

Grant Report: Fall 2010

Thanks to the generosity of an Ethics Across the Curriculum Grant, three members of the Classics Department were able to present ethics-related material at the Classical Association of the Atlantic States Annual Meeting in Elizabeth, New Jersey on October 9th, 2010. Here is the link to the conference program: <http://www.caas-cw.org/2010program.html>

The following members of the Classics department were funded by EAC:

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Stacie Raucci, Assistant Professor
Tarik Wareh, Assistant Professor

We discussed our ethics modules in the context of innovative pedagogy at Union. The panel was entitled “Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Environment, and Ethics in the Classics Curriculum.” The goal was to inform the wider academic community of the kinds of interdisciplinary initiatives being undertaken at Union. The three recipients of EAC grants described their respective ethics modules and the courses in which these modules were situated.

Once we had all discussed our modules, we opened up the floor for questions and participants asked some concrete questions: how did Union make such a program possible and how could they bring these ideas back to their own schools? Our audience consisted of faculty (and a dean) from across the Northeast, including from upstate NY. After the presentation portion of the program, we broke into groups for a workshop allowing the audience to try their hand at creating some course and module proposals (see attached handout). Although the exercise did not produce proposals in the end, it fostered productive conversations as participants continued to ask us questions about how our

modules fit into the curriculum, what faculty in other disciplines think about them, etc.

For me, the sign of the panel's success was on my way home to Union: I was sitting in the hotel shuttle when I heard someone telling another person about our panel and what we are trying to accomplish here at Union.