rewarding dimension to the trip for me. We had a wonderful group this year – 14 in all, a smaller group than in years past but a cohesive and adventurous one. Visiting Rome with them – from the Forum, to the Vatican Museum, to Giolitti’s, to the Piazza Navona – almost made me feel as if I was seeing it all again for the first time, through their eyes.

As I watched the students fall under the spell of Italy and the classical sites, I became enchanted all over again. I remembered why I became a classicist in the first place, and found myself reminded once again of the importance of preserving and passing on to the next generation the legacy of, and love for, the classical world.

Dan Hanchey, Associate Director

Baylor in Italy 2008 was, in many agreeable ways, very much like the Baylor in Italy trips that have come before it: great food, breathtaking scenery, thoroughly unreliable transportation schedules, spectacular antiquities, and lots and lots of opus reticulatum. All of these things I remember fondly from my own experiences as a student on Baylor in Italy in 1999 and 2000.

But BII 2008 also stood apart from other trips, for the same reason that those other trips stand apart from one another: the people. Each year sees a new group of students, strangers for the most part, thrown together in an unfamiliar world, wrenched free of the suffocating grip of McDonald’s and Starbuck’s. Together they learn their own version of Italian: not the language “Italian”, but the culture, the history, the ancient Roman influences. And I found out that being an assistant director on Baylor in Italy is not all that different from being a student. In the end it is all of the people, from students to directors to bus drivers, who are the classroom; and it is really Italy herself that does the teaching (except Latin; it was David White who taught the Latin).

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This inaugural colloquium is presented as a free event for the public through the efforts of the Baylor Honors College, Department of Classics, and Department of Political Science. All presentations will be in the Alexander Hall Reading Room.

Josiah Ober holds The Constantine Mitsotakis Chair in the School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University. He has authored or co-authored about 60 articles and a number of books, including Athenian Legacies (2005) and Democracy and Knowledge: Innovation and Learning in Classical Athens (forthcoming 2008). In addition to his ongoing work on the politics of knowledge and innovation, he is developing a project on the emergence of centralized and dispersed systems of political authority.

Danielle Allen is widely known for her work on justice and citizenship in ancient Athens and its application to modern America. She is the author of The World of Prometheus: The Politics of Punishing in Democratic Athens (2000) and Talking to Strangers: Anxieties of Citizenship Since Brown vs. the Board of Education (2004). In 2002 she was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship for her ability to combine “the classicist’s careful attention to texts and language with the political theorist’s sophisticated and informed engagement.” She holds doctorates from both Cambridge (in Classics) and Harvard (in Government) and is The UPS Foundation Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study.

Stephen Salkever was educated at Amherst College and the University of Chicago, and he has taught for many years at Bryn Mawr College, where he is The Mary Katharine Woodworth Professor in the Department of Political Science. He is the author of Finding the Mean: Theory and Practice in Anstotelian Political Philosophy (2006), editor of the forthcoming Cambridge Companion to Greek Political Thought, and author of numerous articles, chapters, and reviews on ancient, modern, and contemporary political philosophy.

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Italiam Laudemus
Noelle Jacot (Class of 2010)

I went to Baylor in Italy because as a Classics major, it seemed to be the logical study abroad trip. However, it became so much more than that. Though only eighteen days, the trip seemed like months and yet merely minutes. Our entire group of thirteen or fifteen students plus the four adults and two-year-old Oliver became unexpectedly, at least on my part, very close, forming friendships through mutual love of Latin and ancient roman topography.

We poured through Latin epigraphy, learning about the culture surrounding the Augustan era, and saw the monuments that were erected during that time period to honor the sacrifices and lives (and pockets and political ties) of many people throughout Rome’s history. Our group made friends with a kitten (named Baylor of course) at the site of the ancient tumuli of the Etruscans. We experienced the metro and bus of modern Italy, and the human interactions—quite often awkward for Americans, that came along with it, forcing us out of our comfort zones and into this new old world. Dinners were always an enjoyment wherein the amazing men and women who ran these family restaurants served us course after course and then failed to understand why we could not finish their amazing dishes if they tasted as good as we said they did. Sometimes dinners were pushed up to an earlier hour, such as 7 or 7:30, so that several of the students and myself could then rush off to a nearby cafeteria to watch that night’s soccer game and eventually the final game in the EuroCup 2008 between Spain and Germany. Germany was my team, and being in Italy watching the final game surrounded by a bunch of very enthusiastic Spaniards is a priceless experience. What I learned through Baylor in Italy cannot be quantified, but I will do my best to try to pass on some of what I’ve learned to those after me. Here is my first piece of advice: participate in Baylor in Italy. You will not regret it.

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Congratulations Class of 2008

Erin Stewart is starting her M.A. in Classics at the University of Kansas.
David Morphew is teaching Latin at Vanguard Preparatory School in Waco.
Matthew Newell is starting his M.T.S. at Duke Divinity School.
Ryan Hall is starting his M.A. in Classics at Texas Tech University.
Katherine Rice, is starting her M.A. in Art at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

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