

Nomen est omen: Invention, Power, and Meaning of Personal Names in the Greco-Roman World
29th Annual Classics Graduate Student Colloquium
University of Virginia

Saturday April 5, 2025

9:00am to 4:30pm

Minor Hall 125

102 Amphitheater Way

Charlottesville, VA 22903

Schedule of events:

- Breakfast and coffee—9:00am to 9:30am
- Opening remarks—9:30 to 9:40am
- Panel I: Names in Epic—9:40am–10:40am
 - Luby Kiriakidi (Harvard University), ‘Vesta, Venus, and *uis*: Chastity, Violence, and Wordplay in Ovid’s *Fasti*’, 9:40am to 10:10am
 - Rafael de Almeida Semêdo (University of Sao Paulo), ‘Of Shadows and Sorrow: Penthesilea’s Speaking Name in Quintus of Smyrna’s *Posthomerica*’, 10:10am to 10:40am
- Coffee break—10:40am to 11:00am
- Panel II: Women’s Names—11:00am to 12:00pm
 - Katherine Griffith (University of Cincinnati), ‘*Sed in eis erat Sempronia*: The Effect of Sallustian Onomastics, Negative Exemplarity, and the Downfall of Female Virtue in the Late Republic’, 11:00am to 11:30am
 - Will Lewis (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), ‘Bilingual Names, Bilingual Identities: Polyonymy and Self-Presentation in P. Dryton 33’, 11:30am to 12:00pm
- Lunch break—12:00pm to 1:30pm (food not provided; lunch at restaurants near UVA grounds)
- Panel III: Names Across Cultures—1:30pm to 3:00pm
 - Lara Arikan (Stanford University), ‘The Names and Natures of Grannus’, 1:30pm to 2:00pm
 - Samuel Reich (University of Pennsylvania), ‘Name-Changes as Symbols of Moral Development in Philo’s *De Mutatione Nominum*’, 2:00pm to 2:30pm
 - Zhian Zhang (University of Warwick), ‘Justifying “Violence”: Switched Character Names in LUO’s Two Translations of the *Prometheus Bound* in Twentieth-Century China’, 2:30pm to 3:00pm
- Break—3:00pm to 3:30pm
- Keynote address—3:30pm to 4:30pm
 - Dr. Athanassios Vergados (Newcastle University), ‘Etymologizing Divine Names in Apollonius Rhodius: Scholarship, Theological Speculation, and Literary Play’
- Reception—4:30pm to 6:00pm (for all)
- Dinner—6:30pm to 8:30pm (keynote, graduate presenters, and UVA graduate students)