Ida Cordelia Beam Visiting Professorship

Christopher S. Celenza  October 1 - 3, 2014

Wednesday, October 1
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Phillips Hall 315
Obermann Center Forum:
**Humanities Scholarship in Different Voices - Becoming A Public Intellectual**

Thursday, October 2
noon - 1:30 PM
Phillips Hall 315
Brown Bag Lunch:
**An Imagined Library in the Italian Renaissance: Angelo Decembrio’s “De politia literaria”**

5:45 - 8:00 PM
Biology Building East 101
Public Lecture & Reception to Follow:
**Machiavelli’s Prince After 500 Years: Power, Politics, and Instability**

Friday, October 3
4:30 - 5:30 PM
Schaeffer Hall 302
Open Colloquium:
**Did the Ancient Romans Speak Latin? A 15th century Debate**

Christopher S. Celenza is a Professor in the Department of Classics and the Department of German and Romance Languages and Literatures at The Johns Hopkins University. He also served as director of the American Academy in Rome from 2010 to 2014. Professor Celenza is a polymath with extensive experience in representing the Humanities to the wider public. His scholarly work has been on Roman antiquity and Latin in the Italian and German renaissance. His writings include monographs, edited books and articles on important humanists like Niccolò Machiavelli, Angelo Poliziano, Marsilio Ficino, and Lorenzo Valla, whose transformations of ancient thought are at the intellectual foundation of the modern world. His directorship at the American Academy in Rome demonstrates his commitment to his field and his wider intellectual vision. Celenza’s presentations at Iowa on his historical research will appeal to students and faculty in the areas of intellectual history and classical and modern languages and literatures, including English. His public lecture will address questions of power politics that are common to the Renaissance and the modern age.

This event is sponsored by The University of Iowa’s Ida Cordelia Beam Visiting Professorship and the Department of Classics, with additional support provided by The Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, Newberry Renaissance Consortium, and the Division of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. If you are an individual with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations to attend this event, please contact the Department of Classics in advance at 319-335-2323 or classics@uiowa.edu.