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NOTICES

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Members with new books out, honors, or positions should notify me at the return address on this Newsletter. My reportage is largely determined by what you submit.

- Jack Cargill

BURSTEIN ELECTED AAH PRESIDENT

Colleagues attending the May meeting of the Association in Los Angeles had the opportunity to choose between two very well-qualified candidates, Stanley M. Burstein of California State University, L.A., and Frank J. Frost of U.C. Santa Barbara. The winner of the election was Stan Burstein, who has already served the AAH long and well as its two-term Secretary-Treasurer. He will serve as President for the coming three years. Congratulations!

ELECTION OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

I take this early opportunity to remind the AAH membership that my three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer of the AAH ends with the 1991 meeting in Chapel Hill. The Constitutional provisions are the same as for the recent Presidential election: Nominations for the office shall reach the (current) Secretary-Treasurer not later than two weeks before the first day of the annual meeting at which the vote is to be taken (in this case, by May 3, 1991). Nominations are to be signed by three members of the Association not belonging to the same institution as the nominee (separate branches of university systems are considered separate institutions). The nomination must also be countersigned by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY OUTGOING PRESIDENT BORZA

Twenty-one years ago a small group of ancient historians met in Hamilton, Ontario, at the instigation of Ernst Badian, and with the cooperation of colleagues at McMaster University. Another regional meeting followed in 1970 at the State University of New York at Buffalo, after which the province was enlarged, with meetings at Michigan, Penn State and North Carolina/Duke. The success of these early efforts led to a formalization of our activity, with the adoption of a Constitution that established the conditions of membership, the collection of dues, the organization of an annual meeting and the election of two officers. The rest, is, as they say, history.

It may be a peculiar characteristic of ancient historians that *mos maiorum* should emerge so quickly; perhaps it resulted from the consistent outlook of my predecessors in this office, Chester

Starr, Ramsay MacMullen and Susan Treggiari, who instinctively adhered to the few simple principles laid down by Badian and his McMaster cohort. As it has become a component of *mos maiorum* for the retiring president to say a few words of retrospect, I should like to direct your attention to those few simple principles, and add some cautionary notes for the future.

We are all aware of the enormous stresses that play upon individuals and groups nowadays. I have found our society to be a refuge from these pressures, and that so because we have not deviated much from our founding principles.

We have, for example, maintained the Canadian-United States partnership that was embodied in that first regional meeting.

We have managed to keep both dues and bureaucracy low. Of the nearly 80 societies affiliated with the American Historical Association, among whom the average dues are about \$19.00, only seven have dues lower than our own, and I can assure you that none of those offers our level of programs and services. We have been able to retain this dues structure both because of generous subsidies provided by our host institutions, and because minimum bureaucracy has produced minimum operating costs. I do not see any reason to raise dues in the immediate future, although I caution future hosts to remain sensitive to the effect that escalating costs might have on the character of our annual get-togethers.

We have maintained the even balance between the academic and the social aspects of our annual meeting. We nourish the body and the soul as well as the brain, in a continuing effort to respond to the intellectual demands of our profession and to reaffirm the social network that has proved pleasurable and useful to many of us.

As officers and members, we have continued to permit organizing committees a considerable freedom to plan meetings that take into account local circumstances and yet adhere to the procedures laid down in our Constitution. Much of the charm of our association lies in the widely differing character of the annual meetings, reflecting as they do the idiosyncrasies of local hosts and situations. Personally, I look forward to our annual meeting as a relief from the impersonal commercial sameness of the other societies in which I am active. I urge most strongly that future hosts continue to develop meetings that reflect local character and show personal touches.

We have attempted during the past few years to become more service-oriented. The appearance of the Newsletter has been improved, although perhaps not the quality of its contents. I have been unsuccessful in persuading the membership that the Newsletter as a source of information and advice depends very much on the degree to which we send contributions. I plead with you once again to make a habit of submitting personal items and matters of general interest for inclusion in the Newsletter. We are pleased at the response to the initiation of our monograph

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series, *Publications of the Association of Ancient Historians*. The first two volumes have proved popular, and we look forward to a continuation of the same. The publications program has meant increasing the bureaucracy by 50% (one person), who joins the officers to commission, solicit and edit manuscripts, and to supervise publication. As in the case of the Newsletter the quality of the series depends upon the contributions of our members.

