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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Shades of Antiquity. One of our members - Wallace Mead - recently created a series of drawings representing ancient objects. So remarkable are they that we have used them to produce a three-year calendar, "Shades of Antiquity." The venture was privately funded by the artist, who wishes to donate profits to the Association. You will sense the appeal in the accompanying illustration although it does not do full justice to the images on the calendar. Copies can be ordered from Richard Burns, Regina Books, P.O. Box 280, Claremont, CA 91711 for \$9.95/ calendar plus postage and handling.

Guide to Graduate Programs. The Association begins the academic year under full steam of accomplishments and plans underway. Members attending the fine annual meeting in San Antonio organized by Colin Wells and his colleagues at Trinity College will have seen a new publication: A Guide to Graduate Programs in Ancient History compiled by Michael Arnush, which is now available through Regina Books. A student to whom I recommended the Guide has just written to say how helpful it is in his own planning for graduate study. Any changes and additions should be brought to the attention of either of the officers, for we plan to revise frequently.

Publications. As this newsletter goes to print, corrections are being entered on to proofs of *Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions* with chapters by Kurt Raaflaub (Greece), Stanley Burstein (the Hellenistic Age), Allen Ward (the Roman Republic) and Ramsay MacMullen (the Roman Empire). All members whose dues are current will receive a copy this autumn; additional

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SPRING MEETING CALL FOR PAPERS

The Association of Ancient Historians will hold its annual Spring Meeting on May 1-3, 1998. Hosted by the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, the meeting will be held at the University's Robert Allerton Conference center, about 25 miles from Urbana-Champaign. This beautiful facility includes a refurbished mansion set in a park of 1750 wooded acres, with twin rooms and private baths. (A few double rooms and/or shared baths will also be available.) Meals will be included in the housing costs.



Tentative topics for the meeting include:

1. From city-state to empire
2. From *provincia* to province
3. Great families, great houses, great gardens, great wealth
4. Asia Minor (John Eadie is organizing this session)

If you would be interested in presenting a paper at one of these sessions, or have a topic that you would like to suggest, please contact

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Professor Mitchell can also be reached via e-mail at rmitchll@uiuc.edu or by FAX at 217-333-2297.

The preferred timeline is: summaries of papers in October, with a rough draft in February and final draft in March.

NEW RESOURCES ON THE AAH WORLD WIDE WEB PAGE

The AAH Home Page (<http://weber/u.washington.edu/~clio/aaah>) has two new additions which we hope will be of use to members of the AAH.

- **A new electronic resources page.** This page was developed by Vanessa Gorman, Pat Dintrone, and Mark Northrup. A sample was demonstrated at the annual meeting last May. Based on the positive reception there, a version was installed during the summer. The page indexes a number of WWW sites that are of interest to Ancient Historians, divided into categories such as Grant Information, Teaching Aids and Projects, Travel, Museums, Publications, and Other Organizations' Home Pages. Please check out the new site.

If you have a favorite site that you would like to see listed, please send an e-mail to the new Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Dintrone, at pat.dintrone@sdsu.edu.

- **A Membership Information Update Form.** This form allows members to correct/change their mailing address on-line. It can be accessed through the AAH Home Page or directly at <http://rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/cbaweb/UPO/aaah/update.html>. However, members who are renewing, and new members (i.e., anyone who needs to send money) should still use the form in this newsletter or print out the on-line version at <http://weber/u.washington.edu/~clio/aaah.membership.html>.

AAH SELECTS NEW SECRETARY- TREASURER

At the meeting in San Antonio, Pat Dintrone from San Diego State University was elected as the new Secretary-Treasurer, replacing Diana Delia in that position. Pat will serve a 3-year term.

The Association would like to thank Diana Delia for her efforts as the Secretary-Treasurer from 1994-1997. During that time she gained tax-exempt status for the organization, and saved many dollars by beginning bulk mailings, in addition to collecting and posting dues, answering inquiries, creating newsletters, etc.

The new Secretary-Treasurer can be reached at

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Please send all dues, information, correspondence, complaints, questions, etc. to this address.

NEW SCHOLAR ACTIVITIES

As a way of keeping in touch with the activities of current and recent graduate students, several members have suggested that we should highlight the accomplishments of our members who are graduate students and new faculty members. This column, which we hope will be a permanent feature of the newsletter, will be used to note the activities and accomplishments of these newer members of our profession. We would like to include two types of information:

Dissertations completed (or about to be completed), with the author, title, director, and school.

Faculty appointments at the junior level, especially of new faculty just finishing graduate school.

Please send information for this column to the Secretary-Treasurer. And, of course, keep sending in the activities of more senior members for the *Personalia* column.

We begin this new feature by reporting

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copies will be available through Regina Books.

And the volume on the study of ancient law promised for the future by Raphael Sealey has been completed well ahead of schedule. Plans call for publication and mailing to members next spring. So, mail dues now and encourage colleagues and students to do the same in order to reap these rewards of membership.

Meeting subvention fund. While you are thinking kindly thoughts about the Association, please consider assisting in another area. There is concern about what Gene Borza has described as "a kind of generation gap developing in the Association." It is vital to attract students and colleagues just beginning their professional careers into active participation, especially at the annual meeting. Inasmuch as costs of attending have risen, we hope to establish a fund of \$10,000 to subsidize younger members in meeting the cost of attending the meeting. The interest generated by the fund should provide some \$500-\$600 annually which could be shared among four or five people. We already have \$2000 pledged to begin the fund. Remember, the Association now has a tax-free status, so your contributions are tax-deductible. When you send a check, mark it as going into the Annual Meeting Subvention Fund.

