

American Association for Neo-Latin Studies

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New President of the AANLS

The term of Frank Coulson (The Ohio State University) as President of the American Association of Neo-Latin Studies (AANLS) ended in summer 2006. We thank Frank for all his hard work and efforts on behalf of the AANLS. Anne-Marie Lewis (York University) has been acclaimed the new President.

New AANLS Secretary and Treasurer Needed!

Kirk Summers (University of Alabama) continues for the moment as Secretary-Treasurer but will soon be stepping down from this position, which he has held for a number of years.

It might be best to split the position of Secretary-Treasurer in two. The Secretary could take care of the AANLS website and updating the newsletter in consultation with the President and Councillors-at-Large, with input from members; the Treasurer could take care of the financial matters and the membership list. If anyone is interested in either of these two positions, please e-mail Anne-Marie Lewis (amlewis@yorku.ca) as soon as possible.

Dues

Please hold on paying your dues for the coming year 2007 until we get the new Treasurer in place. Renewal notices will be sent out. AANLS dues are quite modest and are used to support the work of the organization (e.g., mailing costs, equipment rentals at the APA panels).

Upcoming AANLS Panel in San Diego (January 2007) at the Annual Meeting of the APA/AIA

Insignes Feminae: Post-classical Women as Latin Writers

Organized by Anne-Marie Lewis, York University
Fri., Jan. 5, 2007, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Recent scholarship on women in the post-classical period who wrote in Latin and the works produced by them has opened up new areas of enquiry. The speakers on this panel will offer fresh perspectives on learned women in Italy and England who wrote in Latin from the fifteenth through the seventeenth centuries and the attitudes men had toward these women and their works.

Robert G. Babcock, *Yale University*
“The Nogarola Sisters and Their Study of Justinus”
(20 min.)

Umit S. Dhuga, *Columbia University*
“The Poetics of Plagiarism in Early Modern Women’s Writing (20 min.)

Roger S. Fisher, *York University*
“The Widow and the Rogue – The Depiction of a Woman Writing Latin Poetry in the Seventeenth Century” (20 min.)

Meeting of members of the AANLS to follow this panel

We hope that many AANLS members will be able to attend this panel and the following meeting at which we will discuss strategies for our future direction.

CALL FOR PAPERS

AANLS Panel in Chicago (January 2008) at the Annual Meeting of the APA/AIA

Neo-Latin Studies: Current Research
Organized by Fred Booth, Seton Hall University

The AANLS invites proposals for a panel of papers on current research in Neo-Latin Studies to be held at the meeting of the American Philological Association (APA) in Chicago in January 2008. Our intent is to illustrate the diversity and richness of these studies and to underscore the importance of research concerning the complex international phenomenon of Neo-Latin literature.

We welcome papers on all aspects of the study of literary, historical, technical, and scholarly works written in Latin in the Renaissance and early Modern Period (to about 1800); we will also consider proposals dealing with more recent Neo-Latin.

Abstracts should be sent no later than **February 15, 2007** to the President of the AANLS, Anne-Marie Lewis, either electronically to amlewis@yorku.ca or by mail to Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Ross Building S 520, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario M3J 1P3, Canada. She will forward the abstracts anonymously to the organizer of the panel. Abstracts should be only one page in length.

In accordance with APA regulations, all abstracts for papers will be read anonymously by three outside readers. Please follow the instructions for the format of individual abstracts that appear in the Program Guide (in the October 2006 APA newsletter or at www.apaclassics.org – click “program insert”).

Membership Survey

On page 3 of this newsletter (and also within the accompanying e-mail) is the 2006 AANLS *Membership Survey*. We would be most grateful if you could take a moment to fill out this short survey so that we can plan and develop strategies, in accordance with members' wishes, for the immediate future of the AANLS. Comments will be gathered and a report will be sent for members' consideration. Thank you in advance!

Terence Tunberg on Neo-Latin

Terence Tunberg (University of Kentucky) has written an article, “The World of Neo-Latin” for the upcoming December 2006 issue of *Amphora*, the outreach publication of the American Philological Association. *Amphora* is sent to all members of the APA, and copies will be on display at the upcoming APA meeting in San Diego. If you would like extra copies of this issue to distribute to interested students, area teachers, colleagues, or administrators, please contact the editor, Anne-Marie Lewis (amlewis@yorku.ca).

Neo-Latin News

Edward George, a Past President of the AANLS, would like to remind members that *Neo-Latin News*, a book review publication, is the “official publication of the AANLS.” It is published with *Seventeenth-Century News*.

News from Members – We Want to Know

Please send any news of your recent Neo-Latin accomplishments, web links that may be of interest to members, calls for conference papers, the names of any possible new members we might contact, or indeed any other news about Neo-Latin matters to Anne-Marie Lewis (amlewis@yorku.ca).

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2006 Membership Survey: Return to amlewis@yorku.ca

1. Current AANLS Status: Active _____ Retired _____ Interested _____
2. Are you able to attend regularly the annual AANLS sessions that are held at the APA meetings in January?
3. What Neo-Latin topic(s) are you currently researching?
4. Do you use Neo-Latin texts in your teaching?
5. Since AANLS sessions with special topics that are very specific have proven, in recent years, to be less successful in attracting both abstracts and session attendees, would you support a cycle of two general topics: e.g., two years for “New Research in Neo-Latin Studies,” followed by one year for “Using Neo-Latin Texts in the Classroom”?
6. Do you think that the AANLS should adopt some unifying initiative, such as a website devoted to some aspect of Neo-Latin studies?
7. In which directions would you like to see the AANLS go in the near future?
8. Do you have any colleagues who might like to receive information about the AANLS and perhaps become members?