The financial condition of the Association seems sound, and will become perhaps even more so with the establishment of lifetime memberships, although this will of necessity require more administration should we become an incorporated, non-profit and tax-exempt entity.

In short, the past is satisfying and the future bright, and I would urge my successors to adhere to the principles which have given our society its special charm.

Finally, a personal note. I have been privileged to work with two excellent secretaries, Stan Burstein and Jack Cargill. Both began as good friends, and, I'm happy to say, have remained so.

I regard my election and reelection to this office by my colleagues as one of the most important professional honors ever accorded me. I have enormous affection for our society, and hope that I will be able to continue contributing to its wellbeing in any way I can.

Eugene N. Borza Los Angeles May 4, 1990

FUTURE AAH MEETINGS

1991: May 17-19 (Fri.-Sun.), hosted by the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, with Saturday afternoon session at Duke University and Saturday evening banquet at the National Humanities Center. Tentative session topics (as of May 1990) were: 1. Fresh Perspectives on Fifth-Century Athens; 2. Legal Evidence; 3. Ancient Technologies and Their Implications; and 4. The Character of Ancient Communities Other Than City-States. For more up-to-date information, and any matters connected with the meeting, contact Prof. Richard Talbert, Department of History, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3195.

1992: May 22-24 (Fri.-Sun.), hosted by Loyola University of Chicago, at a new conference center on Lake Michigan. Two tentative session topics thus far, both prompted by the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage: 1. Ancient Voyagers and 2. Historical Geography. Additional plans are being discussed with the Art Institute, Field Museum, and Oriental Institute. For further information, contact Prof. G.J. Szemler, Department of History, Loyola University, Chicago, IL 60626 (who intends to present more details at the Chapel Hill meeting).

1993: Dates still imprecise, hosted by the University of Calgary, with the possible cooperation of the University of Alberta in Edmonton, with sessions in Calgary and in Banff. For information, contact Prof. Waldemar Heckel, Department of Classics, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE AAH

Copies of *PAAH* 1 (Chester G. Starr, *Past and Future in Ancient History*) are available for new members, one per person, by request, and there will be a \$3 postage-and-handling fee. I will send it only to paid-up members, i.e., only to those paid through 1990. Unfortunately, no more members' copies of *PAAH* 2 (Alan E. Samuel, *The Shifting Sands of History: Interpretations of Ptolemaic Egypt*) are available; this may be purchased from University Press of America.

The typescript of *PAAH* 3 (Arther Ferrill, *Roman Imperial Grand Strategy*) is at an advanced editorial stage, having been read and commented upon by all the members of the Publications Committee (Profs. Burstein, Borza, Hallett, and Cargill). When the author completes his revisions, printing and distribution to paid-up AAH members should follow pretty rapidly.

BOOKS

Stanley M. Burstein, Agatharchides of Cnidus, On the Erythraean Sea (Hakluyt Society, 2nd Series, no. 172, 1990).

F.M. Clover and R.S. Humphreys (eds.), *Tradition and Innovation in Late Antiquity* (Madison: Univ. of Wisconsin Press, 1989).

Walter Eder (ed.), Staat und Staatlichkeit in der frühen römischen Republik (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 1990).

Donald W. Engels, Roman Corinth: An Alternative Model for the Classical City (University of Chicago Press, 1990).

J.A.S. Evans and R.W. Unger (eds.), Studies in Medieval and Renaissance History n.s. 11 (New York: AMS Press, Inc., 1989).

Michael A. Flower and Mark Toher (eds.) Georgica: Greek Studies Presented to George Cawkwell on His 70th Birthday (London: Institute of Classical Studies, fall 1990).

Christian Habicht, Cicero the Politician (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 1990), and simultaneously as Cicero der Politiker (München: Beck, 1990).

