

Program

for

A Symposium on Classical, Hellenistic, and Late Antique Texts in the Eighteenth Century

September 18-20 of 2003

Kellogg Conference Center
International Affairs Building, 15th Floor
Columbia University

Thursday • September 18

- 12:30 **Registration, Coffee**
- 2:00 - 2:30 **Welcoming Remarks:**
Arthur H. Cash, Chair, University Seminar on Eighteenth-century European Culture
Robert L. Belknap, Director, University Seminars
- 2:30 - 3:15 **Opening Address:**
Joseph M. Levine (Syracuse), *The Battle of the Books, Then and Now*
- 3:30 - 5:30 **Roundtable: Greek and Latin Epic, Poetry, and Drama**
Fabienne Moore (Oregon), *1711: The Advent of Homer in French Prose:
An Anatomy of Madame Dacier's Ground-Breaking Translation*
Steven Shankman (Oregon), *Neoclassicism, Pseudoclassicism and Decorum:
Pope's Homer and Pope's Horace*
Wendy B. Heller (Princeton), *Classical Drama and Eighteenth-century Opera*
David F. Venturo (College of New Jersey), *Dryden's Virgil*
Howard Weinbrot (Wisconsin), *Lucian Defanged: French Dialogues
of the Dead, with Sideglances at Swift and Fielding*
- 6:00 - 7:00 **Reception**

Friday • September 19

- 8:00 - 8:45 **Continental Breakfast, Registration**
- 9:00 - 9:45 **Opening Address:** Pierre Force (Columbia), *Epicurean vs. Stoic Schemes
from Bernard Mandeville to Adam Smith*
- 10:00 - 12:00 **Roundtable: Publishing and Promoting Ancient Authors and Texts**
Karen Green (Columbia), *Publishing the Ancients*

Eugene Beshenkovsky (Columbia, ret.), *Classics in the Russian Enlightenment*
Marilyn Gaull (New York University), *Publishing and the Perils of Division*
W. Gerald Heverly (New York University), *The Editions of the Societas Bipontina*
Robert Scott (Columbia), *Digital Publication of 18th-century Literature:
The View from 2003*

12:15 - 1:15

Lunch

1:30 - 3:30

Roundtable: Classical Greek Philosophy, Politics, and History

Elizabeth M. Powers (New York City), *Wit, Joviality, and Triviality:*

The Halle Circle and the German Reception of Anacreon

Ian MacGregor-Morris (Exeter), "Praising tyrants and spelling oddly":

Ancient Historians and Ancient History in the Enlightenment

Eleanor Irwin (Toronto), *Sarah Fielding's 1762 Translation of Xenophon's*

"Memoirs of Socrates with the Defence of Socrates before his Judges"

Martha K. Zebrowski (Columbia), *Mind and Liberty: Aspects of Plato*

in Eighteenth-century Britain

Johan van der Zande (California/Berkeley), *Christian Garve's German*

Translation of Aristotle's Politics (1798)

4:00 - 6:00

Roundtable: Roman and Hellenistic Philosophy, Politics, and History

Kevin Berland (Penn State/Shenango), *"The Ocean of all Humane and Divine*

Learning": Socrates and the Hellenistic Wisdom Tradition

Blanford Parker (College of Staten Island & Graduate Center/CUNY), *Elizabeth*

Carter and the 18th-century Understanding of Hellenistic Philosophy

John Christian Laursen (California/Riverside), *Castillon's Translation of*

Blount's Philostratus: Christian Erudition against Princely Unbelief

Jacob S. Soll (Rutgers/Camden), *Tacitism, Erudition and the Origins of*

Enlightenment Political Culture

Kristine Haugen (Warburg Institute), *Reading Biblical Prophecies, Interpreting*

Hebrew Dreams: Theological Orientalism and the Afterlife of Achmet

Saturday • September 20

8:00 - 8:45

Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:45

Opening Address: Joseph Patterson (Columbia), *Pythagoras, Aristotle, and
the "Scientific Method"*

10:00 - 12:00

Roundtable: Classical, Hellenistic, and Late Antique Science

Richard Carrier (Columbia), *Between Physicus and Scientist: Transitional Ideas
of the Natural Philosopher in the 18th Century*

William R. Everdell (St. Ann's School), *Ancient Atomism in 18th-century Science:
Discontinuity, Calculus and Impiety*

Dimitri Nikulin (New School University), *Newton and the Pythagoreans: Number
and the Structure of Continuum*

Abraham Anderson (St. John's College/Santa Fe), *Bayle's 'Zeno of Elea' and
the Skeptical Tradition*

Maria Pia Donato (Università di Roma La Sapienza), *Hippocrates in 18th-century
Scientific Culture*

Roundtable and Lunch

During lunch, speakers and audience will have an opportunity for general and open-ended conversation about the ideas and themes of the Symposium.

Discussion Leaders:

Jack Lynch (Rutgers/Newark)

Blanford Parker (College of Staten Island & Graduate Center/CUNY)

For more information visit the Symposium website:

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/seminars/Special/Symposium2003/>