

Symposium Cumanum 2025

Vergil and the Greeks

Villa Vergiliana, Bacoli – Castello Aragonese di Baia

24-28 June 2025

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Program

Tuesday 24 June

18:00 *Opening remarks*

18:30 – 19:30 *Welcome aperitivo with invited dignitaries*

19:30 *Dinner*

Wednesday 25 June

09:00 – 09:30 *Introduction*, **Ian Goh** (Swansea University), **Sandro La Barbera** (University of Trento)

09:30 – 10:30 *Keynote*, **Lily Panoussi** (College of William and Mary, Outgoing President of the Vergilian Society), *Hellenized Visions of Egypt in Vergil*

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee*

Panel 1 – Chair: **Sergio Casali** (University of Rome Tor Vergata)

11:00 – 11:30 **Michael Paschalis** (University of Crete), *The Plot of Virgil's Aeneid and Aristotle's Poetics*

11:30 – 12:00 **Eleni Ntanou** (University of Athens), *Eclogue 6's Aegle and the Greek Literary Tradition*

12:00 – 12:30 **Matthew Gorey** (Wabash College), *Greek Visual Theory in Virgil's Aeneid*

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

Panel 2 – Chair: **Kirk Freudenburg** (Yale University)

14:00 – 14:30 **Antonio Ziosi** (University of Bologna), *A Funerary Epigram on Troy: Further Greek Gifts in Aeneid 2*

14:30 – 15:00 **Marcie Persyn** (University of Pittsburgh), *Taking Stock: The Eclogues as an Inheritor of Herodas*

15:00 – 15:30 **Del Maticic** (Vassar College), *Translating Metalla: Vergil and the Greek Literature of Mining*

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee*

Panel 3 – Chair: **Philip Hardie** (University of Cambridge)

16:00 – 16:30 **Damien Nelis** (University of Geneva), *Juno's Aeneid, Farrell's Iliad*

16:30 – 17:00 **Marsha McCoy** (Southern Methodist University), *From the Argonautica to the Aeneid: Vergil's Circe and Apollonius Rhodius*

17:30 *Visit to the Sibyl's Cave, Cuma*

19:30 *Dinner*

Thursday 26 June

09:00 – 09:30 *Arrival at Castello Aragonese di Baia*

Welcome from Fabio Pagano (Parco Archeologico dei Campi Flegrei, Director)

Panel 4 – Chair: **Sandro La Barbera** (University of Trento)

09:30 – 10:00 **Philip Hardie** (University of Cambridge), *Virgil's Pindar Revisited*

10:00 – 10:30 **Simona Martorana** (Australian National University), *Vergil's (Un)historical Plague: Thucydidean Echoes in Georgics 3.478–566*

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee*

Panel 5 – Chair: **Lily Panoussi** (College of William and Mary)

11:00 – 11:30 **Jackie Murray** (SUNY Buffalo), *How (Not) to Leave Troy Behind: Apollonius and Virgil on Being Belated*

11:30 – 12:00 **Kirk Freudenburg** (Yale University), *Greek Medicine and Divine Healing in Aeneid 12*

12:00 – 13:00 *Visit to Museo Archeologico dei Campi Flegrei*

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 – 17:30 *Visit to Parco Archeologico delle Terme di Baia*

17:30 *Return to the Villa*

19:30 *Dinner*

Friday 27 June

Panel 6 – Chair: **Ian Goh** (Swansea University)

09:00 – 9:30 **Sophia Papaioannou** (University of Athens), *Vergil's Aeneid in Nonnus' Dionysiaca*

09:30 – 10:00 **Sarah Gonzalez** (Harvard University), *Aristaeus Again: The Reception of the Georgics in Nonnus' Dionysiaca*

10:00 – 10:30 **Massimo Giuseppetti** (Roma Tre University), *Phanocles and Vergil on Orpheus*

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee*

Panel 7 – Chair: **Virginia Fabrizi** (Orientale University, Naples)

11:00 – 11:30 **Melina McClure** (University of Oxford), *Euripides' Corydon*

11:30 – 12:00 **Jeff Carnes** (Syracuse University), *Nuntius ibis Pelidae genitori: Pindar's Intrusion into Aeneid 2*

12:00 – 12:30 **Celia Campbell** (Emory University), *Turning a Prophet? Mediating the Trojan Past and Roman Future with Lycophron's Alexandra*

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*

Panel 8 – Chair: **Maria Chiara Scappaticcio** (University of Naples Federico II)

14:30 – 15:00 **Nicolò Campodonico** (Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa), *Just a Proper Name? Some Cases of Greek Reception of the Virgilian Tradition*

15:00 – 15:30 **Boris Kayachev** (Trinity College Dublin), *Virgil and Greek Words*

15:30 – 16:00 **Micah Myers** (Kenyon College), *Katabatic Elements in the Embassy to Diomedes (Aen. 11.243–95)?*

16:00 – 17:00 *General Discussion and Conclusions*

19:30 *Conference Dinner, Ristorante Tenuta Giordano*

Saturday 28 June

10:00 – 11:00 *Organizers' Briefing*

(The participation in Saturday's activities is on a voluntary basis)

Late morning: Transfer to Naples

Afternoon: Visit to Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Napoli