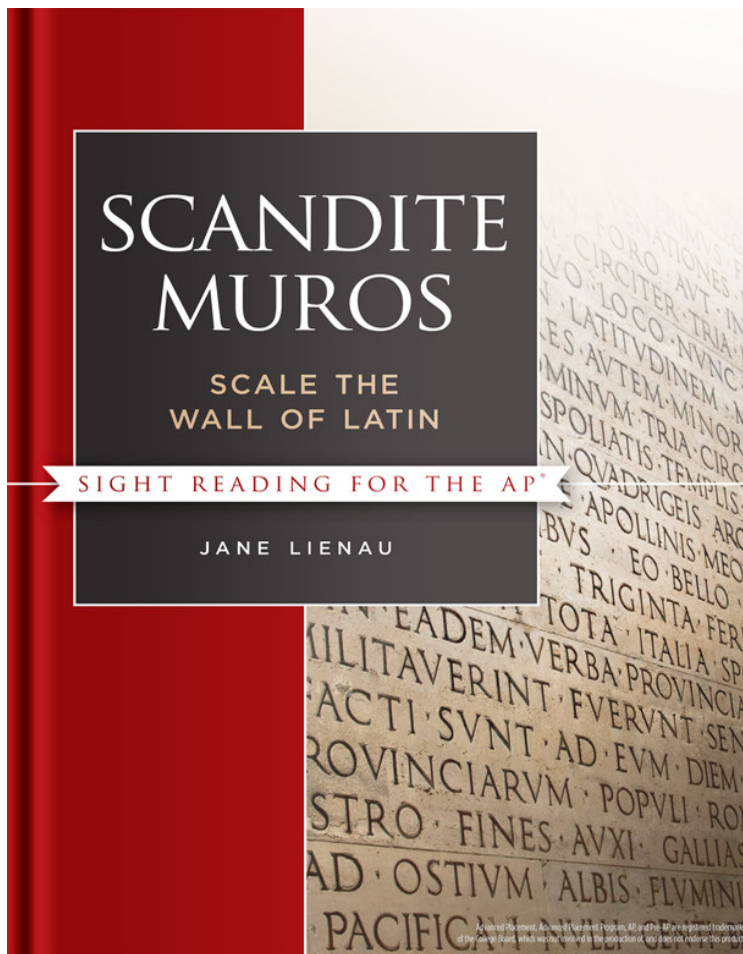


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SPRING MEETING AT FREEPORT HIGH

JANE LIENAU AND SETH KNOWLES SPEAK

At MCA's spring meeting in April, Jane Lienau spoke about her new book, *Scandite Muros*, and explained its technique to participants. The book, above, is currently available from [Wayside Publishing](http://WaysidePublishing.com). Seth Knowles spoke about his journey transitioning to longer class periods, and some techniques he discovered along the way.

MEET THE NEW MCA OFFICERS

KATIE COLLINS TAKES ON A NEW POSITION AND ROSS SHALER AND KATE SANBORN PERRY COME ON BOARD

The CLAMOR recently asked Katie Collins, Ross Shaler, and Kate Sanborn Perry some hard-hitting, piercing questions about themselves and their Classics background. Katie teaches Latin at Gardiner Area High School, Ross at Winthrop High School, and Kate at Falmouth High School.

CLAMOR: Tell us your “Classics” story. How did you come to study Latin and Greek? Why did you decide to become a Latin teacher?

ROSS: I first studied Latin in high school. I had been a Roman history enthusiast since middle school, and I thought it would be interesting to read texts written by the Romans. I decided to be a high school teacher while teaching an introductory course at KU as a graduate teaching assistant; working with Latin students was often the highlight of my day.

KATIE: I took Latin in high school and loved it. When I got to college with no idea what I wanted to study, I ended up in Peter Aicher’s entry year experience course about etymology. When I found out I could study Latin and Classics for my major I was hooked!

KATE: I feel like I’ve had a whirlwind romance with Classics. I signed up for Latin at USM completely by accident and ended up loving it so much that I began taking Greek the next year. I got my Masters from the University of Edinburgh (aka Hogwarts), and then went on to do my PhD at Trinity-Dublin and teach at NUI-Maynooth. After 4 years away, however, my homesickness got the better of me, and so I finished writing my dissertation while I taught at USM. I have just started my third year teaching at Falmouth High, and even though my students sneeze in my face and try to sneak their phones to the bathroom, nothing beats that feeling when they proudly work out a tough sentence.

EXECUTIVE BOARD NOTES

BUSINESS FROM AUGUST BOARD MEETING

At the executive board’s meeting in August, plans were made for the Fall meeting at Bates. The board approved a motion to raise the fee for the meeting, breaks, and lunch to \$40 this year. Dues will remain the same. It was also decided that we would honor Barbara Weiden Boyd at the Fall meeting.

