

Classical Latin – Dr. Ben DeSmidt

Dr. DeSmidt is Associate Professor of Classics at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he has taught Latin and Greek languages and literatures for six years, and is the director of the Western Heritage Program. His B.A. is from the University of Chicago; he graduated with the Ph.D. in Classics from Columbia University in 2006. This will be Ben's fourth year of teaching the summer intensive, online Latin course with the Erasmus Academy.

French – Mr. Fabien L. Rivière

Mr. Rivière, a native speaker of French, grew up in Toulouse, France. He received his BA in Modern Languages, Literatures and Civilizations (2004) and a MA in World Languages (2005) both from the University of Toulouse. He did graduate research in French and German Studies at Ramapo College, New Jersey (2006) and spent a year completing a postgraduate Certificate in Education from Cambridge University, England (2007). Currently Mr. Rivière serves as an Adjunct Professor of French and Global Studies at Ramapo College and a French teacher in the Goshen Public School District, New York. Fabien is the recipient of the 2011 Excellence in Teaching & Instructional Leadership Award, granted by The State University of New York at New Paltz.

German – Mr. Ron Ditmars

Mr. Ditmars did graduate work for six years at Freiburg University, Germany in classical and modern languages. He holds a Magister degree from that institution in modern German literature. He has a B.A. from Kenyon College, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a M. Phil from Union Seminary in NYC, where he directed its Summer Language Program and taught the intensive German course to graduate students for nine years.

New Testament Greek – Mr. John A. Dunne

Mr. Dunne is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, under the supervision of Professor N.T. Wright. He has a BA ('08) in Biblical and Theological Studies from Biola University, in La Mirada, CA, and from the Talbot School of Theology an MA ('10) in New Testament Language & Literature and an MA ('11) in Old Testament & Semitics. He received the Zondervan Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biblical Greek ('10) and the same award for Biblical Hebrew ('11). Mission trips have taken him to Mexico, Romania, Peru, and Costa Rica. He currently teaches Koine Greek and other New Testament courses at the Las Vegas extension of Lincoln Christian University.

Biblical Hebrew – Dr. Brendon Benz

Dr. Benz is Assistant Professor of Religion at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. In September 2012, he received his Ph.D. in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East from New York University. Since 2003 he has taught elementary and intermediate Biblical Hebrew at Princeton Theological Seminary, Nyack College, and the New School. In April 2011, Brendon received the NYU College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award.

Spanish – Mr. William Andrews

Mr. Andrews received his BA in Spanish Languages and Literatures from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. He currently is enrolled in the Ph.D. program at Chicago Theological Seminary and serves as the Spanish instructor for doctoral students there, as well as for graduate students in the Hyde Park, Chicago cluster of schools, who are preparing for their proficiency exam. Will also worked as a translator at the US/Mexico border for more than a year.