

Salvete καὶ Χαίρετε, Classics alumni,



Hello from Detchon Hall. We hope that this finds you well. What a year it's been! Despite physical distancing and other pandemic limitations, things have been bustling for Wabash Classics, as you can read below. We look forward to returning to a semblance of pre-COVID times on campus this fall; in the meantime, COVID variants offer a helpful refresher of the Greek alphabet. Please stay safe, and we look forward to seeing many of you in person again soon!

RES NOVAE:

Class of 2021 Classics Majors: (with information about post-graduation plans, where we have it)

- Austin Chivington (Classics and Chemistry): PhD program in Chemistry at IU Bloomington.
- Charles Esterline (Classics and Rhetoric): Law School at IUPUI. [Read about Charlie's interest in Classics.](#)
- William Johnson
- Ben Klimczak
- Nikko Morris: Social Studies teacher at Westfield High School, where he'll be teaching about ancient Greece and Rome. You can read about Nikko in the [Spring 2021 issue of the Wabash Magazine](#), pp. 14-15.

Awards Chapel:

The **McLain Prize in Classics** was awarded this year to Austin Chivington and Nikko Morris.

Kudos, Nikko and Austin!



Austin Douglas
Chivington

Nikko Kiyoshi
Morris



Senior seminar in Classics, spring 2021:
These Wabash scholars took a deep dive into the study of ancient medicine and then [presented their knowledge to the Crawfordsville community](#).

Class of 2021 Classics Minors: Casey Akers, Matthew Chinn, Jalen Fielder, Benjamin Filippi, James Kirkland, Chris McNally, Kyler Schalk, and Jordan Scott.

Congratulations to all of our Class of 2021 majors and minors!

Recent Events:

Investiture:

Jeremy orchestrated and hosted another rousing ceremony, which featured Wally modeling our new Classics t-shirt. See more photos [here](#)



Eta Sigma Phi Initiations: For the first time in Wabash history, these rites took place on Zoom. The gods prevent us from commenting further...

Tom Brogan '88 gave a talk live from Greece in April for the Central Indiana Society of the Archaeological Institute of America: "Chryssi Island & the Archaeology of a Maritime Community of the Southern Minoan World." Thank you for bringing Bronze Age Crete to life for us, Tom!



Book party: Matthew published [a terrific book on Virgil's Aeneid](#). Check out the photos of our party to mark the occasion [here](#)!

Faculty News:

Jeremy Hartnett taught an ever-popular unit on Athenian Citizenship for WLAIP again this summer, which [included immersion in rowing](#) (though no one in fact was immersed in Eagle Creek). Jeremy also reprised his Visiting Faculty role for an NEH Summer Seminar on Roman Daily Life in Petronius and Pompeii.



In other pedagogy news, **Bronwen Wickkiser** taught a session on Greek Medicine for Wabash's Justice, Community and the Liberal Arts course this summer, and she's been appointed a Lilly Equity and Inclusion Fellow for the coming year to expand and enrich the course Ancient Greece. Her article on "Hesione and the Ketos of Troy" has been published in the *Oxford Handbook on Heracles*. Bronwen has been promoted to the rank of Professor.

We are very pleased to report that **Matthew Gorey** will be with us for another year as Visiting Assistant Professor. He's been wowing students for the past two years, including in his innovative course this spring Eureka! Science, Tech, Engineering & Math in the Ancient World.

Upcoming Immersion Learning:

Jeremy will be taking advanced Greek and Latin students to the **Bay of Naples** in November, and Bronwen will be taking students to **Greece** in May as part of the course Uncovering Greek Religion. We wish to extend *gratias maximas* to **Daniel Emerson '98** for offering support to help Classics students defray costs of study abroad, books, and the like.

Mark Your Calendars:

Nov 1: The annual **Charles Lecture**. Prof. Robin Jensen, University of Notre Dame, "Destroying the Old Gods: Sacred Images and Idols at the End of the Fourth Century CE," 8 pm. The Charles Lecture has been made possible by the generous support of **Bruce McGar '72**. *χάρην ἀποδιδόμεθα*, Bruce!

In Memoriam:



Stephen Miller '64 passed away on August 11, 2021. Stephen spent much of his career as Professor of Classical Archaeology at the University of California at Berkeley and is best known for excavating the Sanctuary of Zeus at Nemea in Greece, site of the one of the four Crown Games. Stephen lived in Nemea and, never one to rest on his laurels, [revived the ancient Nemean Games](#). He often welcomed Wabash guests to the site, including two recent immersion courses: Uncovering Greek Religion (2018) and Ancient Athletics (2011). Stephen kept in contact with Wabash Classics, sending us copies of his books along with notes of reminiscence about his alma mater. He cared a lot about Wabash and was a proud and dedicated alumnus. Wabash awarded him an honorary degree in 2012. Many [Greek news agencies](#) are reporting his death and also commenting on the giant impact he has had on classical archaeology. *Requiescat in pace*.

That's all the news for now. Please keep in touch and let us know what's new in your lives.

Curate ut valeatis!