

CONVENTICULUM BUFFALONIENSE

Spoken Latin Weekend Workshop

June 27-29, 2011

University at Buffalo, SUNY

Descensus Averno

The University at Buffalo, SUNY (UB) Department of Classics will host a spoken Latin workshop for instructors and students on the UB north campus from **June 27-29, 2011**.

The *Conventiculum Buffaloniense* offers an integrated, immersive experience in which participants practice speaking Latin by discussing both classical literature and contemporary topics (e.g., food and personality traits). Participants learn through a variety of activities and games that keep the sessions lively and entertaining while providing ideas for active Latin classroom instruction. The theme for this year's *Conventiculum* is *Descensus Averno*, or "The Underworld." Participants will find the story of Aeneas's subterranean visit woven throughout the workshop.

Anyone with experience equivalent to two or more years of college Latin is welcome to participate. Participants need not have any previous experience speaking Latin. The workshop is also suitable for those with speaking experience who want to improve their skills.

The workshop moderators are:

Neil Coffee, Associate Professor of Classics at UB
Anna Andresian, Sage Ridge School, Reno, NV

Dr. Coffee and Ms. Andresian have several years of experience speaking Latin and leading spoken Latin groups (notably at the *Conventiculum Buffaloniense* and the Kentucky Conversational Latin Seminars of Terence Tunberg). Both also employ active Latin exercises in their classrooms.



After a reception Monday evening, sessions will take place throughout the day on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a participation fee of \$95 to defray the cost of meals and materials (continental breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days). The fee will be reduced for student participants and subventions are available for instructors whose institutions do not provide funding. Arrangements will be made for teachers to receive professional development credit.

For further information, please visit <http://classics.buffalo.edu/events/buffaloniense/>.

Questions should be directed to Neil Coffee at ncoffee@buffalo.edu.