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Egyptian Revolution, MacClassics-Arabic Style

The Intermediate Arabic class presented their perspective of the Egyptian Revolution, on February 11th, commemorating the day Mubarak stepped down. With events in Egypt proving the revolution is far from over, Mac students offered their views on Egyptian culture and politics creatively, through their own songs, poems, commentary, and more.

A Report from a Student Studying Abroad

Rebecca Shapiro <rshapir1@macalester.edu> wrote:

Please encourage anyone studying Hebrew and/or Arabic and interested in environmental studies to contact me with questions about the Arava Institute where I am now! It is truly incredible! It really is amazing what they're doing here, and I've never had such wonderful opportunities to improve my Hebrew and Arabic! Part of the program is a peace-building seminar that meets 3+ hours/week and brings in very compelling guest speakers. Macalester needs to send more people here!

Lucky Thirteen to Take in "The Seven"

Thirteen professors and students of Classics are headed on an exciting outing to an interpretation of Aeschylus' tragedy, *Seven against Thebes* on Sunday, the 24th. The production company, Ten Thousand Things, is presenting Will Power's *The Seven*, a hip hop retelling of Aeschylus' *The Seven Against Thebes*. "The story of two brothers who try to rule their kingdom peacefully despite their father's curse" has been touring to prisons, low-income centers and shelters since January 31 and concludes with four weekends of public performances at Open Book in Minneapolis.

There will be a brief meeting and introductory comments by Classics professor Brian Lush on campus before the performance.

It's Time to Get to Work on Your Classics Versus History But Open to Everybody Marshmallow Peeps Diorama Contest and Peeps-a-pult Contest

See the full announcements in EVENTS below.

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

The Spring 2013 Arabic Discussion Hours

The first Spring Arabic Discussion hour will be Thursday, February 21 4:30-5:30 in Old Main 111. The Classics Department instituted Arabic Discussion Hour last semester for all Arabic speakers - beginners to native speakers -to speak Arabic together. There are no rules or subject matter but one -speaking only Arabic. It is a time for casual conversation for Arabic learners and accomplished speakers alike to get together, get to know one another, and work on Arabic. Please look for announcements of future discussion hours, plan to come and spread the word. Classics will provide food for all the discussion hours.

AIA-MN News

The Archaeological Institute of America, MN Society organizes a lecture series each semester. Next up on Thursday, February 21 at 6:00pm at St Thomas College is Peter Schultz of Concordia College, Morehead, with his presentation: "*Style, Continuity, and*

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

Quote of the issue: "two brothers who try to rule their kingdom peacefully despite their father's curse."

the Hellenistic"

For details about that and more lectures (including one here at Macalester on March 14) please see the AIA-MN newsletter that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

Classics Lunch

If you are a current major or minor, or thinking about being one, this lunch is for you. We are having lunch on Thursday, February 28 from noon-1:00 in Old Main room 111. We'll talk about study abroad, majoring or minoring in Classics, fall course offerings, honors projects, "January in Rome" Peeps Dioramas and Peeps-a-pults, and more. AND there will be a free lunch, and the whole awesome Classics crowd.

Hooray!

See you there.

Palestinian Israeli Reconciliation Panel

A panel of speakers on the subject of "Reconciliation not Revenge" will be held on Friday, March 1 at 11:45-1:00 in the Weyerhaeuser Boardroom. We're having a lunch panel with a Palestinian and an Israeli who have lost loved ones in the conflict, yet both are in a group called [The Parents Circle - Families Forum](#) which is working towards peace, reconciliation, and tolerance in their homeland.

Lunch will be served. For more information, please see the "PalestinianIsraeliRecon" pdf that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

Dennis Trout Events

Dennis Trout, Professor of Classics, University of Missouri, will be coming to Macalester on Friday, March 8th.

Professor Trout is an award-winning teacher of Classics. He is an expert on Latin literature, early Christian Monasticism, and a translator of Paulinus of Nola - an early Monastic figure from Nola - not far from Pompeii. Plan to join us for any or all of these events with him and hear a spectacular teacher of Classics and scholar - who also is a big fan of Macalester.

The events:

noon-1:00 in Carnegie 105 He will join us for lunch to discuss getting into graduate school in Classics, which programs are strong in the country these days, and what you need to do to prepare. This lunch is aimed at folks who want to hear and ask serious questions about graduate school.

1:10-2:10 in Old Main 010 He will participate in Prof. Lush's Ovid class.

4:45-6:00 in the Harmon Room of the library a public talk on Early Christian Monasticism in the Latin West, "Vergil and Ovid at the Tomb of Agnes: Love and Theft in Fourth-Century Rome." This talk draws upon various projects and has the virtue of mixing visual and textual material, topography and intertextuality

Classics Versus History But Open to Everybody Marshmallow Peeps Diorama Contest and Peeps-a-pult Contest

Dioramas will be displayed, Peeps will be pulted, and prizes awarded at PeepsShow 2013 on Friday, March 29, in Old Main on the third floor. Tantalizing Peepsfreshments will be served to all who attend. The complete announcement, rules, and FAQs can be found in the "Hey Kids Peeps" document attached to the e-mail that disseminated this newsletter. Contact Herta Pitman 651-696-6376 or pitman@macalester.edu with questions.

Peeps Dioramas & Peeps-a-pult Contest entries are Due Monday, March 25.



