Congratulations to the many colleagues involved in the production of *Text and Tradition: Studies in Greek History and Historiography*. Mort Chambers, whose 45 years of teaching and research in ancient history are honored by the volume; the co-editors, Ron Mellor and Larry Tritle; the distinguished roster of contributors; and not least the publisher, Richard Burns of Regina Books. Such volumes not only mark the achievement of leaders in our field, but they also serve to remind us of how essential it is for the leaders’ positions to be filled again after they retire.

The future presence and vitality of our field depend upon maintaining, and wherever possible expanding, the number of full-time faculty engaged in it. The case for ancient history as pedagogically rewarding, interdisciplinary, international, and rich with fresh opportunities is readily made, but can seldom be taken for granted. Both as committed individuals and as an Association, it is important that we be prepared to argue it with vigor.

Fall Greetings,

Richard Talbert

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**SPRING MEETING PLANS**

**CALL FOR PAPERS:** The 2000 annual meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians will be held in Madison at the University of Wisconsin on May 4-7. Members are encouraged to submit one-page abstracts for papers (maximum 20 minutes) for the following sessions (broadly defined, to include Greek, Roman, Near Eastern and Late Antiquity)

1. Rhetoric and Law
2. Periodization
3. Slaves, Tenants, and Clients

Please mail or fax your abstract to the Program Chair
Andrew Wolpert
Department of History
3211 Humanities Building
University of Wisconsin
455 North Park Street
Madison, WI 53706-1483
FAX 608-263-5302
awolpert@facstaff.wisc.edu

The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 5, 1999.

**HOUSING:**

The local organizers have reserved blocks of rooms at the four housing facilities listed below. Those attending AAH 2000 are urged to reserve rooms directly with the housing facility, as early as possible. Upon making the reservation, mention the AAH meeting, so that the convention rate is assured. THE COMMON RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR ALL THE HOUSING FACILITIES IS APRIL 3RD, YEAR 2000. After that date rooms may still be available, but the convention rate is not assured.

The four facilities:

1. **Best Western Inn Towner,** 2424 University Ave., Madison, WI 53705.
   Rates: double $89.00 + tax, single $79.00 + tax. (Tel: 608-233-8778 or 800-258-8321, fax 608-233-1325)

2. **Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club,** 1 West Dayton St., Madison, WI 53703. Concourse Hotel rates: double $109.00 + tax, single $99.00 + tax. Governor's Club rates-- double $149.00 + tax, single $139.00 + tax. (Tel: 608-257-6000, tel. 800-356-8293, fax 608-257-5280)

3. **Madison Inn,** 601 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703. Rates [set by State of Wisconsin and subject to change beginning January 1, 2000]: double $62.00 + tax, single $52.00 + tax. (Tel. 608-257-4391, fax 608-257-2832)

4. **The Lowell Center,** 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53706. Rates [set by State of Wisconsin and subject to change beginning January 1, 2000]: double $62.00 + tax, single $52.00 + tax. (tel.608-256-2621, fax 608-262-5445)
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**OTHER CONFERENCES OF INTEREST**

- **Prayer, Magic, and the Stars in the Ancient and Late Antique World.** March 3-5, 2000, University of Washington-Seattle. A desire to tap into the divine (or demonic) powers of the cosmos, especially those powers linked to the heavens, pervades the history of religion in the ancient and late antique world. This symposium examines the manifold techniques and traditions—both sanctioned and unsanctioned, individual and communal—by which men and women in the ancient and late antique world sought to gain access to that power. To explore this topic, we have invited a group of speakers whose expertise ranges from ancient Mesopotamian astronomy and astrology to the Christian magical papyri of early Islamic Egypt. Other topics we hope to explore at the symposium include astral cults; temple rituals; prayer and sacrifice; the use of sacred or magical texts; the power of words; philosophical conceptions of the heavens; and the relationship between sanctioned and magical methods of accessing the divine. We especially encourage submissions from recent Ph.D.’s and advanced graduate students. Jonathan Z. Smith of the University of Chicago will deliver the keynote address for the colloquium. Scheduled Speakers: Chris Faraone, Greek religion and magic; Sarah Iles Johnston, Greek and Roman religion; Marvin Meyer, early Christianity; Michael Morony, Magic and Society in Late Sasanian Iraq; Robert Ritner, Egyptian magic and religion; Francesca Rochberg, Mesopotamian astronomy and astrology; Mark Smith, Northwest Semitic astral religion; Michael Swartz, Judaism in late antiquity, heavenly ascent, ritual studies. For more information about the symposium, please see http://weber.u.washington.edu/~snoegel/stars.html. Send abstracts (up to 750 words) to Dr. Scott Noegel, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, Box 353120, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195

- **The annual Edson Lectures** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be presented on October 19, 1999. The lectures are “The Politics of Redaction: Apocalyptic Reframing of the Court Tales in the Book of Daniel” by Sara R. Johnson (Univ. of Connecticut-Storrs) and “Humor and Irony in Diaspora Texts” by Erich S. Gruen (Univ. of California, Berkeley).