Naphtali Lewis and Meyer Reinhold (eds.), Roman Civilization, 3rd ed.: Vol. 1: The Roman Republic and the Principate of Augustus; Vol. 2: The Roman Empire (New York, Columbia University Press, 1990).

Rose Mary Sheldon, Tinker, Tailor, Caesar, Spy: Espionage in Ancient Rome (Pergamon Press, November 1990).

Philip A. Stadter, A Commentary on Plutarch's Pericles (Chapel Hill: Univ. of North Carolina Press, 1989)

Stephen V. Tracy, Attic Letter-Cutters of 229 to 86 B.C. (Berkeley: Univ. of California Press, 1990) and The Story of the Odyssey (Princeton Univ. Press, 1990).

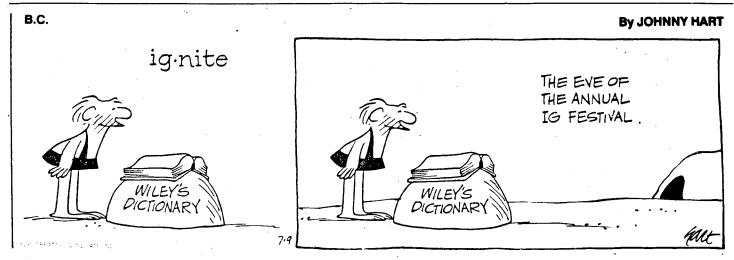
PERSONALIA

John Buckler (Univ. of Illinois) has been promoted to Professor of Greek History and has won the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for 1989-90

J.A.S. Evans (Univ. of British Columbia) led a study tour called "Magna Graecia: Southern Italy and Sicily" through sites from Rome to Syracuse, April 30-May 22, 1990.

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Epigraphist's In-Joke

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Michael A. Flower (Franklin and Marshall College) is spending the 1990/91 academic year as a Junior Fellow at the Center for Hellenic Studies, and has also received a 1990 NEH Summer Stipend, both for work on a book about Theopompus of Chios and Fourth-Century Historiography.

Josiah Ober (formerly of Montana State Univ.) has been named Professor of Greek History at Princeton University, beginning in September 1990.

Richard Talbert (UNC, Chapel Hill) will be Resident at the American Academy in Rome, January through early April 1991.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

The NEH has so many programs of interest to Ancient Historians that I will provide only the barest list here (title, deadline, address to write), recommending that interested AAH members request NEH's *Overview of Endowment Programs* (write to NEH *Overview*, Room 406, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20506) and/or its *24th Annual Report* (write to NEH 1989 Annual Report, same address), both free.

NEH 1991 Institutes for College and University Faculty (write above address for full details, including deadlines, available in early December 1990) will include "Changing Perspectives on the Early Roman Empire," Chapel Hill, July 1-August 2 (write to prof. Richard Talbert, Dept. of History, Univ. of No. Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-2115); and "Culture and Society in Periklean Athens" (I have no further details; write to Prof. Albert Leonard, Jr., Dept. of Classics, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721).

NEH Summer Seminars for College Teachers have a March 1 deadline for 1991 participants (12 per seminar, all receiving stipends ranging from \$2950 to \$3750, depending on seminar length) and 1992 directors (for general information write the program at Room 316, NEH address above). 1991

Seminar topics include "Archaeology and Ancient History: Approaches and Sources", taught in Corinth and Athens (write to Prof. Timothy E. Gregory, Dept. of History, Ohio State Univ., Columbus, OH 43210) and "The Roman Family and Household", taught at the American Academy in Rome (write to Profs. Richard P. Saller and/or John P. Bodel, Dept. of History, Univ. of Chicago, 1126 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637).

An NEH Summer Seminar for School Teachers (grades K-12), with the same March 1 deadline and a stipend of \$2950, will deal with "Plutarch and Athens," June 24-Aug. 2, 1991 (write to Prof. Hubert M. Martin, Jr., Dept. of Classical Languages, 1015 Patterson Office Tower, Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027).

