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Dear CAAS Colleague:

Recently, in going through a file, I came across a card from Jerry Clack, first CAAS Executive Director, in which he stated, “Dear Mary - Just a note to say how much I enjoyed the Meeting and how appreciative I am of the honor. Please, next time the august Board gets together, give my thanks to everyone. Best Wishes – Jerry.”

This note was dated 13 October, 2010, and it marked the inaugural Clack Lecture by W. Robert Connor, Senior Advisor to the Teagle Foundation, formerly Director of the National Humanities Center and Professor of Classics at Princeton.

Professor Connor’s title, “We Must Call the Classics Before a Jury of the Shipwrecked: What Classics Can Do Now,” fulfilled every expectation – delivered in the Engelhard Court of the Newark Museum – of David Murphy who led the CAAS Board to establish the Clack Lecture effort.

Next month, in the Rainey Auditorium of Penn Museum, we shall be continuing this hallowed tradition by welcoming Yannis Hamilakis, Joukowsky Family Professor of Archaeology and Professor of Modern Greek Studies at Brown University, to tell us about “A Monument of Modernity: Purification, Coloniality, and the (Re)Making of the Athenian Acropolis.”

One can almost imagine that the spirit of Jerry Clack will be with us, expressing in some unfathomable way his appreciation and joy.

This upcoming Annual Meeting to be held at the marvelous Inn at Penn promises all of the sensitivity and richness we expect to find, especially as we again celebrate an in-person gathering so we can renew friendships and glory in the research and pedagogy of our colleagues.

If you have not yet registered for the Annual Meeting through JHUP, please do so sooner rather than later; also, our room block has several immediate openings. <https://caas-cw.org/2023/05/26/the-2023-fall-annual-meeting-of-the-classical-association-of-the-atlantic-states/>

As promised, the members of the Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio Grants Committee have completed the mission and charge document, and have enthusiastically

awarded its first grant to Darius Arya of the American Institute for Roman Culture.  
<https://romanculture.org/about/>

For a précis of Dr. Masciantonio's legacy and a look at The Philadelphia Classical Society for which CAAS served as a fiscal sponsor, read here:

<https://www.mainlinemedianews.com/2023/08/15/dr-rudolph-masciantonio-trust-fund-the-pcs-annual-fall-professional-day-for-main-line-latin-and-greek-teachers/>

Finally, again, I write in sincere appreciation of the efforts of Johns Hopkins University Press Staff who have so successfully constructed our first-ever online voting – and at a savings of approx. \$2800.

Your continued patience, kindness, and understanding are the hallmarks of who we are as an association. FYI, “the polls” close 4 pm, Saturday, October 7 and voting is open to eligible current Members who live or work in the CAAS Region.

“Best Wishes” for the start of the academic year and propitious days ahead.

Pacem et Bonum,

Mary

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