- **The Third E. Togo Salmon Conference.** “Samnium: Settlement and Cultural Change,” will take place at McMaster University October 1-2, 1999. Contact Howard Jones <jonesh@mcmail.cis.McMaster.CA> for additional information.

- **The Classical Association of the Canadian West and the Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest** will be holding a Joint Annual Meeting in Victoria, British Columbia at the Laurel Point Inn on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11, 2000. Laurel Bowman and Ingrid Holmberg of the University of Victoria are the conference organizers.

  “Cultural Diversity in the Ancient World” is the broad theme of the conference, reflecting the conference’s own international nature. Papers are particularly encouraged on topics related to this theme. Submissions are invited, however, on all subjects of special interest to classicists. The organizers also welcome organized panels.

  Abstracts of 100-150 words must be received by October 15, 1999. CACW members are asked to submit a brief (1 page or less) CV with their abstracts for inclusion in a SSHRC grant proposal. Participants will be notified by December 1, 1999. Abstracts can be submitted to CACW/CAPN Conference, c/o Department of Greek and Roman Studies, University of Victoria, P. O. Box 3045, Victoria, B. C. CANADA V8W 3P4; FAX 250-721-8516. Abstracts submitted by mail or FAX must be supplemented by a disk. Abstracts may also be submitted by e-mail: lbowman@uvic.ca (CACW); ingrid@uvic.ca (CAPN) or Internet http://web.uvic.ca/grs/cacw-capn. Please put your OWN name on the subject line for e-mail submissions.

  Please indicate any special equipment you may need to present your paper. Papers should not be more than fifteen minutes in length. Abstracts of papers will be published on the conference website at http://web.uvic.ca/grs/cacw-capn and in the Fall 2000 CAPN Bulletin. Detailed information regarding the conference schedule and accommodations will be published in the February issue of the CAPN Bulletin and on the websites.

**AAH PROGRAMS AT AHA**

The AAH will sponsor two sessions at the American Historical Association meeting in Chicago in January. All AAH members who will be attending the AHA are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions.

The sessions are:

- Friday, January 7, 2:30-4:30, “A Home of Our Own—Late Antiquity and the Study of Ancient History.” Organizer and Chair, Elizabeth Digeser. (Marriot, Purdue Room)


Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these sessions.
THREE MEMBERS OF AAH RECEIVE AUSTRIAN CROSS OF HONOR

Three distinguished Austrian-born ancient historians—the late Antony Raubitschek of Stanford University, Ernst Badian of Harvard University, and former APA President Erich Gruen of the University of California at Berkeley—have been awarded the Österrichisches Ehrenkreuz für Wissenschaft und Kunst/Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Art in recognition of their outstanding contributions to scholarship and teaching.

Professor Raubitschek received his award on March 30, 1999 at Stanford from the Austrian consul in Los Angeles. Professor Badian traveled to the Austrian Embassy in Washington, DC for his award ceremony on May 19. Professor Gruen will receive his award from the Austrian consul in Los Angeles, at an award ceremony in Berkeley to be held later this year.

Fellowships Offered (Continued from page 2)

Endowment for the Humanities whose support will enable three U.S. citizens to take up full-year memberships, and the Thyssen Foundation which will support two German citizens. APPLICATION may be made for one or two terms (September to December, January to April). Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Administrative Officer, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (e-mail address mzelasny@ias.edu). Completed applications must be returned to the Administrative Officer by 15 November 1999.

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 the US and Canada and who will return to those institutions after the one-year period of the fellowship. Stipend will match applicant’s current salary and benefits. Apply to the address given above. Completed applications are due November 15, 1999.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Assistant Professor of Classics (Ancient History)-- Definite. The Department of Classical and Semitic Languages and Literatures at the George Washington University invites applications for a full-time non-tenure-track position in ancient history under 3-year contract (renewable) at the rank of assistant professor, to begin in AY 2000-2001. The candidate is expected to teach 3 courses per semester. These courses must include the history and civilization of Greece, Rome, the Near East and Egypt. Depending upon candidate's qualifications, other courses may include Mediterranean and ancient near Eastern archaeology or Greek or Latin language. Required: PhD in appropriate field awarded by June 2000; sound training in historical methodology; mastery of at least one relevant ancient language; demonstrated teaching ability. Expected starting salary: mid $40s.

Send letter of application, dossier including three letters of reference (especially addressing teaching experience), and a publication or writing sample to Prof. Elizabeth A. Fisher, Phillips 345, The George Washington University, Washington DC 20052 (tel. 202-994-6125). Review of applications will begin November 15 and will continue until the position is filled. The GWU is an AA/EOE; applications from qualified women and minorities are especially encouraged.

The Department of History at Texas Tech University is seeking to make a tenure-track appointment at the rank of assistant professor, specializing in Greek and Roman history, to begin in Fall 2000. Candidates will be expected to have completed a doctorate in History or an equivalent course of study by September 2000. They should be able to teach Western Civilization, advanced undergraduate courses in Greek and Roman history, and graduate history courses pertaining to their research specialties.

