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2024 AANLS Panel @ SCS Chicago, Illinois January 4-7, 2024

Neo-Latin and the State

*Organized by Patrick M. Owens
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This panel aims to illustrate the diversity, richness, and historical significance of Neo-Latin literature as it pertains to statecraft, diplomacy, political satire, and political science in general.

Michele Valerie Ronnick

Wayne State University
“Why is Milton ‘Milton’? Giovanni Salzilli, John Milton and Aelian,”

Mirella Saulini

*Historical Archives of the Pontifical
Gregorian University*
“In the Mirror and on the Stage: the Perfect Prince According to Jesuits”

Dániel Kiss

Universitat de Barcelona
“Human and divine statecraft in the manifesto *Universis orbis Christiani principibus* and in the *Confessio peccatoris* of Francis II Rákóczi”

Bradley Ritter

Ave Maria University
“What (is) the best condition of a state?” Thomas More’s *Epi grammata* as Political Discourse”

David White

Baylor University
“*Plenam potestatem et auctoritatem*: The Commissions of Henry VIII in the Correspondence of Sir Thomas More”

Simone Carboni

Independent Scholar
“*Radivilias*, The Epic of the Lithuanian People”

Report on the 2023 AANLS Panel @ SCS New Orleans Neo-Latin at High Table: Current Research

*by Rodney Lokaj
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The panel was entirely online, which, despite the otherwise impeccable pre-conference organization, did nevertheless engender problems. The main problem was that the link sent to **Renato Ricco** (Università di Salerno) our first speaker, at the last minute did not work and the back up team in place was sadly not able to solve the matter. I provided a synopsis of his paper which, luckily, he had sent to me beforehand. The paper provided an overview of Ricco’s work on Maddaleni Capodiferro and how this humanist animated the papal court under Julius II. The copy was in Italian so I both summarised and translated it there and then. I then set it against current scholarship on Maddaleni Capodiferro in lieu of Ricco’s more up-to-date specific expertise.

The second paper was given by **Nancy Impellizzeri** (Università Kore di Enna) directly in English on the Latin *Carmen de Phasiano*. She explored the more salacious and witty aspects of the poem in which Fabio Vigili sought to entertain his fellow diners by seemingly dressing down his fine host, Blosio Palladio.

Carmelo Panarello (Independent Researcher) then gave her paper on Renaissance salt extraction and how this valuable mineral got to the table. She gave it in Italian, which I translated into English and summarised as she went. This formula worked rather well as it allowed for further clarification and discussion of Giulio Agricola’s work *De re metallica* and the many illustrations provided.

In Memoriam Craig Kallendorf (1954-2023)

by Patrick M. Owens
President, AANLS



It is with sadness that I share the news of the passing of Craig Kallendorf, a founding member of AANLS member and respected Professor of English and Classics at Texas A&M University. On January 31, 2023, he died after a prolonged illness at the age of 68.

Dr. Kallendorf was a prolific author and editor, having written twenty-four books and contributed 175 articles, book chapters, and reference book entries. His area of expertise centered on Greek and Roman Classical literature, particularly the influence of the ancient world on postclassical culture during the early modern period. He gained international recognition as the foremost authority on the Virgilian tradition in early modern print culture in Italy. His scholarship significantly transformed the understanding of how the Classics were received during the early modern era, as well as the history of books and printed materials in the Renaissance. In 2021, the RSA honored his accomplishments by hosting two panels in his name during their annual meeting. Furthermore, a festschrift *Habent Sua Fata Libelli: Studies in Book History, the Classical Tradition, and Humanism in Honor of Craig Kallendorf* (Brill, 2021) was published to celebrate his achievements.

Dr. Kallendorf will be fondly remembered by AANLS members for his twenty years of service as the editor of *Neo-Latin News*, during

which time he contributed more than 200 reviews. He was an erudite and prolific scholar of Neo-Latin literature and especially of Virgilian reception. Dr. Kallendorf will be greatly missed by his students, colleagues, friends, and family.

For more information about Professor Kallendorf's many contributions to scholarship see the remembrance posted at <https://www.rsa.org/blogpost/856879/486769/Craig-Kallendorf-1954-2023>.

Important News about the AANLS Publication, *Neo-Latin News*

by Patrick M. Owens
President, AANLS

Since 1951, *Seventeenth-Century News* has been the home and repository of *Neo-Latin News* (NLN), the official publication of the AANLS. It consists primarily of reviews dealing with new publications in the area of Neo-Latin studies. James R. Naiden established NLN as its first editor, Craig Kallendorf became editor in 2001 and Patrick M. Owens accepted the editorship in 2021.

In April of 2023, Donald Dickson, the editor of *Seventeenth-Century News*, announced that he had not been able to find a worthy successor to continue editing the journal after his upcoming retirement in May 2023 and as a result *Seventeenth-Century News* would cease production with its Spring 2023 edition.

