THE NINTH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE UNDERGRADUATE CLASSICS CONFERENCE

Strong Hall
University of Tennessee
1621 Cumberland Ave, Knoxville, TN 37916
Saturday, February 22, 2020


9:00-9:10 WELCOME

STRONG HALL B-001

DR. LARRY MCKAY, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH AND FACILITIES
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

9:15-10:15 THE BEAUMONT KEYNOTE LECTURE

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DR. CASEY DUÉ, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
“ACHILLES UNBOUND: FINDING LOST ILIADS”

10:15-10:30 Morning Break

10:30-11:40 FIRST PAPER SESSION

SESSION#1

STRONG HALL 103

Presider: Dr. Reema Habib

1: Cult and Industry: An Analysis of Religious Shrines in the Commercial Spaces of Pompeii
Abigail Staub, University of Virginia

2: Augustus and the Cult of Venus in Pompeii
Kirsten Mason, Mount Allison University

3: Reconstructing the Archaeology of Grain Storage in Egypt: Karanis and Granary C65
Shannon Burton, University of Michigan
SESSION#2

Presider: Dr. Robert Sklenář

1: Vergil and the Name of the Hebrew God
Harrison Dinsbeer, Davidson College

2: Vergil’s Conception of the Ideal Roman
Arnav Tandon, Columbia University

3: Bee-ing a Farmer: Exploring the Implications of Apian Politics in Vergil’s Georgics IV
Frank DeGuire, University of Wisconsin

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12:00-1:00 LUNCH AT CUMBERLAND HOUSE HOTEL

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1:30-2:40 SECOND PAPER SESSION

SESSION#3

Presider: Dr. Theodora Kopestonsky

1: Why the Beer Disappeared: Social and Environmental Factors of Alcohol Production in Archaic and Classical Greece
Rachel Prichett, University of Texas

2: The Digital Restoration of Block W XI of the Parthenon Frieze
Emily Jordan, Vanderbilt University

3: Investigating Deinos in Sophocles’ Antigone
Dylan McKibban, University of Texas

SESSION#4

Presider: Dr. Justin Arft

1: The End of Choice: Plot Mechanisms and Audience Perception in the Odyssey
Nathan Moore, University of Georgia

2: On the Threshold of Power: Interior Liminal Spaces in the Odyssey
Charissa Skoutelas, Pennsylvania State University

3: The Iliad According to Aristotle
Jake Hoyer, University of St. Thomas
SESSION#5

Presider: Dr. Christopher Craig

1: The Court of Public Opinion: How Horace Explores Public Opinion in His Satire
   Jane Seage, Austin Peay State University

2: Virgil, Foucault, and Wendell Berry: Land and the Self
   Taylor McClain, Bryn Mawr College

3: Multiple Explanations for Multiple Explanations? Epistemology and Rhetoric
   in De Rerum Natura
   Grant Hussong, University of Kansas

2:40-2:55 Afternoon Break

SESSION#6

Presider: Dr. Maura Lafferty

1: Metaphoric Speculation: Rereading Book XV of Augustine’s De Trinitate
   Emeline McClellan, University of Georgia

2: Violent Death: From Mockery to Triumph
   Theodore Mantzikos, New York University

3: Funding for the Apostle Paul’s Missionary Journeys
   Alexandra Pardo, University of North Carolina-Greensborough

SESSION#7

Presider: Dr. Dylan Bloy

1: The Unconquered Sun: The Mysteries of Mithras
   Mitchell Heesch, University of St. Thomas

2: Patroclus, Enkidu, and Death’s Thresholds
   Arjun Srirangarajan, University of Southern California

3: Candace Amanirenas: Dismantling Roman Colonialism
   Aimee Lafon, University of Tennessee

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1: Tacitus’ Celtic Dido: Imperial Criticism through the *Dux Femina*
   Brooke McArdle, *Marquette University*

2: Graceful Giving: The Role of the Female in Seneca’s *De Beneficiis*
   Helen Ruger, *Columbia University*

3: “Mom Said I’m in Charge”: Understanding the Motivations of the Gracchi Brothers,
   Caesar, and Augustus through their Maternal Parenting
   Lydia Davis, *University of Tennessee*

**4:15-4:30 CLOSING REMARKS**