Peeps Mission Control is shown here preparing for PeepsShow liftoff. [Start making your entry today!](#)

Dioramas are due March 25, but not procrastinating on this NOW is a great way to procrastinate on all your other obligations. If you contact Herta, she might be able to set you up with your Peeps Diorama Starter Kit.

The big event, "**Peeps-a-pult Contest and PeepsShow 2013**" will be on **Friday, March 29**.

If you are thinking, "PeepsShow, what?" you can get a better idea of what this is by viewing the 2011 PeepsShow video here:

<http://www.macalester.edu/news/2011/04/peeps-contest>

Events to add to your calendar:

February 21 4:30-5:30 in Old Main 111, Arabic Discussion Hour
Thursday, February 21 at 6:00pm at St Thomas College, AIA talk, Peter Schultz of Concordia College, Morehead: "*Style, Continuity, and the Hellenistic*"
Thursday, February 28 from noon-1:00 in Old Main room 111, Classics Lunch
March 1 at 11:45-1:00 in the Weyerhaeuser Boardroom, "Reconciliation not Revenge" panel
Friday, March 8th, Various on-campus locations, Dennis Trout events
Monday, [Mar 25 Peeps Dioramas Due](#)
Friday, [Mar 29 PeepsShow 2013](#)
Monday, [May 6 History and Classics End-of-Year Picnic](#)

Opportunities

Call for Submissions to the Academic History Journal "Foundations"

The academic history journal Foundations is seeking "fresh, creative, well-researched and well-argued undergraduate history papers." Foundations has an undergraduate Editorial Board with an international Faculty Advisory Board, and they publish in association with the Department of History and Johns Hopkins University. Papers must have an historical theme ([including classics](#)). Consider submitting your term papers to Foundations. You can find more information and read their published issues at their website, <http://www.jhu.edu/foundations>. Contact them with comments or questions at foundations@jhu.edu. For more information, please see the "Foundations submission policy" flier that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

Vivarium Novum Academy Summer Latin Course The classes provide for a total immersion in the Latin language. They are divided into two fundamental courses and a third course which is for teachers and which is contingent on enrollment. For further information please visit their website: <http://vivariumnovum.net/en/ad-extra/summer-latin-school>

Content and New Media Internship in Governor Dayton's Office

Macalester student Sam Burgin is interning at the Governor's Office this semester, in the Communications Department. He says he is back for a second time "because this is simply the most wonderfully fun, meaningful, and educational internship I've had in college!" So he wrote to recruit students to join him. He says, "It might be February, but the Communications Department is still looking for motivated, energetic interns to help us build A Better Minnesota." If you're interested in politics, state service, and new media, check out the "New Media" documents attached to the newsletter that distributed this newsletter, or give his supervisor Jenna Covey (jenna.covey@state.mn.us) an email.

Field, Excavation and Experimental Archaeology Opportunities in Transylvania (Romania) Please see the "Excavation" and "Archaeology" fliers that are attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

4 credit summer public history course in Egypt

Students are invited to participate in the second annual summer oral history field school in Egypt from May 20-June 9. Students will learn about Egypt through hands-on oral history work. The three week study tour includes daily classes as well as visits to Cairo, Luxor, Alexandria, the western desert, and the Red Sea.

Cost: \$3602 (airfare not included), financial aid possible

Students will receive 4 credits (including 3 history credits and 1 credit of service learning) [See attached flyer.]

Interested students should write to : horrison@uwlax.edu

A summary of last year's program can be found here: <http://news.uwlax.edu/students-get-an-up-close-look-at-egypt-and-its-revolution/>

Please see the "Egypt Flyer" that is attached to the e-mail that distributed this newsletter.

Internship in the office of Congressman Keith Ellison

Please find attached a posting for summer internship opportunities with the district office of Congressman Keith Ellison.

Work for a Green Future.

Each year, Environment America hires recent college graduates as Environment America Fellows to fight for environmental values. They are looking for a Federal Field Organizer to start in Minneapolis in August 2013. They are also accepting applications for fellowship positions with state affiliates across the country and in Washington, D.C. Fellows will work with senior staff, plan and run grassroots campaigns, lobby lawmakers, publish op-eds, set up and speak at news conferences, organize town hall meetings, run citizen outreach campaigns, identify new members, raise money, recruit and manage staff and much more. You can find out more and apply by visiting <https://jobs.environmentamerica.org>. To learn more about the fellowship program or summer intern opportunities, please contact Michelle Hesterberg mhesterberg@environmentamerica.org or call [612-331-3315](tel:612-331-3315)

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 History happens. 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

Lindsay Morehouse, '12 wrote from Oxford to say she was at a talk that was about the faunal remains at Omrit, Israel!

She said:

"The speaker said that though the bones of 68 different animals were found, most of the animals were sheep/goats who were sacrificed before they were 1 year old. Apparently, fewer heads and teeth were found than expected (almost none in fact) which she thinks suggests that the heads of the animals which were sacrificed at the temple were deposited separately (and not yet found). Interestingly, though no skulls and teeth were found, inner ear bones were, which she thinks suggests that the brain was removed as part of the ritual. The speaker was very engaging and only had excellent things to say about the excavation, collection, and preservation of the bones she studied. I wrote down that at one point she said, "every now and then the zooarchaeology gods smile and you get a perfect site like Omrit," which is kind of cool."

Lindsay also said, "say hello to everyone for me!"