NEH 1991 Younger Scholar Awards (write to program at Room 316, NEH address above, or telephone Leon Bramson at 202-786-0463) are available for secondary school students and college undergraduates below senior level; research stipends (\$1800 and \$2200 respectively) include \$400 for project advisor; deadline is November 1, 1990.

NEH Travel to Collections Grants (\$750 each) have an application of January 15. For information contact Betty R. Carter, Room 316, NEH address above, or telephone Kathleen Mitchell at 202-786-0463.

UGA STUDIES ABROAD IN ROME

The University of Georgia announces its annual Summer Studies Abroad Program in Rome. Participants spend approximately seven weeks in Rome, with numerous field trips and an excursion to Pompeii and the Bay of Naples. A full quarter of undergraduate or graduate credit is awarded. Dates are mid-June to early August. All college students are eligible to apply, as are teachers seeking certification credits; teachers may be eligible for American Classical League, CAMWS, and other scholarships; out-of-state Latin teachers pay in-state fees. For letails write Prof. Timothy Gantz, Dept. of Classics, Park Hall, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602, tel. 404-542-2179.

CAMWS AWARDS

The Awards Committee of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South announces competition for three awards, each open to CAMWS members who are elementary or secondary school teachers or graduate students in the thirty states and three Canadian provinces in which the organization operates:

- 1. Mary A. Grant Award (\$2500) for use in the 1991 Summer Session of the American Academy in Rome
- .2. Semple Award (\$2500) for the 1991 Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.
- 3. An award (\$2500) for summer study in either Greece or Italy which can be used for either of the two above programs or for any other summer study program in either country.

For application forms and information, write (by January 5, 1991) to Prof. Lewis A. Sussman, 3-C Dauer Hall, Dept. of Classics, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611 (completed application deadline is February 2, 1991)

AMERICAN ACADEMY SUMMER SESSION SCHOLARSHIP

The Classical Society of the American Academy in Rome offers two scholarships (\$2000 each), one to a graduate student, one to a teacher of classical languages/civilization (high school students and college undergraduates ineligible), for attendance at the Summer Session in 1991. Remission of \$100 from the tuition will be granted by the Academy to the scholarship recipients. Application deadline is February 15, 1991. For forms and information, write to Prof. Ingrid E.M. Edlund-Berry, Dept. of Classics, WAG 123, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712-1181.

EDSON FUND AIDS ANCIENT HISTORY AT UW-MADISON

In his will Emeritus Professor Charles F. Edson left a generous portion of his estate to the University of Wisconsin Foundation, and commanded that the bequest become the basis of the Lovina Edson Fund, to be supervised by the UW-Madison's History Department "to support the teaching and research in the field of Ancient History." The income generated by this fund will be used primarily to support graduate education in Ancient History at the UW-Madison. Anyone who wishes to contribute to this fund should send the contribution (with an explanatory cover letter) to: Univ. of Wisconsin Foundation, 150 E. Gilman Street, P.O. Box 8860, Madison, WI 53708-8860

NATIONAL HUMANITIES CENTER FELLOWSHIPS

The competition for fellowships at the National Humanities Center is open to humanistic scholars from all nations. In addition to supporting scholars of recognized accomplishment, the Center awards fellowships to promising young scholars who are no more than ten years beyond graduate study and are undertaking projects significantly beyond their dissertation research. Most fellowships are awarded for an academic year, though a few are available for a single semester. Fellowship stipends are individually determined in accordance with the needs of each Fellow and the Center's ability to meet them. The Center attempts to maintain Fellows at

their usual academic income. Fellows who bring partial funding normally receive from the Center the difference between that funding and their usual salaries. Fellows and their families receive travel expenses to and from the Center. Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be sent to the Center by October 15 for fellowships in the following academic year.

