I am delighted to welcome all our readers to our third annual alumni newsletter. It has been another eventful and busy year for the Department. Firstly, congratulations must go to two colleagues: Christine Morris on her election to College Fellowship on Trinity Monday, and Shane Wallace whose post in Ancient History is permanent from September 2014. Congratulations also to Dr Giorgos Papantoniou, whose three-year Irish Research Council CARA Postdoctoral Mobility Fellowship was extended for a further year. We are also delighted to welcome Dr Stella Diakou who is joining us for the coming year on an IRC Postdoctoral award.

A particular highlight this year was the international Augustus Bimillennium Conference, hosted by the Department, and organized very successfully by Anna Chahoud and Monica Gale. This included a memorable recital in the Salon of the Provost’s House.

The Department continued its participation in the Gradlink Mentoring Programme and we warmly thank our 2013-14 mentors: Jason Bolton, Lewis Purser, Treasa Cox, Anna Mackey, and Pearl O’Sullivan, for their involvement. It is always a great pleasure to renew contacts with former students. If you are interested in becoming involved in the future, do please contact us.

We are always pleased to see former students and members of the Department, and this year we were delighted to welcome the family of the late Donald Wormell (Professor of Latin 1942-1978), who as College Orator delivered the oration for President J. F. Kennedy’s honorary degree in 1963.

The Department continues to flourish and there is nearly always something going on. Regular news and event updates can be found on the Departmental website, and don’t forget that we are also on Facebook (with over 1000 likes now!). Next year, we particularly look forward to welcoming Classics alumnus, Dr Myles Lavan to deliver the next Stanford Lecture series. We are particularly keen to hear your stories, so do please tell us what you have been doing since graduating. And please do call in and see us if you are in the vicinity.

Hazel Dodge
Head of the Department of Classics
News from the Department

For Anna Chahoud, this was a year of big conferences. In October she spoke at a conference in Geneva, co-organized by former Chair of Latin at TCD, Damien Nelis. She then gave two papers in the USA: at Amherst, Massachusetts, and at the University of Virginia. In June she co-hosted, with Monica Gale, the Augustus Bimillennium Conference as part of the international Augustan Poetry Network in Trinity. Anna continues to serve as College Orator, which this year required her to write a speech in honour of the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, amongst others.

Ashley Clements has been kept busy directing our M.Phil. programme. His book Aristophanes’ Thesmophoriazusae: Philosophizing Theatre and the Politics of Perception in Late Fifth-Century Athens, offering a new reading of Aristophanes’ finest plays as a philosophical comedy, was published by CUP. He also contributed chapters to two new series that mark the expansion of the burgeoning field of sensory studies into Greek and Roman Antiquity (Acumen’s The Senses in Antiquity and Berg’s The Cultural History of the Senses).

Martine Cuypers has continued to serve as the School’s Postgraduate Director of Teaching and Learning. She has also been at the forefront of developing a new certificate course in Greek and Latin (for further news of this, watch this space!). She was co-organizer of the Royal Irish Academy colloquium Death in the Ancient World, in November 2013. She has still found time to publish more entries for Brill’s New Jacoby and secure funding for major development of the online Hellenistic Bibliography.

Hugh Denard was awarded a Marie Curie FP7 Career Integration Grant, for research on the theme “Locating and Performing Irish Theatre History”. He initiated and organised the workshop on Virtual Cultural Heritage in Ireland in TCD, and gave keynote papers at conferences on digital humanities in Florence and in Winchester in July. He was staff advisor for this year’s Classical Society play, Plautus’ The Swaggering Soldier.

Hazel Dodge took over as Head of Department this year. She secured funding to enable the re-housing of the Classics Department Coin Collection of which she is Curator. She was extremely honoured to have been made a Corresponding Member of the Archaeological Institute of America. She is in the final stages of completing a sourcebook of the ancient city of Rome; her next projects will concern the supply and symbolism of Egyptian stones in the Roman world and spectacle in late antiquity.

Monica Gale was on leave in the first semester. She gave a minilecture tour in Philadelphia in September 2013 and continued her work on a commentary on the complete poems of Catulus. She also gave papers at the University of Oslo and the Royal Irish Academy.

Brian McGing has been on leave during the academic year 2013-14 following three years as Head of School. He has been working on a new translation and edition of Appian of Alexandria for Loeb. He has also been at the forefront of developing a new certificate course in Greek and Latin (for further news of this, watch this space!). She was co-organizer of the Royal Irish Academy colloquium Death in the Ancient World, in November 2013. She has still found time to publish more entries for Brill’s New Jacoby and secure funding for major development of the online Hellenistic Bibliography.

Christine Morris continued work on her IRC funded project on Cretan peak sanctuaries, and gave talks and demonstrations of the 3D scanning aspect of the work for the Discover Research Dublin night and the Virtual Cultural Heritage in Ireland workshop, both in Trinity. She gave papers at the ‘Cretomania’ conference in Athens, and at a day school on the Minoans in Oxford. She organized the Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies at Athens (IIHSA) Day School on Health and Healing. In May, she led, with Alan Peatfield, a fundraising study tour to Crete for the IIHSA.

