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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our most recent publication, the second edition of *The Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States*, should now be in your hands. It represents three years of effort, the assistance of many including the compilers of the original directory, Richard Talbert and Robert Wallace, and the coordination provided by Konrad Kinzl. Our plan is to update the entries on the electronic version as

information is received, a task that Konrad has volunteered to continue. Please send changes or additions to him at kkinzl@trentu.ca. New printed copies will be created as needed.

Another recent publication is also available: James Hooker's essays on *The Coming of the Greeks*, our second special volume. It is available through Regina Books at \$9.00 for members, \$13.95 for non-members. Briggs Twyman, among the first to obtain a copy, wrote "The reproduction of Hooker's articles should prove of great

importance." Let me add that Sheila Hooker, James' widow, is very pleased.

On the subject of our publications, we have reason to claim some fair financial success: royalties last year were \$860.00, a chunk of which came from Jack Cargill's privately-funded *Handbook for Ancient History Classes*.

Our list should continue to grow. Gene Borza has delivered his manuscript for PAAH 6 on Macedon before Alexander. Readers have copies; now we must examine the state of the treasury.

Next year may provide the contents for PAAH 7, a collaborative issue with the provisional title *Current Concepts and the Study of Ancient History*. Akin to PAAH5, it is likely to begin with a panel proposed for the annual meeting of the AHA in January 2000. Contributors are Stan Burstein, Nancy Demand, Ian Morris and Larry Tritle. The plan emerged from discussion among members of an ad-hoc committee investigating the Association's link to other historical organizations in connection with a serious effort on the part of the AHA to strengthen ties with affiliated societies.

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SPRING MEETING PLANS

The 1999 annual meeting of the Association will be held in New York on May 7-9 at Columbia University. Our program will be arranged to allow members of the Association who are on the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens to attend both meetings.

There will be three sessions. The meeting will begin with a session on the economy of the Greek world in the Classical and Hellenistic periods on Friday the 7th from 3:30-6. This will be followed by a reception.

On Saturday morning the ASCSA meeting will be held, and our second session will be held from 2:30-5:30, on the family in late antiquity. It will be followed immediately by the annual business meeting and then by a reception and dinner.

The third session, on Jewish history under the Roman Empire, will be held on Sunday from 9:30-12:00. The meeting will conclude with Sunday lunch.

The full program is available on the Web at
<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~pdintron/meeting.html>

You should have already received registration materials. Those planning to attend are urged to make their housing reservations early.

Please see Housing on page 3.

For additional information, please contact
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Title	Regular Price*	Member Price*
<i>Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece</i> , by Carol Thomas	\$19.95 (cloth) \$11.95 (paper)	\$16.00 (cloth) \$ 9.00 (paper)
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<i>A Handbook for Ancient History Classes</i> , by Jack Cargill.	\$10.50 (paper)	\$ 7.00 (paper)
<i>Art and Archaeology in the Mediterranean World</i> , ed. A.L.H. Robkin	\$11.95 (paper)	\$ 8.00 (paper)
<i>The Coming of the Greeks</i> , by James Hooker	\$21.95 (cloth) \$13.95 (paper)	\$ 9.00 (paper)
<i>The Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States</i> , compiled by Konrad Kinzl	\$14.95 (paper)	
<i>Peacemaking in Medieval Europe: A Historical and Bibliographic Guide</i> , by Udo Heyn	\$34.95 (cloth) \$13.95 (paper)	\$19.00 (cloth) \$ 9.00 (paper)

*Plus shipping of \$2.50 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book.

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(One step is the creation of a list on the AHA home page [www.theaha.org] called "panel finder" where individuals seek or offer participation on specific panels.) Our committee wishes to have a significant presence of ancient history at the next annual AHA meeting with:

- * the sponsored panel;
- * a solo panel (a member has offered to plan one);
- * notice in our newsletter of individuals participating in other panels;
- * perhaps a social occasion;
- * good attendance especially from ancient historians in the Chicago area.

