



University Language Academy for Children

Classics Summer Camp Staff June 2018

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



Ariana Traill (BA Toronto, PhD Harvard) is an Associate Professor and Lynn R. Martin Professorial Scholar in the Department of the Classics. She created the Classics Summer Camps in 2015. She advises future Latin teachers in the Foreign Language Teacher Education Program. Her professional experience includes teaching Latin, Greek and Classical Civilization the University of Illinois, since 2003. Her first teaching experience was in Latin, French and Music at a Canadian high school.

Christopher Gipson, cgipson2@illinois.edu

Lead Instructor, “Meet the Romans” (June 4-8, 11-15) and aide, “Meet the Greeks” (June 11-15, 18-22)

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 and Latin at the University of Illinois. Chris served as an aide for “Meet the Greeks” in June 2017.



Clarissa Goebel, cgoebel3@illinois.edu

Lead Instructor, “Meet the Romans” (June 18-22, 25-29) and aide, “Meet the Romans” (June 11-15), “Meet the Greeks” (June 25-29)

Clarissa (BA Classics, Minor in English, Truman State University, 2017, currently an MAT candidate in Classics-Latin at Illinois) is preparing for a career in Classics teaching. Her professional experience includes working as a peer tutor, teaching Latin, Roman and Greek culture to middle school students in a gift class (Rapid Academic Program Teacher, William Matthew Middle, Kirksville MO), and serving as an aide in Classics Summer Camps 2017.



Ky Merkley, kgm3@illinois.edu

Lead Instructor, “Meet the Greeks” (June 4-8, 11-15) and aide, “Meet the Romans” (June 18-22, 25-29)

Ky Merkley (BA and MA Brigham Young University, currently an PhD candidate in Classics at Illinois) is preparing for a career in Classics. His professional experience includes serving as a middle school Latin, Math and English teacher in Salem, UT (2015-2017). He also led a team that designed two years of high school Latin coursework and four years of middle school coursework for Middlebury Interactive Languages. He has served as a TA for Classical Mythology at the University of Illinois.



Charlotte Hunt, alhunt2@illinois.edu, alh298@cornell.edu

Lead Instructor, “Meet the Greeks” (June 18-22, 25-29), lunch supervisor

Charlotte (BA + Honors, University of Illinois, 2016; MA Classics, University of Illinois, 2018) is preparing for a career in Classics research and teaching. Her professional experience includes working as a teaching assistant at the University of Illinois in Classical Mythology, Introduction to Greek Culture, and Latin 101. Charlotte also has experience tutoring K-12 students, and she served as both an assistant instructor and lead instructor for “Meet the Romans” in June 2017.



Jessica Wells, jrwells2@illinois.edu

Aide, “Meet the Romans” and “Meet the Greeks” (June 4-8)

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, New Mexico and “Meet the Greeks” (2016).



We look forward to working with your children!