Thrice-Born Latinity

November 2-3, 2007

To celebrate the work of Professor Virginia Brown of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto, and Professor James Hankins of Harvard University.

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Our topic is "Thrice-Born Latinity" and our purpose is to discuss and celebrate the work of Professor Virginia Brown of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto, and Professor James Hankins of Harvard University.

After a first birth before the age of the Roman Kings, the Latin language has enjoyed many rebirths: one was in the Carolingian era, another in the High Middle Ages and a third in the Renaissance. In our own time, two extraordinary scholarly enterprises have renewed the vigor of Latinity: the Catalogus Translationum et Commentariorum (CTC) and the I Tatti Renaissance Library (ITRL), the first led by Professor Brown, the second by Professor Hankins. Our conference will explore the implications, actual and potential, for humanist scholarship of the CTC, the ITRL, and the texts and authors illuminated by them.

Friday, November 2, 2007
UCLA, Royce Hall 306

12:30 pm Coffee, refreshments
1:00 Welcoming Remarks
Brian Copenhaver (UCLA)
Massimo Ciavolella (UCLA)

1:30 Session I
Richard Rouse (UCLA), Chair
"Ancient Editions of Boethius"
Fabio Troncarelli (Università della Tuscia, Viterbo)
"The Catalogus and Newly Discovered Ovidiana in the Libraries of the Former East Germany"
Frank Coulson (Ohio State University)
"From Virgilian Commentary to Criticism, or, Why the CTC Matters"
Craig Kallendorf (Texas A&M University)

4:00 Reception

Saturday, November 3, 2007
UCLA, Royce Hall 306

9:00 am Coffee, pastries
9:30 Session II
Michael J.B. Allen (UCLA), Chair
"Things Left Unsaid: Surface and Depth in Poliziano’s Latin"
Shane Butler (UCLA)
"Humanism Reborn: What Horrors Have You Unleashed?"
Anthony D’Elia (Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario)
"Renovatio bonarum litterarum Americana"
Charles Fantazzi (East Carolina University)
"Giovanni Gioviano Pontano and the Tresviri Amoris" (Catullus, Propertius, and Tibullus"
Julia Gaisser (Bryn Mawr College)

12:30 Lunch

2:00 Session III
Massimo Ciavolella (UCLA), Chair
"The Debate over Ancient Latin in the Fifteenth Century"
Christopher S. Celenza (Johns Hopkins University)
"Filelfo’s Ars Poetica: A Fifteenth-Century Verse Commentary on Horace’s Carmiita“
Diana Robin (Newberry Library)
"Momus and the Cockroaches: Debugging Alberti’s Texts"
David Marsh (Rutgers University)

4:15 Summary and Closing Remarks
Virginia Brown (Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto)
James Hankins (Harvard University)

General Information
Advance registration is not required. No admission fee. Seating is limited and seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parking
UCLA campus parking permits may be purchased for $8 each day from any Parking Services kiosk. Tell the attendant that you are here to attend the “Thrice-Born Latinity Conference” in Royce Hall. You will be directed to park in the nearest available lot.

Need More Information?
Please contact the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at (310) 825-1880, or cmrs@humnet.ucla.edu.

Above: Portion of a leaf in Beneventan script, R.H. & M.A. Rouse MS 170/676, UCLA Young Research Library, Department of Special Collections.

Cover: Statue of Virgil, in Mantua; photographed by Brian Copenhaver.

Inside fold: Virgilio in cattedra, in the Civic Collection of Mantua.