We know the importance of our field. It is necessary to inform the larger historical community of this fact.

warm regards,
Carol

AJAH DISCOUNT

Paid-up members of the AAH are 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.)

CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

City University of New York will host a lecture by Distinguished Professor of History Zvi Yavetz on "Sejanus and the Plebs" on Friday, May 7 at 11:30 AM. The respondent will be John D'Arms, and the lecture will be followed by a discussion period. The meeting will conclude with an informal hot buffet lunch. **The timing of the meeting is designed to coordinate with the AAH meeting at Columbia that weekend so that AAH members may attend both.** For more information contact Luis Molina (718-520-7588; LMolina@email.gc.cuny.edu) or Sarah Pomeroy (212-772-5065; spomeroy@ shiva.hunter.cuny.edu).

The Classical Association of Canada invites you to the 1999 Annual Congress of the Canadian Classical Association which will take place at Laval University next May 27th, 28th and 29th. Accommodations will be available in local hotels (\$58-\$76/night) or in single student rooms (\$34/night). For more information contact Alban Baudou, Université Laval, Département des littératures, Ste-Foy QC G1K 7P4 Te/l. (418) 656-2131 ext. 5484; E-mail alban.baudou@lit.ulaval.ca.

Northwestern University is pleased to announce a conference on "Tyranny and Democracy in the Greek World," to be held April 9-10, 1999. Speakers include Greg Anderson, Carolyn Dewald, Sara Forsdyke, Sarah Harrell, Brian Lavelle, Sara Monoson, Robin Osborne, Kurt Raaflaub, Eric Robinson, and Robert Wallace. Six of the ten participants will give seminars, open by invitation to anyone reading this notice. Four speakers will give a public program the afternoon of April 10. For more information, please contact R. Wallace at Dept. of Classics, Northwestern Univ., Evanston IL 60208, rwallace@nwu.edu.

ON-LINE HOUSING FORM

Members who wish to make a reservation request for housing may do so via the World Wide Web.

Go to the AAH Home page (<http://weber01.u.washington.edu/~clio/aah/>) and select the "Meetings" option and follow the appropriate links. You will find both a print-out-and-mail form (similar to the one to the right) and an on-line form.

Filling out and submitting the online form sends your request to Roger Bagnall at Columbia. **It is not necessary to send in a hard copy form if you submit one on-line.**



NOMINATION FOR AAH PRESIDENT

Richard Talbert has been nominated for the office of president according to the procedure set out in the constitution of the Association.

Others wishing to make nominations are reminded that nominations must reach the Secretary-Treasurer not later than two weeks before the first day of the Annual Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. Thus, the deadline for nominations is **April 22, 1999**.

Nominations must be signed by three members of the Association not belonging to the same institution [different campuses within the same university system shall be regarded as being different institutions], and must be countersigned by the nominee. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall not belong to the same institution.

Housing for the Annual Meeting

As many members will know, New York has become an extremely difficult city in which to find affordable lodging. We have secured 93 rooms in several small batches of rooms at what for this city are bargain rates. The organizing committee will act as a housing bureau because of the small number of rooms in any one location. Reservations should be sent to Roger Bagnall at the address below; we urge prompt action, as there is no assurance that any more space can be found once these blocks are filled.

- * Columbia University, East Campus Residence Hall, between Amsterdam and Morningside Aves. and 10th and 118th Sts. (12 hotel-style rooms), \$85 single/\$100 double. **SOLD OUT**
- * Union Theological Seminary, Landmark guest rooms, 3041 Broadway at 121st St. (20 hotel-style rooms), \$90 single/\$115 double (Broadway side), \$99 single/\$120 double (courtyard side).
- * International House, 500 Riverside Dr. at 122nd St. (11 hotel-style guest rooms), \$90-105 single/\$100-115 double.
- * Newton Hotel, 2528 Broadway at 96th St. (20 rooms), \$85 single/\$95 double.
- * Hotel Riverside, 350 W. 88th St., at Riverside (20 rooms), \$85 single/\$95 double.
- * Lucerne Hotel, 201 West 79th St. at Broadway (10 rooms), \$145 single or double.

