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Upcoming All-Virtual Meeting

2021 AANLS Panel @ SCS
SCS-63, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 9, 2021

The World of Neo-Latin Epistolography

Patrick M. Owens, Organizer
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"Introduction"

Quinn Griffin

Grand Valley State University
"Epistolary Exemplarity: Cassandra Fedele to Beatrice of Aragon"

Justin Mansfield

Independent Scholar
"The Letters of Jacobus Trigland the Younger"

Olivia Montepaone

Università degli Studi di Milano
"Classics and Heterodox Ideas in Celio Secondo Curione's Prefatory Letters"

Aron Ouwerkerk

University of Amsterdam
"Using the bookshelves at home: the formation of the letter-writing of Margaretha van Godewijck in the Dutch Republic"

Emőke Rita Szilágyi

Hungarian Academy of Sciences
"Epistolae familiares as Opportunity for Self-Fashioning: Humanist Letter-Writing Habits in Nicolaus Olahus' Correspondence"

Simon Smets

Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Neo-Latin Studies
"Narrative Design in Marsilio Ficino's Letter Collection Book I"

Letter from the President of the AANLS



Dear AANLS Members:

I have enjoyed my tenure as President and I have been honored to represent the members of this organization. Thank you for this opportunity to serve for the past three years, and I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me.

I came to Neo-Latin somewhat late in my career, and I have found the study of Neo-Latin to be fascinating and rewarding. The collegiality of AANLS is truly extraordinary. I am especially grateful that my predecessor, Roger Fisher, and another AANLS Past President, my graduate school classmate Anne-Marie Lewis, were so generous with their time and advice to me during my term. I also owe a special thank you to Rodney Lokaj, who took over my president's duties at the January, 2018 AANLS panel at the SCS meeting in Boston after Amtrak cancelled my train in the wake of a fierce nor'easter and I could not make it to the conference.

Finally, I want to offer congratulations to Patrick Owens as he steps into his new position as AANLS President.

With very best wishes for a healthy New Year,

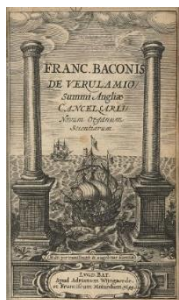
Fred Booth

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS 2022 AANLS Panel @SCS San Francisco, California January 5-8, 2022

The call for abstracts will be sent out to members in the new year by direct email and placed on the AANLS website.

Spotlight on . . .

Francis Bacon's *Novum Organum* (1620)



This year marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of *Novum Organum* by the English philosopher Francis Bacon (1561-1626). This work, in Latin, has had a lasting influence as part of the history of the scientific method.

Aphorism XIX from the first book of this work gives a sense of Bacon's approach:

Duae viae sunt, atque esse possunt, ad inquirendam et inveniendam veritatem. Altera a sensu et particularibus advolat ad axiomata maxime generalia, atque ex iis principiis eorumque immota veritate iudicat et invenit axiomata media; atque haec via in usu est. Altera a sensu et particularibus excitat axiomata, ascendendo continenter et gradatim, ut ultimo loco perveniatur ad maxime generalia; quae via vera est, sed intentata.

Future AANLS Panels @ the SCS Meetings

Jan. 5-8, 2023	New Orleans
Jan. 4-7, 2024	Chicago
Jan. 2-5, 2025	Philadelphia

Results: 2020 AANLS Election

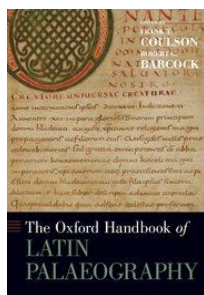
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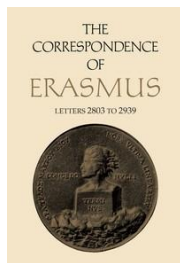
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News from Members

Frank T. Coulson and Robert G. Babcock have published *The Oxford Handbook of Latin Palaeography* (Oxford 2020).



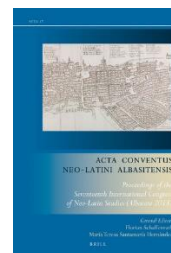
Jane Phillips sends notice of a new Publication: *The Correspondence of Erasmus: Letters 2803 to 2939*, Volume 20, Translated by Clarence H. Miller, Annotated by James M. Estes, University of Toronto Press, 2020.



In the months covered by this volume, Erasmus experienced sharply deteriorating health and thoughts of approaching death, although he remained active in the promotion of good causes and the defense of his good name.

Mark Riley is preparing an online edition of yet another Jesuit play, *Alexius Comnenus* by Nicholas Avancini, who was in his opinion the best of the Jesuit playwrights. It will be posted on the website The Philological Museum (<http://www.philological.bham.ac.uk/library.html>), under the direction of Dana Sutton. This website has, perhaps inadvertently, become a repository for many Jesuit plays: all of Joseph Simons' plays, plus many by other English Jesuits working on the continent, as well as a few by continental writers like Avancini.

Florian Schaffenrath announces the publication in May 2020 of the *Acta Conventus Neolatinus Albasitensis*. Details can be found on the homepage of Brill under the following link: <https://brill.com/view/title/57218>.



If you have the possibility to suggest book orders to your library, he would be very pleased if you would suggest ordering the *Acta*. Because it has become a very beautiful book, it is also very suitable for any private library, or as a prize for very good students, or as a gift for relatives and friends, or... Please help to increase the distribution of the book!

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Year(s) _____ Dues Enclosed: \$ _____

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