



## University Language Academy for Children

# Classics Summer Camp Staff June 2017

*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.*

**Ariana Traill, Director of Classics Camps, [traill@illinois.edu](mailto:traill@illinois.edu)**



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](mailto:mccomas1@illinois.edu)**

Lead Instructor, "Meet the Romans"

Whitney McComas (BA Classics-Latin, University of Illinois, MA in Classics with Illinois State Professional Educator's License, 2016, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) is preparing for a career in K-12 Latin teaching is returning to lead Classics summer camps for the third time this summer. In addition to developing and teaching "Meet the Romans" 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 also taught Greek and Latin etymology and Classical Mythology at UIUC for two years.



**Michelle Martinez**, [mmmrtnz2@illinois.edu](mailto:mmmrtnz2@illinois.edu)

Lead Instructor, "Meet the Greek"

Michelle Martinez (BA University of Cincinnati, currently an MA candidate in Classics at Illinois, with Illinois State Professional Educator's license, anticipated 2018) is preparing for a career in K-12 Latin teaching. This is Michelle's second year leading "Meet the Greeks", which she developed in 2016. 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).



**Charlotte Hunt**, [alhunt2@illinois.edu](mailto:alhunt2@illinois.edu)

Lead instructor, "Word Power from Greek and Latin"

Charlotte (BA + Honors, University of Illinois, 2016, currently an MA candidate in Classics-Latin at Illinois) is preparing for a career in Classics research and teaching. Her professional experience includes working as a teaching assistant at the University of Illinois and tutoring K-12 students.



**Christopher Gipson**, [cgipson2@illinois.edu](mailto:cgipson2@illinois.edu)

Assistant Instructor, "Meet the Greeks"

Chris (BA, Loyola Marymount, 2013, currently PhD candidate in Classics at Illinois) is preparing for a career in Classics research and teaching. His professional experience includes teaching Classical Mythology at the University of Illinois.



***We look forward to working with your children!***