We are a committed, highly educated group of Classics graduate students and faculty with a wide variety of teaching and tutoring background and experience working with children.

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Ariana Traill (BA Toronto, PhD Harvard) is an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of the Classics. She advises future Latin teachers in the Foreign Language Teacher Education Program. Her professional experience includes teaching Latin, Greek and Classical Civilization at the University of Colorado and the University of Illinois, where she has been a faculty member since 2003. Her first teaching experience was in Latin, French and Music at a Canadian high school.

Whitney McComas, mccomas1@illinois.edu
Camps leader, “Meet the Romans”

Whitney (BA University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, MA-Classics candidate at UIUC with Illinois State Professional Educator’s license) is preparing for a career in K-12 Latin teaching. We are excited to have her back leading Classics summer camps for the second time this summer. In addition to leading “Meet the Romans” last summer, Whitney’s professional experience includes being the Latin teacher at Countryside Elementary School, Champaign, IL (Jan. 2013-present) for grades 4-8, as well as a youth flag football coach (2010-11) for ages 6-12. She has also taught Greek and Latin etymology and Classical Mythology at UIUC for one and a half years.

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Michelle (BA University of Cincinnati, MA in Classics candidate at UIUC, with Illinois State Professional Educator’s license) is also preparing for a career in K-12 Latin teaching. Her professional experience includes summer school Latin teaching (Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, OH, June – July 2012), after school tutoring (Walnut Hills, Aug. 2011- May 2012), and teaching a weekly Latin afterschool program for ages 6-10 (Carrie Busey Elementary School, Champaign, IL, spring 2016).
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Camps assistant, “Meet the Greeks”

Jessie (BAFA & MA at University of New Mexico, MA in Classics at Illinois, PhD candidate in Classics at Illinois) is preparing for a career in Classics research and teaching. Her professional experience includes teaching Classical Mythology at the University of Illinois, teaching Latin and Greek at the University of New Mexico, and working at summer camps in Colorado and New Mexico.

We look forward to working with your children!