Best wishes for a fine academic year.

Carol Thomas

the news that:

- **Randy Howarth** completed his PhD last spring under the direction of Richard Mitchell.
- **Joel Walker**, who is completing his PhD at Princeton under the direction of Peter Brown, assumes a new position in Late Antiquity in the Department of History at the University of Washington this autumn.
- **Philip Freeman** is also joining the faculty at Washington University.

AAH INFORMATION FORM

Check boxes that apply:

- Change of address (or use the on-line form at <http://rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/cbaweb/UPO/aah/update.html>)
 New or renewal membership
 New member: Regular (\$5/year) Associate (\$3/year*)
(*Associate membership is available only to students, retired professors, and non-residents of the U.S. or Canada)
 Renewal Most recent year paid (from mailing label) _____

Payment enclosed: \$_____ for _____ years beyond last paid (limit 5 years)

- Additional donation enclosed: \$_____. (For meeting subvention fund Yes No)

Check appropriate title (furthest left box will be used on your address label)

Prof. Dr. Ms. Mr. Other: _____

Last name: _____ Other names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State or Province _____ U.S. 9-digit Zip _____ - _____

Other Postal Code _____ Country (non-North America) _____

DUES INFORMATION

Annual dues are payable on January 1 each year. A member's most recent year of paid dues appears above his or her name on the mailing label.

Anyone whose dues have not been paid in 1996 or later (i.e., whose label says 1995 or earlier) will be dropped from the mailing list next year. Payment of all dues in arrears by January will prevent this.

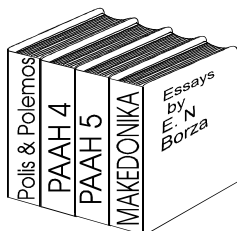
Members are encouraged to pay dues up to five years in advance. This simplifies record-keeping for both the member and the organization. Due to rising printing and postage costs, payment of dues more than five years in advance cannot be accepted.

Please mail dues to the return address on this newsletter.

AAH PUBLICATIONS

Complimentary copies of Volume 5 of the Publications of the Association of Ancient Historians, entitled *Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions*, will be mailed to members in November. Additional copies may be ordered from Regina Books. A royalty of 15% of the net price of the book accrues to the Association for every copy purchased.

Back copies of PAAH 4, *Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece*, by Carol Thomas, are also available from Regina Books.



Members may also be interested in *Makedonika: Essays by Eugene N. Borza*, edited by Carol Thomas (Regina Books, Cloth \$37.95, paper \$18.95). As co-publisher, the Association received 50% of the net on each copy sold.

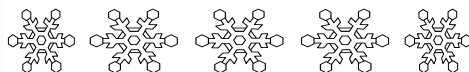
PAAH 6, a volume on ancient law by Raphael Sealey, will be mailed to members next Spring.

NEW BOOKS

Charles D. Hamilton and Peter Krentz edited *Polis and Polemos: Essays on Politics, War, and History in Honor of Donald Kagan* (Claremont: Regina Press, 1997).

Ramsay MacMullen published *Christianity and Paganism in the Fourth to Eighth Centuries* (Yale University Press, 1997).

Beryl Rawson and Paul Weaver edited *The Roman Family in Italy: Status, Sentiment, Space* (Oxford University Press, 1997). This volume include articles by AAH members Richard Saller and Suzanne Dixon, along with an even dozen additional contributors.



December 1

is the deadline for items for the Winter Newsletter.

Remember: the Newsletter depends upon information provided by members.



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FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The School of Historical Studies of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton is seeking applications for Membership for the 1998/99 academic year. Applicants should hold the PhD and have substantial publications in one or more of the following fields: Greek and Roman Civilization, European History, Islamic Culture, Art History, International Relations. Application materials may be obtained from the Administrative Officer, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ 08540 (email mzelazny@ias.edu). Completed applications are due November 15, 1997.

Mellon Fellowships at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. Open to promising scholars who have served 2-4 years as assistant professors in institutions of higher education in North America and who will return to those institutions after the one-year period of the fellowship. Apply to the address given above. Completed applications are due November 15, 1997.

Thesaurus Linguae Latinae Fellowship, American Philological Society. Open to scholars in a variety of specialties (*e.g.* Latin language, Roman law, Roman history, early Christianity). Fellows will spend July 1998-June 1999 in Munich participating in the work of the *TLL*. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, hold the PhD, and have a thorough familiarity with the Latin language, a reading knowledge of German, and a willingness to work towards proficiency in spoken German. Send a c.v. and a statement of benefits the applicant will derive from the fellowship and have 3 referees send letters directly to James McKeown, Dept. of Classics, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53706 (email jmckeown@macc.wisc.edu). Completed applications are due November 15, 1997.

PERSONALIA

- **Peter Krentz** has been named as the "E. Craig Wall, Jr., Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities" for 1997-99.
- **William Murray** reports that he is recently returned from the University of Haifa, where he delivered the Maurice Hatter Distinguished Lectures on "Aspects of Ancient Naval Power."

REMINDER:

Paid-up members of the AAH are also entitled to a 20% discount on an annual subscription to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Write to *AJAH*, Dept. of History, Robinson Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138. (Note: *AJAH* is not an AAH publication and the Secretary-Treasurer has no information about it; please direct all questions to the editors of *AJAH*.)