MONARCHIES SYMPOSIUM

Columbia University, Dept. of History, is presenting a "Monarchies Symposium", Oct. 26-27, 1990. The sessions of Sat., Oct., 27, will be devoted to Early Modern and Modern Monarchies. Of particular interest to AAH members is the session of Fri., Oct. 26, 2-5 PM on "Ancient and Traditional Monarchies":

David Cannadine, Chair

Elaine Combs-Schilling, "Sex and Sacred Politics:

The Ritual Foundation of Durable Monarchies"

Richard Billows, "Shepherd of the People or

'Oriental' Despot? Two Models of Hellenistic Kingship" Terry d'Altroy, "Power and Authority in the Incan Empire" Keith Hopkins, Title TBA

William Harris, Commentator

Registration fee \$25 advance, \$28 at Symposium (full-time students \$6 and \$10). Contact Dept. of History, 611 Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027, or phone 212-854-2573.

FACULTY POSITION AVAILABLE

ANCIENT GREEK HISTORY, University of California, Santa Barbara. Tenure-track position, effective July 1, 1991. Research emphasis open, but some preference will be shown for historians who also have competence in classical archaeology. Ph.D. required. Teaching duties will include one quarter of a lower-division survey of Western Civilization and specialized upper-division and graduate courses. Send resume and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to Prof. H.A. Drake, Chair, Ancient Greek Search Committee, Dept. of History, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106. Applications will be accepted until December 3, 1990, but the committee will begin reviewing files in November, and applications received after November 16, 1990 will not be considered for December convention interview. AA/EOE. Proof of U.S. citizenship or eligibility for U.S. employment will be required prior to employment (Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986)

WARLICK-MANNION SCHOLARSHIP

The Department of Classics of the University of Georgia invites applications for the Warlick-Mannion Scholarship for incoming undergraduates who will study classical languages at the University. 1 + carries a minimum stipend of \$1,000 for the first year and is renewable, upon application, for three years. For additional information and application forms, contact Dr. Edward Best, Scholarship Committee, Dept. of Classics, Park Hall, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602; tel 404-542-2188. Deadline for completed applications is February 1.

MAILING LIST INFORMATION

Members who last paid dues for 1987 will be kept on the mailing list through the next Newsletter (January 1991). If you are this far in arrears, please send your back dues before the April 1991 Newsletter is ready, or you will be left off its mailing list. Your mailing label is printed from AAH's computerized database, and automatically includes your most recent year of paid-up dues.

The list on disk is constantly updated, but is printed out only three times a year, i.e., for each Newsletter mailing. Copies of our mailing list are sent to the editor of AJAH and to the organizers of annual meetings, and occasionally to others for bona fide scholarly purposes. These lists are up to date when they are sent (as of the most recent Newsletter), but by the time you receive mail from such persons the lists may be somewhat out of date (they may not show the correct year of your paid-up dues, for example). Do not be concerned unless something incorrect occurs in the label on a Newsletter or on a letter directly from me.

If you find a mistake in your address or in the spelling of your name, please send me a correction, using the AAH Member Information form on this page. Please realize that my computer program allows me a maximum of four lines in the address and limits the length of individual lines; do not "correct" an adequate address merely because it is abbreviated.

I try to keep costs down by recycling book mailers and avoiding all pro forma letter-writing. Thus no acknowledgement is sent when potential Newsletter items are received, although such items will indeed be included in the next Newsletter, if there is room and they have not become out of date. Nor do I send receipts for dues received: a receipt costs just as much to send as a Newsletter, cancelled checks will reach dues-payers anyway, and changes in current year paid are evident on subsequent Newsletter mailing

I cannot process checks for Canadian dollars, or checks for U.S. dollars drawn on a Canadian bank, or some kinds of Canadian money orders, without being charged collection fees that generally exceed the value of the checks or money orders themselves. Fortunately, many Canadian banks have U.S. branches, and their money orders, bearing an "American Banking Association" number on their faces, can be deposited as if they were U.S. checks. Canadian *Postal* Money Orders can be cashed at U.S. Post Offices, but the "payee" line should include my name in addition to "AAH." Cash is acceptable, too.

