Winter Term Comps Guidance

Seniors, congratulations on completing the first leg of your senior integrative exercise (comps!) this past fall. Now, the real work begins.

Throughout winter term you will be meeting weekly with your first reader and at least twice with your second reader to transform your Research Seminar final paper into a polished article for the Carleton Classics Journal. The relationship between your seminar paper and your Journal article should be determined early on in consultation with your readers. We expect there may be significant overlap, but that may not always be the case.

Here are the basics:

- The final version of your article should be in the range of 7000-10,000 words total in a standard font with 1.5 line spacing. (more details can be found in the attached Style Sheet).
- A full draft is due to both first and second readers by the beginning of Week 8 of Winter term.
- A revised final draft is due by the beginning of the Final Exam period of Winter term.
- Once approved by your readers, your article will be combined with those of the other seniors into the annual Carleton Classics Review (again, see the Style Sheet for details) during the first two weeks of Spring term.
- To aid Jean in the compilation of the Review, each of you will proofread one or two of your colleague’s articles (depending on how many there are, of course), and work together to design a suitable cover and table of contents by the end of Week 2 of Spring term.
- Jean will then see to the printing, binding, and distribution of the Review.

That should be enough to get you all launched on the last leg of your comps journey. Questions should go to your friendly and helpful Chair.