Shane Wallace continues work on an edited volume on the Hellenistic court with colleagues from the University of Edinburgh, to be published in 2015. He is also working with Dr Alexander Meeus (KU Leuven) on a translation and commentary of the fragments of Arrian for Brill’s New Jacoby. He gave papers at Edinburgh and Nottingham during the year. He also became a father. His son, Andrew Alexander Wallace, was born on 22 December 2013 (3.39kg – everyone asks!).
2014 marks the bimillennium of the death of the Emperor Augustus on 19 August AD 14. In commemoration of this anniversary, the international Augustan Poetry Network – or, to give it its full title, Réseau international de recherche et de formation à la recherche dans le domaine de la poésie augustéenne – devoted its regular colloquium in June 2013 to the theme of *The Augustan Space*. The event, co-organized by Professors Anna Chahoud and Monica Gale, took place in the appropriately spacious surroundings of the Long Room Hub, where some fifty scholars from Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and the UK considered the theme from a variety of angles over the three days of the conference, 12–14 June.

Amongst Augustus’ most celebrated achievements was his transformation of the physical fabric of Rome through an extensive programme of building and restoration, an achievement in which he is said to have expressed particular pride. The conference speakers considered architectural and topographical themes in the poetry of Virgil, Horace, Propertius and Ovid, and also looked at other ways in which the broad theme of space is important in the literature of the period. In addition to the twenty papers, participants were treated to a splendid exhibition of coins from the Department of Classics collection, together with reproductions of relevant manuscripts and maps from the library’s holdings. We also enjoyed the Provost’s generous hospitality, for a delightful recital of extracts from modern work inspired by, and musical settings of, Horace and Virgil. Classics alumni Dr Kevin McGee and Dr Hugh Denard directed the recital, and performers included Classics alumnae Fionnuala Murphy, Rachel Talbot and Venina Svetli Kalistratova.

Events

Virtual Cultural Heritage Ireland Workshop

In February 2014, Dr Hugh Denard, assisted by Dr Christine Morris and doctoral researcher Frank Lynam, collaborated with staff and postgraduate students from other departments in both Trinity and DIT to host a two-day workshop on Virtual Cultural Heritage in Ireland, involving presenters from higher education institutions, businesses, heritage organizations and civil servants. The well-attended event showcased how emerging technologies are currently being used to capture, preserve and communicate cultural heritage in Ireland, including historic architecture and archaeology. With the support and encouragement of the delegates at the workshop, plans are now being developed to create an Irish Association for Virtual Cultural Heritage to support communication and cooperation within this exciting sector. For further information see: http://vchireland.wordpress.com/

Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies at Athens

John Dillon, Emeritus Professor, delivered a memorable and moving lecture, “Hand in Hand with the World”: Seamus Heaney and the Heritage of Greece on 27 March 2014. The Department of Classics was delighted to host this special event, which was co-organised by the Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies at Athens (IIHSA) and the Irish-Hellenic Society. For a podcast of the lecture and poetry readings, and for pictures from the events see: www.tcd.ie/Classics/alumni/seamusheaney.php and www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6Wp-QFjnNE. We also hosted the IIHSA Annual Day School on 8 February 2014 in the Long Room Hub. This year’s topic was Doctors, Diseases and Divinities: Health and Healing in the Ancient World, and the Department was well represented with John Dillon, Hazel Dodge and Liz Bourke giving papers, while Christine Morris and Simone Zimmerman organized a small exhibition on anatomical healing votives. On the same occasion, John Dillon launched Brian Arkins’ new edition of J.P. Mahaffy’s Rambles and Studies in Greece. The First Edition of 1876, most appropriately since Mahaffy was Professor of Ancient History as well as Provost of TCD (1914-1919).

The IIHSA offers our students the opportunity to participate in archaeological projects as well as an annual undergraduate study tour to Greece. Two TCD alumni, Conor Trainor and Siobhan Hargis led the 2013 study tour. They also had the pleasure of showing TCD’s Provost, Dr Patrick Prendergast around the Institute’s facilities in Athens.
Outreach Activities with Schools

We co-organized the 3rd Annual Classical Association of Ireland (Teachers) Speech Competition for schools in ancient Greek, Latin and Classical Studies on 6 March 2014. Congratulations to all the participants on the outstanding performances, and thanks to our own students – Zoe Boland; John-Francis Martin; Richard Sanders; William von Behr; Lucy Withrington – who acted as judges. Our TCD Classics Activity Workshop (a new initiative in 2013) was again a great success in May. We welcomed around forty students from five schools who, under the supervision of our postgraduates and staff, were introduced to writing in ancient Greek (on papyrus) and in Latin, handling Roman coins from our collection, and had a go at making clay figurines. School students also attended a performance of Plautus’ Miles Gloriosus (‘The Swaggering Soldier’), brilliantly staged by the DU Classical Society.