The Lucerne is distinctly more luxurious than the other two hotels; the rates quoted make it a more attractive option for couples. The hotels are all within easy reach of the Columbia campus by subway or bus.

Housing reply form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone and fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Single__ Double__

Roommate, if applicable _____

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____

Please list at least three choices, in order; you may list more if you wish.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Mail to: Roger Bagnall, 606 Hamilton Hall, Columbia University, 1130 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10027; e-mail bagnall@columbia.edu, fax (212) 854-7856.

IN MEMORIAM JOHN CHADWICK

In learning of the death of John Chadwick, our colleague Edmund Bloedow wrote with simple eloquence, "We have lost a giant from our ranks." I would add only one word, "gentle", for John's brilliance was matched by his gentle concern for his family, friends and field of study. The gentleness was accompanied by a great shyness. This linguist/classicist and decipherer might well exult in his accomplishments. He would not/could not do so.

Slightly more than a year ago, John Chadwick was given a major award for his contributions to linguistic study, the Premi Antonio Feltrinella. His words on accepting the award bear repeating: "I have often observed when encountering someone who knows nothing about me and I have been obliged to explain that I have dedicated the major part of my life to study of the ancient Greek language, the result is that the conversation is suddenly terminated." (Translated from the Italian in which John presented his acceptance speech.) Equally revealing of his character was the decision to use the monetary portion of the prize to create a new Greek dictionary - "a dictionary that all our students might use in their first years." It was a current project when he died on November 24, 1998, returning to Cambridge from a meeting in London.

John Chadwick's career centered on Cambridge where he took his degrees and, from 1952, was a member of the faculty. While his earlier study focussed on more familiar alphabetic scripts, he offered his assistance to Michael Ventris who, in 1952, suggested that the undeciphered Bronze Age script known as Linear B might be a form of Greek. Together they published the first scholarly account of the decipherment in 1953 and, in 1956, produced a massive account in Documents in Mycenaean Greek. When Michael Ventris was killed in a motorcycle accident that same year, Dr. Chadwick pushed the work forward with dedication and a professionalism that gradually convinced all but a handful of doubters of the correctness of the decipherment. Perhaps most familiar are his The Mycenaean World (Cambridge, 1976) and his account of the decipherment, The Decipherment of Linear B (1958, 2d ed., 1967).

The work opened an entirely new window on Greek history, demonstrating that the "Mycenaean" kept records in Greek. John Chadwick quickly became the doyen of the new field, welcoming others by sharing evidence, the library, his own thoughts and friendship at the Mycenaean headquarters on "Laundress Lane." At the same time, he continued to pursue later Greek philological subjects; in 1980, for example, he became a member of the British Academy's Committee appointed to oversee the preparation of a new supplement to Liddell and Scott's Greek Lexicon.

His devotion to linguistic and philological subjects brought honorary degrees from the University of Athens, l'Université Libre de Bruxelles, Trinity College Dublin, the University of the Basque Country, Vitoria, and the University of Salzburg. He was a Corresponding Member of the Austrian Akademie der Wissenschaften, Associé Étranger of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, Institut de France, Socio Straniero of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and the Deutsches Archäologisches Institut zu Berlin. An Honorary Councillor of the Athens Archaeological Society, he was decorated with the Order of the Phoenix by the Republic of Greece. The Republic of Austria honored him with the Ehrenzeichen für Wissenschaft und Kunst. Honors from the heart of those who were privileged to know him and his work are as countless as "the swarms of clustering bees that issue forever anew from a hollow stone" (Iliad 2.87.)

C. Thomas



RECENT DISSERTATIONS IN ANCIENT HISTORY

- Donathan Taylor, *The Logistics of the Roman Army in North Africa* (University of Arkansas, directed by Donald Engels).
- Honora Howell Chapman, *Spectacle and Theater in Josephus's Bellum Judaicum* (Stanford University, directed by Robert Gregg).

