

STUDIES IN CLASSICS (190:505)

Fall 2005

I. Background:

Studies in Classics is used by the Graduate Program of the Classics Department to supplement its principal colloquia and seminars in Greek, Latin, and Ancient History with additional instruction that may be necessary to allow full-time students to make appropriate progress toward their degrees. It has been used especially to provide additional programming for those pursuing the Ancient History and Interdisciplinary Studies track of the M.A. and Ph.D. degree programs.

II. Conduct of the Course:

In this iteration of the course, *Studies in Classics* is intended to augment secondarily the seminars being given this term. The goal of our weekly meetings will be to explore a series of works involving political scientific or sociological analyses of ancient Greek society (primarily) and of Roman society (secondarily) that intend to reach findings of meta-historical relevance. The works in question will be seen to claim indeed not only general pertinence for historical studies, but also contemporary significance. The discipline of Classics has always registered a claim to centrality among the Liberal Arts for its wider importance for Humanistic studies. In an evolving list of authorities for possible consideration in this rendition of *Studies in Classics*, I note Carol Gilligan, Willmoore Kendall, Michael Oakshott, I.F. Stone, Leo Strauss, and Eric Voegelin. The interpretation of such works demands a subtle balance between expert intra-disciplinary examination and open minded reception of ostensible efforts to broaden the cultural impact of classical studies. Pursuant to this process, students in *Studies in Classics* will be asked to identify a recent work using material derived from Classical antiquity that fits our criterion of pretension to wider significance. During our meetings, we will assist each other to compose a book review of our chosen work that strikes the right balance between expert exegesis and commentary accessible to a lay, non-specialist audience.

Syllabus 1.0 for RUTGERS UNIVERSITY 16:190:511 GREEK LITERATURE OF THE ROMAN PERIOD = PRINCETON UNIVERSITY CLA 522 PROBLEMS IN GREEK HISTORY: THE GREEK EAST IN THE ROMAN ERA

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Time: Tuesdays 1.30-4.20 PM

Location One: Rutgers Ruth Adams Building 003 (Douglass Campus) *16-30 January, then 6 February through 6 March, then **20 March;

Location Two: Princeton University East Pyne 161 ***13 March, then 27 March through 1 May

*The January 16, 23 and 30 meetings of this seminar—which will examine mainly literary rather than historical problems—are optional for Princeton students, who are not yet in term.

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This seminar focuses on the literary, political and social history of the Greek-speaking east in the period of Roman domination, concentrating especially on Asia Minor in the years 133 BCE through 235 CE, and its influence on the literature and thought of the Roman Empire. A wide variety of sources-literary, sub-literary, and non-literary (especially numismatic and epigraphical) are brought to bear on various historical problems relevant to civic and intellectual life in the numerous cities of Rome's various provinces in Asia Minor, with due attention also to the contemporary situation of villages, estates, temple lands, and unurbanized areas.

Requirements: class participation (including translation, where appropriate); one "conference-style" in-class presentation (20 minutes); end-of-term paper (15 pages+).

The student presentations should focus on some aspect of a Greek city in Asia Minor (excepting Mytilene, Ephesus, Pergamum, Smyrna).

A. TUE 16 JAN (RU)

LONGUS (proem; 1.1-3): guest presenter **Michael Anderson** (Yale)
—attention to ecphrasis, the bucolic elements, sophrosyne, mimesis, style, etc.

Secondary reading: none

B. TUE 23 JAN (RU)

LONGINUS 1-8 Longinus' preface and preliminaries: the signs and sources of *hypsos*;
also 39-44 (on the decline of literature)

Secondary reading: Russell, D.A. Introduction to 1964 *Longinus* edition, ix-xliii; also commentary *ad locc.* (cf. esp. 193 on 2.2)

C. TUE 30 JAN (RU)

LUCIAN *Menippus*

Secondary reading: Macleod, M.D. *Lucian: A Selection* (1991) 264-268 [commentary]

Bowie, E. "Greeks and their past in the Second Sophistic", *P&P* 46 (1970) 3-41 = M.
Finley (ed.), *Studies in Ancient Society* (1974) 166-209

1. TUE 6 FEB (RU) GALEN IN HIS TIME, with guest presenter **Markus Asper** (Penn State)

GALEN *Meth. med.* IX 8, vol. 10, pp. 632.1-633.13 ed. Kühn (Galen on his attitude towards Hippocrates, comparison with Trajan's restoration of Roman highways).
De praenotione ad Epigenem, vol. 14, pp. 624.12-630.14 ed. Kühn (Galen describes his epideictic activities: public dissections, the encounter with Alexander, etc.).

Secondary reading: H. v. Staden, "Anatomy as Rhetoric: Galen on Dissection and Persuasion", *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 50 (1995) 47-66

Outline of subsequent meetings (readings provisional)

2. TUE 13 FEB (RU) Roman Asia: The Consequences of Annexation

Principal text: Dreyer, B., and H. Engelmann, *Die Inschriften von Metropolis, T. 1, die Dekrete für Apollonios* (2003)

3. TUE 20 FEB (RU) Embassies to Rome from the Greek East: Ten things that can go wrong

Principal text: *IGR* IV 292 and 293 (honors for Diodoros Paspasos of Pergamum)

4. TUE 27 FEB (RU) Toward a Prosopography of Mithridates' Eunuchs

Principal text: Memnon of Heracleia (*FGrH* 434) (selections)

5. TUE 6 MAR (RU) Quintus Cicero as governor of Asia

Principal text: Cicero, *QF* 1.1 and 2

6. TUE 13 MAR (PU only) Greek honors for Roman women in the Republican and early Imperial periods

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6. TUE 20 MAR (RU only) Greek honors for Roman women in the Republican and early Imperial periods

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7. TUE 27 MAR (PU) Pamphila the Historian (and some other Imperial women writers in Greek)

Principal text: Pamphila historica, in C. Müller, *FHG* iii p. 520

8. TUE 3 APR (PU) Lesbos and Rome I

Principal text: Longus, *Daphnis and Chloe* I

9. TUE 10 APR (PU) Lesbos and Rome II

Principal text: *IG* XII 2 58 = *OGIS* 456 = *IGR* IV 39 (between 27 and 11 BC): Mytilenean embassy thanks Senate, Vestals, Livia, Octavia, others

10. TUE 17 APR (PU) Hippodromes, at Antioch, Alexandria, and elsewhere

Principal text: Dio Chrys. 32 and 77 (selections)

11. TUE 24 APR (PU) Greek Culture under Hadrian—and Commodus

Principal text: Julius Pollux, *Onomasticon* (severe selections); Lucian, *De saltatione* 33

12. TUE 1 MAY (PU) Hellenism in North Africa

Principal text: Apuleius, *Apology* (selections)