Extramural Latin Films

In December, the Department hosted the premiere of a series of short films, The Latin Anthology, made by Dr Kevin McGee in which students from his Latin Extra-Mural class of 2012-13 performed poetic monologues in Latin; their performances were spectacular! The films will soon be available to enjoy on our website.

Discover Research Dublin 2013

The Department of Classics participated in Dublin's contribution to European Researchers’ Night, which aims to raise awareness of research and give the public, especially young people, a chance to meet researchers and experience interactive and hands-on activities. As part of the Long Room Hub activities Christine Morris and Brendan O’Neill contributed a demonstration of 3D scanning of archaeological material, and Frank Lynam showcased his ‘kindaReal’ app for engaging with heritage sites.
Student News

We congratulate all of our students on their achievements and awards over the past year!

Undergraduate
Awards and Successes

Trinity College Dublin Scholarship was awarded to Alexandra Madela (SF SH Classics), Paul Corcoran (SF TSM Greek) and Ralph Moore (SF Ancient and Medieval History and Culture). Graduating students Charlie Kerrigan (TSM Latin) and Venina Svetl Kalistratova (SH Classics) both won Gold Medals. Lucy Withrington (SS SH Classics) was awarded the Irish Hellenic Society Prize for an outstanding undergraduate student.

Postgraduate
Awards and Successes

Three doctors: Kasia Zeman-Wisniewska, Kevin McGee and Cosetta Cadau (pictured right) all graduated this year. Irish Research Council postgraduate studentships were awarded to Olaf Almvqvist and Clara Felisari; and Simone Zimmerman was awarded the A.G. Leventis postgraduate studentship. Congratulations to our Classics M.Phil. students, Olaf Almvqvist and Liam Gale, who were jointly awarded the George Huxley Prize for the best thesis.

Alumni Notes

Geraldine McGuckian Award for Mature Students

We are very grateful to the family of Geraldine McGuckian (Classical Civilisation and Biblical Studies graduating in 1996), who has provided funds to establish an award for mature students in her memory. The purpose of this award is to assist one or more deserving and merited mature students at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Ted Courtney

Professor Edward Courtney, Professor Emeritus at the University of Virginia, is one of Trinity’s most distinguished Classics Alumni. He was elected Foundation Scholar in 1951 and won every prize available to Classics undergraduates, including the Berkeley Medal that he generously donated to the Department in October 2013. He held prestigious positions at King’s College, London and Stanford University before his appointment as first Basil L. Gildersleeve Professor of Classics at the University of Virginia in 1993. His books on the Satires of Juvenal, on the Fragmentary Latin Poets and on Archaic Latin Prose are but a few of his exemplary works on Latin literature.

Scholars of the Decade

On Trinity Monday, we welcomed four scholars of the decade: Vincent Denard (1944); Alan Griffin (1964); William Jacques (1964) and Stephen Anderson (1974). Further details are available at: www.tcd.ie/Classics/scholars/scholars.php

Alumni News in Brief

Duncan Macrea (B.A. 2007) is Assistant Professor of Classics (Roman History) at the University of Cincinnati; Selga Medenieks (B.A. 2008; Ph.D. 2013) joined the Trinity Long Room Hub team as co-ordinator of their Consultations programme; Carl O’Brien (B.A. 2003; Ph.D. 2007) holds a Fritz Thyssen Foundation fellowship in Heidelberg; Cillian O’Hogan (B.A. 2006) is Curator of Classical and Byzantine Studies at the British Library.

Alumni Voices

We really enjoy hearing from our alumni. This year we heard from Arnold Bradshaw (graduated 1951), who went to Nigeria to teach Classics at University College Ibadan in the 1950s. In 1965 he went to Durham University where he taught in the Classics Department and was Master of Van Mildert College when he retired. We also heard from George Parker, who was in JS year when Luce arrived and shared his experiences of being taught by Herbert Parke and John Luce. He also shared with us that, when he was a student, the library in the Department consisted of ‘a few aged volumes kept in a large lecture room where Dr Parke lectured to all four years’ students together on Classical Archaeology’.
Congratulations to our Classics graduates of 2013, and to Venina Svetli Kalistratova and Charlie Kerrigan (far left), who were both awarded Gold Medals.

Djoeke Gerding and Liam Gale from our Classics M.Phil. class of 2013.

Trinity Monday: Christine Morris, new Fellow, and Ralph Moore, new scholar in Ancient and Medieval History and Culture.

Ted Courtney’s Berkeley Gold Medal, kindly donated to the Department.
Upcoming Events

Stanford Lectures 2014-15 will be given by Dr Myles Lavan of the University of St Andrews on 25-27 March 2015. Myles is a graduate of Trinity where he was also a Scholar. His lecture series is entitled *Enfranchisement and Empire: Roman Citizenship from Augustus to Caracalla*.

This lecture series was established, by public subscription, to honour the memory of William Bedell Stanford, Regius Professor of Greek in Trinity College Dublin, from 1940 to 1980, and Chancellor of the University of Dublin from 1982 to 1984. The lectures are published by Cambridge University Press.

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Upcoming Alumni Events

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