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Professor Wessam El-Meligi to talk about Egypt



Classics Prof. Wessam El-Meligi, a native of Alexandria, Egypt, will Help us understand recent developments in Egypt at a discussion at 12 p.m., on Thursday, October 31, in Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel.

Since 2011 Egypt has gone through much upheaval and turmoil, attempting to overthrow a police state, a military state and religious state, amounting to three regimes in three years. And the chaos is far from over. The international community, the regional forces, the people themselves with their aspirations and anger, are all involved in one of the most ancient multicultural societies in history. Professor El-Meligi believes the Middle East and Egypt will go through even more violence before eventually finding peace. His talk will touch on some of the main features of

Egyptians' endeavor to reshape their nation.



Classics Group Attended "An Illiad," at the Guthrie Theater

"An Iliad features Guthrie regular [and Macalester alum] Stephen Yoakam in a solo performance the *Star Tribune* hailed a "tour de force" and *City Pages* called "riveting!"

In October, classics students and professors met for pizza and a brief pre-show talk about The Illiad by Professor Brian Lush, and then attended the show.

New "Jobs and Internships" Widget on Classics' Web Site

We've added a widget to the Classics web site that sifts through the database managed by our Career Development Center to identify some of the opportunities that might be of interest to our majors. You can find it by going to the Classics site, clicking on "Student Opportunities," and then selecting "Jobs and Internships." [Or you can get there by clicking here.](#) The Macalester Internship Office and the Career Development Center maintains a database of internship and job opportunities. Just a few of the options are listed on our site. Current Macalester students and alumni can access these opportunities using the MC2 Job and Internship portal. If you go to the portal and you've forgotten your MC2 password, log in with your email address and choose "Forgot Password."

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<http://www.mcalester.edu/classics/>

[We're also on Facebook. Check out the "Friends of Macalester Classics" Facebook page.](#)

Quote of the issue: "The chaos is far from over."

AIA-MN News

The Archaeological Institute of America, Minnesota Society is sponsoring a lecture by Guy Gibbon on "How Should Archaeologists Study the Past? A Minnesota Example" on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 6pm in the John B. Davis Lecture Hall in the Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center at Macalester College. The AIA also has a blog. You can learn more about the society and their events by [visiting their blog here](#).

Classics News About YOU?

We'd like to include news about you and your study of classics in the newsletter. If you have a story to share about your research, study abroad, internship, or connection to the Classics Department please let us know.

Events

Events to add to your calendar:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

12pm - 1pm

[Understanding Recent Developments in Egypt Discussion](#)

Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12pm - 1pm

[Informational meeting for "January in Rome" participants](#)

Room 009, Old Main

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

12pm - 1pm

[Informational meeting for "January in Rome" participants](#)

Room 009, Old Main

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

4pm - 6pm

[Classics Cookie Party](#)

Hugh S. Alexander Alumni House

Opportunities

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See the story in the events section of this newsletter.

The Job Hunt

Our office receives occasional requests to forward e-mail announcements of events and opportunities to our majors and students in our classes. When possible, we consolidate these notes by including them in this newsletter. Otherwise, we generally reserve our e-mailing lists for department-specific communications. For information about job opportunities, we suggest advertisers post their opportunity with Macalester's Career Development Center (CDC). The CDC has career counselors who can help you with career planning, job search and graduate schools options. They offer resume & personal statement reviews, mock interviews, workshops, access to employment opportunities, and career assessment testing and interpretation to students and recent alumni. [Find their web site here](#).

Of course, a conversation with a History professor about your aspirations is recommended as well.

Come to the Lounge

Use the community bookshelf, try knitting at Mac, make popcorn in a bag, and hang out in comfy chairs. Come spend time where Classics chills. Old Main room 311.

Alumni

The Classics Department E-newsletters have been sent to Classics alumni worldwide. To have your news included in the next issue, please send a note to Herta Pitman at pitman@macalester.edu

Evelyn Adkins Reports: "I won the Manson A. Stewart Scholarship in 2004 while I was a sophomore at Macalester College. I had just declared my major in Classical Languages the year before (inspired by reading Petronius' *Satyricon* in Latin!) and I was looking forward to my first archaeological dig at the Kenchreai Cemetery Project in Greece with then Macalester professor Joseph L. Rife. My dedication to Classics has only increased since then. After college I went on to the University of Michigan's Ph.D. program in Classical Studies. While



completing coursework for my Ph.D., I earned a joint M.A. in Classical Art and Archaeology and worked on archaeological projects in Greece (Kenchreai Cemetery Excavations, Corinth Excavations), Italy (Gabii Project), and Turkey (Aphrodisias Regional Survey). After so many years since that first class on Petronius, I've come back to the ancient novel: I'm currently writing my dissertation with Professor David S. Potter on 'Social History, Identity Politics, and Displacement in

Apuleius' *Metamorphoses*' and I plan to pursue a career in academia."

Evelyn Adkins at the Parthenon while a Regular Member at the American School in Athens in 2011-2012

Darren Couillard '99 Tells Us:

I'm an alumnus and I probably spend more time than most looking at college and university websites. Just happened to look over your Classics department site and was impressed with the details on opportunities for students and liked seeing the information on what various alumni with classics degrees were up to. So I thought I'd pass along what I was up to as a Classics and psych double major from the class of '99, seeing as there wasn't anyone from my class listed yet. Currently I'm a school counselor.