

CLASSICS DAY, 2006

A morning of lectures, discussions and competition
for high school students who are studying Latin.

Thursday, October 19, 2006, 9:00 am — 1:30 pm

On Thursday, October 19th, the Department of Classics and General Humanities at Montclair State University invites high school students who are studying Latin, together with their teachers, to our 18th annual “Classics Day”—a morning of lectures, discussions and academic competition.

Six (6) students from each school may participate in the competition, which is geared for students who have completed Latin 3 and 4.

Our aim is to provide students with the experience of studying Classics in college. (We encourage teachers to bring additional students who would like to attend the lectures only.)

Pre-registration is required for this program (see enclosed form).

All of the day’s events will be held in the MSU Student Center. Sign-in for schools will be from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. *Classics Day* will begin with an opening address in the Ballrooms, and then students and teachers will go to their assigned rooms to hear two different lectures. The Competition follows the lectures, at 11:30 am.

THE LECTURES

Choose two presentations from the following four topics (see registration form):

1.

The Fabric of Their Lives: Women and Weaving in Greece and Rome

Most women in ancient Greece and Rome spent a significant part of their time producing textiles to clothe their families. Images and demonstrations will show how these women transformed wool into cloth. We will also examine the ways in which women's roles as textile producers shaped ancient ideals of womanhood.

The speaker: Prudence Jones, Department of Classics and General Humanities at MSU

2.

The Myth of Pygmalion in Ovid and His Sources

We will discuss the origins of the myth of Pygmalion and explain, from an archaeological point of view, how Pygmalion's ivory statue could have been made. We will then review some of the most relevant modern interpretations of the story and some new interpretations will be offered based on the technical details of the construction of the maiden from ivory.

The speaker: Patricia Salzman, Department of Classics and General Humanities at MSU

3.

Oedipus and the Shrinks

The ancient myths remain interesting and relevant to us in modern times, as Freud showed, because of their universal psychological significance. After twenty-five years of working with patients, I look at some of the pleasures and pitfalls of working as a psychoanalyst with images from mythology in understanding the behaviors of patients in their complicated internal world.

The speaker: Gene Templeton, Department of Classics and General Humanities at MSU

4.

Greco-Roman Drama for Modern Times

The tragedies and comedies of the ancient Greeks and Romans dealt with situations and problems that still resonate for us today. In this session we will take a modern issue and jointly create and act out a Greco-Roman-style drama from it, all in the space of fifty minutes!

The speaker: Christopher Parker, Adjunct Professor, Department of Classics and General Humanities, at MSU

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Registration Information

The registration fee for this program is **\$15.00 per student and teacher.*** For planning purposes, we ask that you pre-register your school group by returning the attached form, along with a check or purchase order number by the **deadline date, Wednesday, October 11th**. **Mail to:** *The Institute for the Humanities, Montclair State University, Room 101 Dickson Hall, Montclair, NJ 07043*. **Make checks payable to:** *Institute for the Humanities/MSU*. Registration forms may be faxed to our office (973-655-7207) and the fee mailed under separate cover.

***The registration fee for teachers who wish to receive (3) three hours of professional development credit is \$25.00.**

WE DO NOT BILL SCHOOLS FOR PAYMENT. SEND US A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM, AS WELL AS A COPY TO YOUR BUSINESS OFFICE—TO ACT AS AN INVOICE.

After we receive your registration information, a confirmation letter and directions to MSU will be sent to you via e-mail (or fax). Please include an e-mail address (or fax) on the registration form.

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th.

Lunch

Teachers will meet for lunch in Ballroom 'C' at 12:00 Noon. A complimentary lunch will be offered to one teacher per school group. An additional teacher's lunch may be purchased for \$7.00. (See registration form.)

Students may bring a bag lunch and picnic outside, weather permitting, or they may purchase lunch in the Student Center Cafeteria, the *Red Hawk* Diner, or the Rathskeller. Lunch specials run from \$3.50 to \$6.00.

The Competition

Following the lectures, a competition, testing knowledge in three areas—Roman Civilization, Latin Grammar, and Classical Mythology—will be held. The competition will be entered on a school group basis. Six students from each school may participate.

Your group will be assigned to an area where they can discuss and complete the answers to the questions, which will be multiple choice in format. The group will have one-half hour to demonstrate its collective knowledge of the material. The three groups that get the most correct answers within the time limit will each receive a prize for their school. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony following lunch at 1:00 pm.

Teachers may be asked to proctor a group from a school other than their own.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form to our office by the deadline date, Wednesday, October 11th

Teacher's Name: _____ Department: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____ (zip code) _____

Telephone: () _____ (ext.) _____ Fax: () _____

E-mail address (print clearly): _____

CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL. PLEASE INCLUDE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS (OR FAX NUMBER)

Parking: # Cars _____ Van/Bus _____

Yes, our group will be participating in the Competition.

Teachers: _____ # Students: _____ (total @\$15.00 per person) \$ _____

I would like to receive Prof. Development Credit: (add \$10.00) \$ _____

Add'l Teacher's lunch(es) (\$7.00 per person) \$ _____

Amount Enclosed : \$ _____

Purchase Order No. _____

CHOOSE TWO PRESENTATIONS

You will have the opportunity to attend two of the four presentations. Please write-in the total number of people in your group (including teachers) for your top two selections. Due to space limitations, large groups may have to be split among all of the talks.

_____ The Fabric of Their Lives: Women and Weaving in Greece and Rome (Prudence Jones)

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