

Report of the Western Cape Branch of the Classical Association of South Africa

The last Annual General Meeting of the Western Cape Branch of the Classical Association of South Africa, was held at the University of Cape Town, 2 December 2017, after a public lecture given by Anna Tietze (Michaelis, University of Cape Town), entitled 'Ideal Figures: The Reception of Classical Statuary in Twentieth Century Cape Town'. Dr Jeffrey Murray was elected Chairman of the Western Cape Branch of CASA, Dr Sjarlene Thom as Treasurer, and Ms Amy Daniels as Additional Member. The role of Treasurer was subsequently taken up by Dr Annemarie de Villiers.

Staff News

The University of Cape Town bade farewell to Mrs Gail Symington (Senior Lecturer, Classics), who had been employed at the University since 1979 (initially on contract; and permanently from 1984). Dr Jeffrey Murray was appointed as Lecturer and Dr Roman Roth was promoted to Associate Professor. Professor David Wardle was appointed Acting Dean in the Faculty of Humanities.

During 2018, the department had benefited from a number of guest lecturers, including Mr Michael Lambert (University of KwaZulu-Natal) and Dr Rob Tordorff (Associate Professor, York University, Toronto).

At Stellenbosch University, Dr Annemarie de Villiers was promoted to the position of Lecturer, and Dr Alexander Andrason appointed as Lecturer in Hebrew and Ancient Cultures.

Major Publications and Awards (monographs & edited volumes)

Philip R. Bosman (ed.), *Intellectual and Empire in Greco-Roman Antiquity* (London, 2018).

Olga Alieva, Annemaré Kotzé, Sophie Van der Meeren (eds.), *When Wisdom Calls: Philosophical Protreptic in Antiquity* (Turnhout, 2018).

Clarke's Bookshop on Long Street, Cape Town, hosted a book launch for *South Africa, Greece, Rome: Classical Confrontations* (Cambridge, 2017), edited by Associate Professor Grant Parker (Stanford University/Extraordinary Professor, Stellenbosch University), which includes a number of essays by scholars working in the Western Cape. The book also was the focus of a discussion panel (with Jo-Marie Claassen; Philip Bosman, Amy Daniels, Annemaré Kotzé, and Samantha Masters) at *Woordfees* on 7 March 2018.

Professor David Wardle was awarded the UCT Book Award for *Suetonius: Life of Augustus* (Oxford, 2014).

Seminars, Conferences, Tours, and Events

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Date	Speaker	Title
21 February 2018	Prof. Rudolf Wachter, (University of Basel)	Pompeian Inscriptions: Selections from a New Edition.
26 March 2018	Assoc. Prof. Grant Parker (Stanford University)	Writing Resistance: Making Sense of Roman Literatures.
24 August 2018	Assoc. Prof. Rob Tordorff (York University, Toronto)	Social Memory in Aristophanes.
4 September 2018	Assoc. Prof. Clive Chandler (University of Cape Town)	Anaximander's Earthquake.

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20 February 2018	Dr Lunette Warren (Stellenbosch University)	Plutarch, the Feminine and the Origin of Evil.
13 March 2018	Prof. Johann Cook (Stellenbosch University)	Plato and the Septuagint – Plato and the Hebrew Tradition.
27 March 2018	Prof. Johan Thom (Stellenbosch University)	The Golden Verses as Pseudopythagorean Text.
10 April 2018	Dr Franziska Naether (University of Leipzig)	Cult Practices in Egyptian Literary Texts
15 May 2018	Dr Jessica Nitschke (Stellenbosch University)	Koine: What is it good for?
31 July 2018	Dr Renate van Dijk-Coombes (Stellenbosch University)	Late Uruk/Jemdet Nasr Period Iconography: The Architectural Origin of Standards and Other Considerations.
21 August 2018	Prof. John Walton (Wheaton College)	Lexical-Semantic Decisions in the Interpretation of Genesis 1:1-2:4 in its Ancient Cultural Context.
4 September 2018	Assoc. Prof. Philip Bosman (Stellenbosch University)	Persepolis Burning.
18 September 2018	Prof. Rainer Hirsch-Luipold (University of Bern)	The Challenges of Writing a Theology of Plutarch.
25 September 2018	Prof. Sakkie Cornelius (Stellenbosch University)	The Material Imagery of Sam'al/Zincirli.
9 October 2018	Dr Samantha Masters (Stellenbosch University)	<i>Living Antiquity Lecture (STIAS): All Rhodes lead to Rome.</i>

The Stellenbosch department participated in the 1-hour international reading of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* on Friday 23 March, as part of the 12th edition of the Festival *Européen Latin Grec*.

Dr Arlene Holmes-Henderson (KCL/Oxford) visited both Stellenbosch University and the University of Cape Town (sponsored through Oxford Africa Funding) in April 2018 to investigate models of promoting English literacy through ancient languages.

Dr Samantha Masters, Assoc. Prof. Annemaré Kotzé, and Assoc. Prof. Philip Bosman led a departmental Classical study tour to Greece (7-21 June), visiting Athens, Delphi, and Olympia and other sites.

A number of the Western Cape members of CASA participated in 'Metamorphosis: Classical Reflections on a Changing South Africa', a workshop hosted by Assoc. Prof. Grant Parker (Stanford University) and Prof. Stephen Harrison (Corpus Christi College, Oxford) and held on the 21st and 22nd of June 2018 at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Participants included: Alastair Blanshard (Queensland), Philip Bosman (Stellenbosch), Christiaan Bronkhorst (UCT), Kathleen Coleman (Harvard), Amy Daniels (Stellenbosch), John Hilton (University of KwaZulu-Natal Durban), Barbaro Martinez-Ruiz (UCT/Oxford), Mairéad McAuley (UCL), Jeffrey Murray (UCT), Rolf Michael Schneider (LMU Munich), David van Schoor (Rhodes University), Betine van Zyl Smit (Nottingham), Phiroze Vasunia (UCL), Richard Whitaker (UCT).

Upcoming Events

Later this year, 12-14 November 2018, Stellenbosch University will host, in conjunction with the Humboldt Kolleg, a conference, 'The Manipulation of Discourse in Antiquity' at the Lanzerac, organised by Assoc. Professors Annemaré Kotzé and Philip Bosman.

In 2019, Stellenbosch University will also host the 33rd Biennial Conference of the Classical Association of South Africa (7-10 November 2019). The conference theme is 'Homes and Homecomings' (but individual proposals on any aspect of the classical world and its reception will be considered. Panels are strongly encouraged, and postgraduate students, currently registered for Masters or Doctoral programmes are welcome to submit papers for a 'work-in-progress' session).

Please do not forget to pay your subscriptions for the year. Further details are available on the CASA website (<http://www.casa-kvsa.org.za>) and the Association's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CASAKVSA/).

2017—2018 Committee

Ms Amy Daniels (Stellenbosch University) – Additional Member

Dr Annemarie de Villiers (Stellenbosch University) – Treasurer

Dr Jeffrey Murray (University of Cape Town) – Chairman of the Western Cape Branch