Please send application materials to Professor John Howe, Chair of the Greek/Roman Search Committee, Department of History, Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX 79409-1013. A completed application should include an introductory letter, a curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and representative samples of scholarly work. All items are due by November 12. E-mail inquiries can be sent to john.howe@ttu.edu. Texas Tech University encourages applications from women and minorities.

University of California, Santa Barbara seeks a tenure-track assistant professor in Ancient Greece, effective July 1, 2000. Research specialty may cover any part of the Greek-speaking world to AD 800. PhD normally required at time of appointment. Teaching obligations are 5 courses per year; UCSB is on the quarter system. Courses include the lower division survey of Western Civilization and specialized upper division and graduate courses. Send c.v. and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent by November 15, 1999, to Greek Search, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-9410. Unsolicited material cannot be returned. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply, including minorities and women. AA/EOE.

RECENT DISSERTATIONS

J. Scott Perry, A death in the family: the funerary colleges of the Roman empire (UNC, Chapel Hill, directed by Richard Talbert).

William Morison, Attic Gymnasia and Palaistrai Inscriptions from the Archaic Period to 336/5 BC (UC Santa Barbara, directed by Frank Frost).
ATTENTION RECENT GRADUATES
(and their dissertation directors)

AAH would like to publish the authors and titles of recent dissertations completed in Ancient History.

If you have recently completed a dissertation (or recently finished directing one), please send an e-mail with the name of the author, the title, the school, and the director to patricia.dintrone@sdsu.edu. or mail to the return address on this newsletter.
NEW BOOKS


Frederick E. Brenk, Clothed in Purple Light: Studies in Vergil and in Latin Literature (Franz Steiner Verlag, 1999).

William Dunstan, The Ancient Near East (Harcourt Brace, 1998). [Kenneth Harl (Tulane University) recommends that this book is an excellent accompaniment to a textbook on Ancient Greece for members who teach a combined Ancient Near East and Greece course.]


Frank J. Frost, Dead Philadelphians (Capra Press, 1999). [“a crime thriller. . much of the action takes place in Crete and involves a secret archaeological site.”]

W. V. Harris, ed., The Transformations of Urbs Roma in Late Antiquity (Journal of Roman Archaeology, Suppl. 33) with contributions by AAH members Alan Cameron and Michele Salzman.


Ronald Mellor, The Roman Historians (Routledge UK, 1999)

M.C. J. Miller, Abbreviations in Latin (Ares Publishers, 1999).


Carol G. Thomas and Craig Conant, Citadel to City State: The Transformation of Greece, 1200-700 BCE (Indiana University Press, 1999).

CLASSICAL ATLAS TAKING PRE-ORDERS

As many of our members know, a new classical atlas has been under preparation for some time. As it now nears completion, information on how to pre-order what is to be called the Barrington Atlas of the Greek and Roman World (sponsored by APA, published by Princeton U.P.) is now available on its webpage: http://www.unc.edu/depts/cl_atlas. Publication will be in Sept. 2000, but preordered copies will be supplied earlier.
AAH MEETING GRANTS-IN AID

Thanks to the continued generosity of our members and friends, it will be possible to continue financial support to several younger members who wish to attend the annual meeting at the University of Wisconsin this coming May 4-7.

Two or three awards of $200.00 each will be available. Applications are accepted from members of the AAH; senior members are encouraged to bring this announcement to the attention of graduate students or junior colleagues who are potential members.

The procedure for application is as follows:

1. Applicants must be advanced graduate students pursuing degrees in ancient history or faculty holding initial (untenured) positions.
2. Applications should contain a curriculum vitae, brief letter stating the applicant’s interest in attending the meeting, and one letter of support.
3. The deadline for receipt of all materials is FEBRUARY 15, 2000. Results will be announced by mid-March in order to give awardees adequate time to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

This year’s selection committee consists of Gene Borza, Patricia Dintrone, and Janice Gabbert. The three indicated items should be sent to: Prof. Eugene Borza, 5 Chantilly Court, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.
PERSONALIA

Professor Ernst Badian has been awarded an honorary Litt.D. by the University of Canterbury (New Zealand).

Profs. Michael Maas (Rice University) and Richard Talbert (UNC, Chapel Hill) will be co-directing a NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers entitled "Representing Geography and Community in the World of Imperial Rome" at the American Academy in Rome from 12 June to 21 July 2000.

William Morison will be Visiting Assistant Professor in History at Utah State for 1999/2000

Prof. F. J. Navarro (Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona) will be a Visiting Scholar at UNC, Chapel Hill, from Sept. 1999 to Feb. 2000. He is currently researching the presence of Roman senators in the cities of Italy and the provinces during the Early Empire.


Nathan Rosenstein has been awarded an ACLS fellowship for 1999-2000 to study war, agriculture, and the family in mid-Republican Rome.

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 Secretary of *AJAH*.)

DECEMBER 1 is the deadline for items for the Winter Newsletter. Remember: the Newsletter depends upon information provided by members.