BOOK REVIEW

A. Wallace-Hadrill, Patronage in Ancient Society. London: Routledge, Chapman & Hall. 1989. Pp. 256. \$49.94

This anthology evolved out of a seminar sponsored from 1984 through 1986 by the Classics and Sociology departments at Leicester and Nottingham Universities. The seminar format, in which sociologists responded to presentations by ancient historians, has been retained without the ensuing discussion; this omission is lamentable and abandons the very raison d'être for a seminar, namely scholarly exchange and synthesis. Nearly all of the papers owe their inspiration to Richard Saller's definition of patronage which has gained wide endorsement: patronage is an asymmetrical personal relationship involving two parties of unequal status; it is of some duration and involves a reciprocal exchange of goods and services (Personal Patronage Under the Early Empire, Cambridge, 1982, 1).

Andrew Wallace-Hadrill's introduction stimulates readers to anticipate savoring more; but apart from his own splendid introduction and essay, the balance proved to be predictable and failed to satisfy this reader's great expectations.

Paul Millett endeavors to explain why patronage, as above defined, did not develop in classical Athens. He argues that patronage is incompatible with democracy because client-patron relationships are "generated by inequality and are a constraint on an individual's freedom". Hence patronage ordinarily thrives in oligarchic societies which promote the dependence of the poor on the wealthy. While this is, indeed, true of political patronage, one may speculate that the conspicuous inequalities of family reputation and wealth exploited by leading Athenian statesmen to win election as generals may have promoted social and economic patronage in private spheres. Richard Saller's essay responds to criticism engendered by his book. He reasserts that the terminology of patronage applies to relations between members of the senatorial class and that nothing precluded Romans from having more than one patron. Indeed, he argues that junior senators continued to be considered clients until well advanced along their cursus. Andrew Drummond isolates basic characteristics of patronage during the middle and late Roman Republic and attempts to recover traces of these in Rome of the sixth and fifth centuries B.C. John Rich explains Roman foreign policy in patronage terms, concluding that although Romans may have referred to foreign clients as amici or socii, that is not to imply

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egalitarianism. This conclusion was stated by Ernst Badian more than thirty years ago, long before the study of patronage became fashionable (Roman Clientelae, Oxford, 1958, 11). David Braund assesses ways in which personal patronage advanced state objectives and the dysfunction that ensued when personal and public goals conflicted. Peter Garnsey and Greg Woolf stress the essentially voluntary nature of patronage and explore its manifestations in rural settings: estate management, tenant farming and the alimenta. Keith Hopwood's discussion of Cilician bandits contends that successful outlaws depended on the patronage of local administrative officials who had organized protection rackets; numerous modern parallels naturally come to mind. John Drinkwater explores whether patronage was a continuous factor in Gallic social relations, utilizing the emergence of the Bagaudae as a test case; the evolution of this term from its third century A.D. connotation of poor peasants to indicate outlaws or bandits by the fifth century is explained as a response to the decline of imperial control. Duncan Cloud probes the satires of Martial and Juvenal in order to determine what these authors can tell us about patronage relations. Very little that is reliable, he concludes, cautioning historians to employ considerable restraint in light of the exaggerations and fantasy that characterize this genre.

Wallace-Hadrill's own essay attacks the mechanistic (who knew whom?) approach to political patronage, most notably

endorsed by Sir Ronald Syme, that has, until recently, guided studies in Roman social relations. He goes on to define patronage as the vital link between center and periphery, that is to say, between persons controlling state resources (hence power) and the groups they sought to control both in terms of foreign relations and domestic politics. In democratic states, where peripheries enjoyed equal access to the political process, political patronage proved to be unnecessary. His conclusions, therefore, reinforce those of Millett.

Terry Johnson and Chris Dandaker provide a sociological critique and corrective. Their main criticism is that historians tend to focus on relations between individuals rather than the system or network of patronage exchanges. As long as historians maintain a relational as opposed to systemic perspective, they argue, our conclusions may be obfuscated and fraught with contradictions. Moreover, the relational approach hinders historians from utilizing patronage as a tool of comparative analysis to reveal the structural parallels between diverse historical societies. Adherents of the Old School will be tempted to dismiss this as mere "Sociologese", and it is admittedly hard to imagine culling the Letters of Cicero that chattily endorse an interpersonal approach to social and political relations in order to forge an impersonal construct of patronage during the Late Republic. But perhaps one ought to reserve judgement until this has been tried by the experts.

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