AVE ATQUE VALE

Two longtime members of MCA and former MCA officers passed away recently. **Francis R. Bliss**, pictured,



died on March 16th in Farmington. Francis graduated from Bowdoin College and taught Classics at Colby College, Case Western Reserve University in

Ohio, and the University of Vermont before retiring in 1979. Francis was editor the CLAMOR from 2002 to 2004, and attended many of MCA’s meetings.

Art Leavitt died on September 19th. He taught Latin and Greek at Marblehead High School in Massachusetts, Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire, and North Yarmouth Academy in Maine. He was President of MCA from 1998-2001.

CLAMOR: What are your hobbies? What, besides the Classics, interests you?

ROSS: Biking, fishing, board games, strategy computer games.

KATIE: Reading, knitting, Netflix, and spending time with friends and family. What can I say, "Old Lady Katie!"

KATE: I love to knit, bake, and garden, so obviously my grandmother and I are BFFs. I have also found myself married into a camping family, so I'm slowly coming to terms with that.

CLAMOR: If you could meet and speak with any ancient person, whom would you speak to? What would you ask him or her?

ROSS: I would speak with any scholar from the library at Alexandria (maybe Callimachus or Hypatia) about lost works of ancient literature.

KATIE: Mythological: Medea. I'd love to know what happened there. Real: Anyone around during the last decade of the Republic.

KATE: I would want to meet Hypatia, but instead of asking her a question, we would pack my time machine full of scrolls and get out of there before it all kicks off.

CLAMOR: What are you currently reading?

ROSS: Sallust's *Bellum Catilinae*.

KATIE: American Gods (by Neil Gaiman).

KATE: Margaret Atwood's 'Alias Grace' - I'm trying to learn how to write historical fiction, so I figured I'd learn from the best. Maybe I'll write that time-travel/road-trip/buddy-comedy about Hypatia and me because that definitely wouldn't be embarrassing and sad.

NATIONAL JCL CONVENTION UPDATE

MAINE STUDENTS ATTEND THE CONVENTION IN ALABAMA

Twenty Maine students and teachers recently traveled to Alabama for the National Junior Classical League Convention. The event took place at Troy University.

SAVE THE DATE!

CONFERENCES

Foreign Language Association of Maine Conference

March 8 and 9 at Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland

Proposals due by **November 12**

Early bird registration by **December 15**

Classical Association of New England Annual Meeting

March 15, 16, and 17 at University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI

Proposals due by **December 1**

American Classical League Institute University of Montana, Missoula, Montana

Pre-Institute Sessions **June 27 and 28**

Institute Sessions **June 28, 29 and 30**

SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT DEADLINES

ACL Scholarships—including **Maureen O'Donnell** and **Ed Phinney**; applications are due January 15th and March 15th. See www.aclclassics.org for more information.

CANE Scholarships and Awards—**Weinke Teaching Award**, December 31st; **Coulter scholarship**, January 15th; **CANE Endowment Scholarship**, January 15th.

CANE Writing Contest—Entries due to Heidi Paulding by **December 15th**. See www.caneweb.org for details.

The Maine delegation earned several awards. In the category of state promotional videos, Hampden Academy student Eliot Small received a first place award. Hampden Academy also earned an award for “best print article” in the Publicity Contest. The TORCH:ME newsletter, edited by Emma McAnirlin of Nokomis, placed sixth in State Publications. The Maine delegation also earned a third place award for an outstanding spirit display among the small state delegations. The Maine t-shirt, designed by Emma Dexter of Greely, received fourth place in the “most creative” category.



Katherine Collins of Gardiner Area High School and Ross Shaler of Winthrop High School received a free registration to this convention through the Miller Fellowship, given to teachers who are attending the NJCL Convention for the first time. Other teachers attending the convention were Ben Johnson of Hampden Academy for his tenth convention and Seth Knowles of Greely, who has attended sixteen conventions. Other adults attending were Alyssa Sohns of USM and retired teacher Margaret Cook, who has attended thirty-five conventions. Mrs. Cook received the Mildred Sterling award for longtime service to the Junior Classical League, presented by her former student, Seth Knowles.

Other students who attended the convention were Maine Junior Classical League President Colby Kreider of Nokomis; Nathan Cyr, Duncan Lary and Julia Vine from Greely; Aidan Babbitt and Andrew Terry of Hampden; and Emma Dwelle of Winthrop.

MEJCL

Fall MEJCL Convention—**November 3** at Leavitt Area High School
Registration due by **October 26**

Certamen Tournament—**March 23**, Winthrop High School

Spring MEJCL Convention—**May 23 and 24**, Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop

National Convention—**July 23-28**, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
Registration begins **March 1**