

Biography

James J. O'Donnell

James J. O'Donnell is Provost at Georgetown University. From 1981-2002, he was a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, where this site was born in March of 1994.

He has published widely on the cultural history of the late antique Mediterranean world and is a recognized innovator in the application of networked information technology in higher education.

In 1990, he co-founded Bryn Mawr Classical Review, the second on-line scholarly journal in the humanities ever created.

In 1994, he taught an Internet-based seminar on the work of Augustine of Hippo that reached 500 students.

He is a Trustee of the National Humanities Center and has served as a Director and as President of the American Philological Association; he has also served as a Councilor of the Medieval Academy of America and has been elected a Fellow of the Medieval Academy. (A selection of audio and video files is available in which Professor O'Donnell presents his views on current issues in higher education.)