NEW AAH PUBLICATIONS

The new *Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States*, edited by Konrad Kinzl, has been mailed to all members. Please note that this is a compilation of those who indicated to Konrad that they wished to be included; **it is not a directory of the membership of the AAH**. Changes or additions may be sent to Konrad Kinzl at kkinzl@trentu.ca

Our second publishing effort this year, *The Coming of the Greeks* by James Hooker, is available to members for \$9.00 from Regina Books. The AAH will receive a royalty on each copy sold.

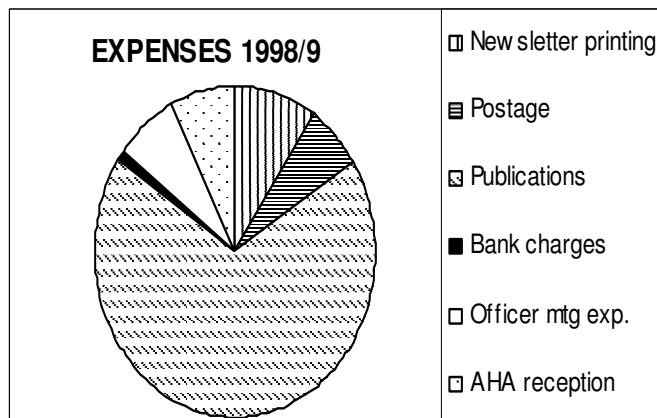
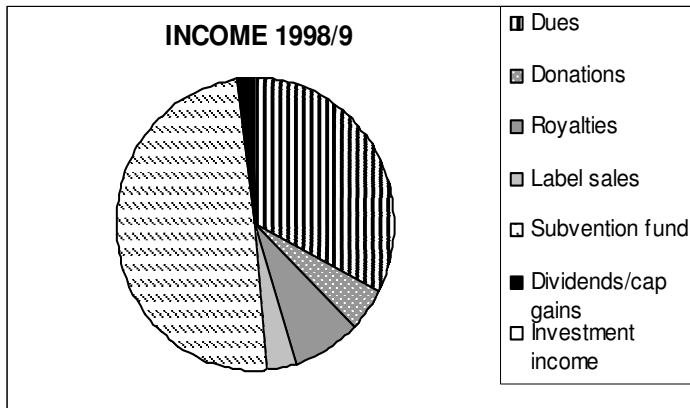
PERSONALIA

- Michael Flower has been awarded a NEH fellowship to work on an historical and commentary on Herodotus with John Marincola.

SUBVENTION GRANT AWARDED

The Association has awarded the Betty Coates Grant to Stephen Felder, a graduate student at the University of California, Irvine. The grant is named in honor of a generous benefactor to the subvention fund. Mr. Felder is completing a dissertation on the Sibylline Oracles in relation to Jews, Christians, and Pagans in the Roman Empire.

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT (AS OF MARCH 1, 1999)



Balance as of 3/14/98: \$13,216.67

Income:

Dues received	3535.00
Donations - General	540.00
Royalties	860.25
Label Sales	375.00
Subvention fund donations	5354.92
Dividends/Capital gains*	207.53
Investment income*	37.17

Total Income: \$10,909.87

[Income less subvention amounts] [5310.25]

Expenses:

Newsletters	
Printing	652.32
Postage	448.46
Publications	4785.83
Officer meeting charges	498.00
AHA Reception	530.31
Bank charge	<63.64>

Total Expenses 6851.28

Balance 3/1/99 \$17,275.26

*as of December 31, 1998

MOTION TO ENDORSE AAUP STATEMENT

The American Association of University Professors has contacted the AAH and requested that we endorse the AAUP 1940 Statement on Academic Freedom and Tenure. Many other academic professional organizations have subscribed to the principles in the Statement. A motion will be brought at the 1999 Business meeting that the AAH also endorse the Statement.