This is unfortunate news for *Seventeenth Century News*, but perhaps it is an opportunity for our association's publication *Neo-Latin News*, which has been appearing at the back of that journal. This may be an opportunity for us to fill a gap in the scholarship for Neo-Latin since there is little if any centralization of reviews of Neo-Latin texts and books that are easily accessible and

up to date. Moreover, while we are immensely grateful to Donald Dickson for his work in supporting it through the years, *NLN* may not need to be relegated to the back of another journal any longer.

The place that *NLN* holds in our field and for our association is too important to end with the Spring 2023 edition. Since the announcement of this change is still very recent, it does not appear that another journal similar to *Seventeenth Century News* will be able to accommodate the needs of *NLN* in the near term. However, it has been suggested that the editor, in conjunction with the AANLS Executive Council, could shift *NLN* into an on-line publication housed on our own AANLS website, perhaps in the manner of *BMCR*. Perhaps this initiative would allow *NLN* greater freedom to serve AANLS: one proposal is to reduce the publication of *AANLS NEWS*, our membership newsletter (which is generously edited by our indefatigable Anne-Marie Lewis), to one issue per year, and then publish *Neo-Latin News* as the second issue. One obvious advantage is that our work would be published electronically and available to all.

As the current editor of *Neo-Latin News*, I seek feedback regarding this proposal or alternate proposals from all stakeholders. Since the work of *NLN* has not stopped, it is important to set a deadline for discussions so that a course of action may be implemented before the Fall issue is due to be published. I kindly ask, therefore, that all feedback be sent to me or the Executive Council by **July 31, 2023** so that the Association's officers and Executive Council members have sufficient time to discuss and vote on a resolution.

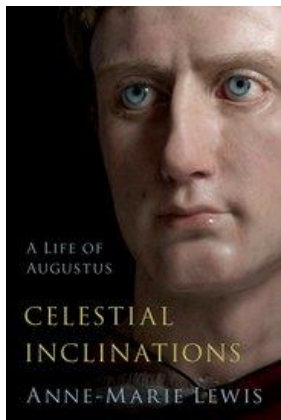
AANLS Finances

by Diane Johnson
AANLS Secretary-Treasurer

As of June 6, 2023, the AANLS has a balance of \$6,553.30, which includes earned interest of \$8.01 for the first part of the year. There have been no expenses this year.

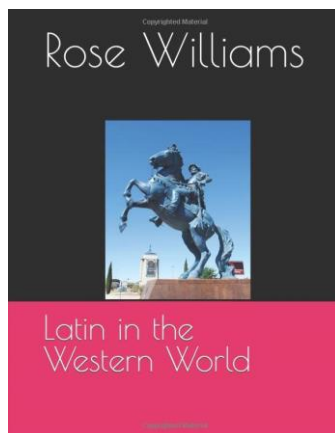
News from Members

Anne-Marie Lewis has published *Celestial Inclinations: A Life of Augustus* (Oxford University Press, 2023).



Celestial Inclinations provides a new perspective on the life and career of the first Roman emperor Augustus (63 B.C.-A.D. 14). It presents the case that Augustus used his knowledge of the celestial sphere to confirm for himself and convey to others that the heavens supported his activities on earth and his inevitable greatness. The book is based on assessments of ancient historical, literary, astronomical, astrological, and artistic sources for the years prior to and during the life of Augustus. It combines these sources with astronomical sky maps and astrological diagrams to offer fresh interpretations of critical events in the life of Augustus at a time when the celestial sphere had come to play an important cultural and political role. For more information, see <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/celestial-inclinations-9780197599648?cc=ca&lang=en&>

Rose Williams has published a new book, *Latin in the Western World*, which is now available on Amazon.



The book has Latin writings showing the Europeans' gradually unfolding understanding of the New World and the development of the Vice-Royalty of New Spain, which included present-day Mexico and Central America, much of the western United States, and Florida, as well as the Spanish East and West Indies. All the Latin selections are from the writings of Spaniards who actually experienced the Spanish exploration and colonization of Mexico except those from Cabrera, who is a modern-day Mexican specializing in the history of his native land.

These Renaissance writers used Classical Latin, having purged changes that had crept into Latin after the fall of Rome. The Acosta, Columbus, and Cortes writings offer prose in the style of Erasmus. Cabrera and Landivar write in epic poetry, Cervantes de Salazar in dialog.

Notice of Call for Papers: IANLS Sessions at the Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America Held in Chicago, March 2024

Proposals are sought both for individual papers and for entire sessions to be sponsored by the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies at next year's Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, to be held in Chicago, 21 to 23 March 2024:

<https://ianls.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Call-for-Papers-RSA-2024.pdf>

Proposals should be sent to Marc Laureys, who is the IANLS representative with the RSA, at m.laureys@uni-bonn.de, no later than 10 July 2023. Proposals will be refereed, and everyone will be notified in due course about whether or not the proposal has been accepted by the IANLS for inclusion into one of the four panels.

Future AANLS Panels @ the SCS Meetings

Jan. 2-5, 2025 Philadelphia

American Association for Neo-Latin Studies

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