Because the text of the Statement is quite long, it is not reproduced here. A copy will be included in the packet that you receive when you register at Columbia. For those who would like to read the Statement beforehand, it can be found on the Web at <http://aaup.org/>

MINUTES OF THE 1998 MEETING

The meeting opened at 4:30pm.

1 **Minutes.** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated. (Treggiari/Borza)

2. **Motion of Appreciation.** A motion of appreciation was read into the minutes by Jennifer Roberts.

“This has been an exceptional meeting in an extraordinary setting. We have heard about matters Galatial and Palatial and discovered a new declension with which to terrorize our students: preeter, prater, priter. We have laid the groundwork for future research on the wandering tribe of ancient historians, whose traces can now be uncovered from a soggy floodplain in the midwest.

“Soon their role in the purchase of Manhattan and the development of New Amsterdam should become demonstrable, though the evidence from coin hoards excavated at 157th Street may suggest that their presence there goes back a great deal farther.

“Many people have labored long and hard to ensure the success of this meeting. We are, of course, greatly indebted to our president Carol Thomas and our Secretary-Treasurer Patricia Dintrone for their efforts throughout the year. I would also like to echo Dick's thanks to Charles Stewart and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, particularly Dean Jesse Delia, for assistance and generous financial support, and to the **Minutes (continued)**

generous corps of helpers--Carlis White, Paul Marty, Chad Fauber, Randy Howarth,

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Michael Pedrotty, Thomas Watkins and Gavin Weiare. I would also like to thank our speakers and commentators for working so hard to provide a diverse and stimulating program. I must also thank Beverly Becker and the attentive staff at Allerton for helping us all send those telegrams to our families and universities explaining that we have decided not to return home.

“Most of all, of course, we want to convey our enormous gratitude to the Mitchells. I made an ill-fated attempt at expressing this in meter, and I think when you hear the first stanza you will be grateful to learn that I aborted the effort.

Though we only arrived here just lately,
We're enjoying our sojourn here greatly;
Dick and Cynthia labored
To see that we savored
The charms of this mansion so stately.

Remembering the Roman hosts who brought opprobrium on themselves by inflicting their latest poetic compositions on their guests, I will stop here. The sad truth is that nothing rhymes with Cynthia, though in dark moments I did toy with "Bithynia." But I would like to thank them not only for the beer they stored for us in the "Phrygia" but for all the meticulous care they put into the planning of our meeting. As you heard at lunch, Dick will be retiring from teaching next year to return to his first love, conference planning. We congratulate him on this milestone and wish him and Cynthia all good things in their new life.”

3. Business & Announcements (President)

- Presenters of papers at the meeting were encouraged to submit them for publication to Martin Miller, editor of Ares.
- Members were requested to be generous with new items for the association newsletter.
- Publications & pamphlets. Mr. Richard Burns, of Regina Books, was introduced. The next publication to appear is likely to be the *Directory of Ancient Historians in the USA*. Six further publications are in the pipeline.
- Future meetings.
 1. Columbia University, 1999. Richard Billows reported on progress in the organization. Dates should be finalized by mid-June. Programming is in hand. Suggestions were made regarding the communication of details to members by email and/or on the website.
 2. University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2000. Letters of invitation from Mike Clover and the Chancellor of the university were read. The meeting unanimously accepted the invitation (Adams/Burstein).
 3. Possibilities for 2001 were discussed.
- American Historical Association. The matter of increasing the AAH's presence at the annual AHA meeting was raised. Various suggestions were made. A request from AHA to support the efforts of the National Coordinating Committee of the AHA with a donation of \$500 failed for want of a motion.
- The President pointed out that members would need to elect her successor at the next meeting and that the electoral procedure would be published in the newsletter.

4 Business & Announcements (Secretary-Treasurer)

- Treasurer's Report. This document, circulated at the meeting, reflected the association's position on March 14th 1998. The Treasurer drew attention to its main features. The report was accepted unanimously. (Briggs/Gabbert)
- There being a need for a modest increase in the association's income, a motion was put jointly by the President and Secretary-Treasurer that the annual membership dues be increased to \$7.50, associate membership to \$5.00. Carried unanimously. (Thomas-Dintrone/Borza)

5. Other business

Subvention Fund. Gene Borza reported on the progress of the fund, established to assist younger scholars to attend AAH meetings. Gifts at a suggested level of \$500, or whatever might seem appropriate, had been solicited from senior members and the response had been heartening. The fund's balance now stood at over \$6,000 and it was hoped that the goal of \$10,000 would be attained by the time of the 1999 meeting.

The following guidelines were outlined:

- a. Subvention grants shall be open to advanced graduate students and junior faculty.
- b. There shall be no more than one recipient each year from a single institution.
- c. No person shall be awarded a grant more than twice.
- d. Applicants must be members of the AAH.
- e. Applicants need not be on the program.
- f. Applicants should send a cv, a statement of the reason for wishing to attend the annual meeting, and a letter of

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recommendation.

- g. The selection committee shall consist of an Officer of the association (normally the Secretary-Treasurer) and two

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AAH INFORMATION FORM

Check boxes that apply:

Change of address (or use the on-line form at <http://rohan.sdsu.edu/~dintron/aah/update.html>)

New or renewal membership

New member: Regular (\$7.50/year) Associate (\$5/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)

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Last name: _____ Other names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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

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

Membership Information

The top line of your mailing label gives the year for which you last paid dues. If your label says **1998** or earlier, then your dues are in arrears.

Please update your membership by sending your dues to the return address on this newsletter.

members appointed by the President for three-year terms on a staggered basis.

For the 1998 meeting there had been three applicants, all male. Two awards of \$165 each had been made to Timothy Bridgman and Steven Tuck. The selection committee consisted of Patricia Dintrone, Janice J. Gabbert, and Eugene N. Borza.

The intention of the committee was to make up to three grants of \$250 each for the 1999 meeting. The selection committee remains unchanged for the 1999 awards.

A formal motion directed the Secretary-Treasurer to vest the available funds so as to generate an income from which to make the grants in aid. (Burstein/Lauritson) Carried unanimously.

Professor Borza concluded by urging members to try to increase the level of AAH membership among their graduates.

The meeting closed at 5:26pm

COMPUTER



COMMUNICATIONS

The AAH Web page address is:
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NEW BOOKS BY MEMBERS

Deborah Boedeker and Kurt Raaflaub, eds., *Democracy, Empire, and the Arts in Fifth-Century Athens* (Harvard University Press, 1998).

William Calder, *Men in Their Books: Studies in the Modern History of Classical Scholarship* (Hildesheim, 1999).

William Calder and Renate Schlesier, eds., *Zwischen Rationalismus und Romantik: Karl Orfriedd Muller und die antike Kultur* (Hildesheim, 1999).

William Calder and Bernhard Huss, ed., “*The Wilamowitz in Me, 100 Letters between Ulrich von Wilamowitz-Moellendorff and Paul Friedlander (1904-1931)*” (Special Collections UCLA Occasional Volume 9, [1999]).

William Calder and Robert Kirstein, ‘*Der geniale Wildling*’ *Ulrich von Wilamowitz-Moellendorff und Max Frankel Briefwechsel 1874-1878, 1900-1903* (Gottingen, 1999).

Donald Engels, *Classical Cats: The Rise and Fall of the Sacred Cat* (Routledge, 1999).

Robert Garland, *Daily Life of the Ancient Greeks* (Greenwood Press, 1998).

David Graf, *Rome and the Arabian Frontier from Nabataeans to Saracens* (Ashgate Publishing Company, 1998).

Nicholas F. Jones, *The Associations of Classical Athens: The Response to Democracy* (Oxford University Press, 1999).

Kurt Raaflaub and Nathan Rosenstein, eds., *War and Society in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds: Asia, The Mediterranean, Europe, and Mesopotamia* (Harvard University Press, 1999).

Edwin Yamauchi, *Africa and Africans in Antiquity* (Michigan State Press, 1999).

