This fall, as ex-officio chair of the Publications Committee (its other members currently are Stan Burstein and Carol Thomas), I’ve felt that the scope of our Association’s consciously limited capabilities and ambitions as a publisher ought to be made rather better known. The main goal is to sponsor fairly broad overviews of periods or themes in our field, although there is also a small, looser group of ‘special’ publications. The listing by Regina Books on p. 2 illustrates the range. Overviews include some reference and instructional materials. Typically, the funding for this group comes from the Association, and each member receives a copy free. The ‘special’ publications, by contrast, are not normally presented to the membership, nor funded by the Association.

An obvious category of publication that lies beyond our range is the scholarly monograph; we simply lack the expertise and organization (not to mention funds) to undertake these. In general, of course, individual members with prior experience and contacts are likely to be only too happy to help and advise others in the search for the ‘right’ publisher for a monograph. And our own Publications Committee always welcomes proposals or recommendations for new work within the scope just outlined.

Naturally, that scope is open to discussion and adjustment by the Association as a whole. Altogether its publications over the years comprise an impressive, valuable list, and we would all want to see that quality and vitality maintained.

Season’s Greetings,

Richard Talbert

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

SPRING MEETING PLANS
AAH ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 3-5, 2000
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Program:
The meeting will open with a welcome reception at about 7:00 on Thursday, May 3. There will be four paper sessions (two on Friday and two on Saturday). The annual banquet will be on Saturday evening.

The sessions will be (exact order to be announced later):

The Emergence of the Polis (Chair: Carol Thomas) Note: this session will be held at the Cap*Rock Winery.

Makedonika (Chair: Gene Borza)

Roman Historiography: from Fabius Pictor to Ammianus Marcellinus (Chair: Richard Mitchell)

Roman Imperialism from Veii to Dacia (Chair: Allen Ward)

A program will be mailed to each member in late December/early January.

Housing:
The conference organizer, Briggs Twyman, has arranged two housing options. Members should make their own reservations and identify themselves as participants in the Association of Ancient Historians conference. (Use Briggs Twyman’s name, if necessary.)

Four Points by Sheraton, 505 Ave Q, Lubbock, TX. $69 + tax single or double. Phone 800-325-3535. Rates guaranteed through April 7; convention rate on a space-available basis until April 15.

La Quinta Civic Center, 601 Ave Q, Lubbock, TX. $59 + tax single or double, includes continental breakfast. Phone 800-687-6667 (national number). Rates guaranteed through April 15.

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PERSONALIA

- Walter Donlan delivered the 16th Russell and Kathryn Memorial Lecture in Classics at the University of Tennessee (9/22/00) on the topic “Achilles the Ally: Politics and Power in Homer’s Iliad.”

- Colin Wells has been elected a Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute.

ARIES PUBLISHERS MOVES

Martin Miller has joined the History Department at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Co. Joining him in Colorado is Ares Publishers, at 14273 West First Drive, Golden, CO 80401. Phone 303-279-8435.

The Association of Ancient Historians Newsletter is published three times a year by the Association of Ancient Historians, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182-8147, and is distributed free to members of the AAH.
The Association of Ancient Historians Invites Applications for

GRANTS-IN-AID

For the Annual Meeting at

Texas Tech University
May 3-5, 2001

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.

The deadline for receipt of all materials is

FEBRUARY 15, 2001

Results will be announced by mid-March in order to give awardees adequate time to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

The three indicated items should be sent to:

Prof. Eugene Borza, 5 Chantilly Court, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.
CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

Ancient History at the Crossroads of a New Millennium: New Directions for Future Research is the subject of the AAH/AHA joint session at this year's annual meeting in Boston. Organized and chaired by John Shean (University of Michigan), it includes papers by Mark Chavalas (University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse) on "The First Half of History: The Status of Historical Research in Assyriology"; Kenneth Sacks (Brown University) on "New Directions in Hellenistic History," and Robert Frakes (Clarion University of Pennsylvania) on "Roman History at the Dawn of the Twenty-First Century." Thomas Martin (College of the Holy Cross) will be the commentator. The session is scheduled for Saturday, January 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Beacon Room H of the Sheraton Hotel.

Fordyce Mitchel Memorial Lecture Series. The Department of History University of Missouri-Columbia announces that the speaker for 2002 will be Professor Carol Thomas, University of Washington and the speaker for 2004 will be Professor Mogens Herman Hansen, University of Copenhagen. Contact Prof. Ian Worthington (worthingtoni@missouri.edu) for further details.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Department of History at Michigan State University seeks a temporary, one-year appointment in the field of Ancient History for the 2001-2002 academic year. The successful candidate will be expected to teach four classes, including a two-term upper division survey of ancient Mediterranean History (HST 330: The Greeks and their neighbors, 1,600-200 BCE; HST 331: Rome, beginning to Constantine), an introductory level survey of European history to 1500 CE (HST 205), and an introductory level seminar on the study of history (HST 201--20 students max). Interested parties should send their cv and credentials/placement file (including reference letters) to: Professor Lewis Siegelbaum, Chair, Department of History, Michigan State University, 301 Morrill Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1036. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2001

VISITING FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

The University of Houston is hosting a visiting Fulbright Scholar from November 2000 - May 2001. Dr. Valerii Nikonorov is a Russian specialist in Central Asian archaeology and history. He holds an appointment in the Institute of the History of Material Culture, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia. He has conducted field work at numerous sites in Central and East Asia and is working on the development of ancient military technology. During his stay at the University of Houston he will lecture extensively and collaborate with his host, Frank Holt, on research projects related to Hellenistic Bactria. Scholars wishing to correspond on these matters or who may wish to invite Dr. Nikonorov to lecture at their institutions may write to Frank Holt at histm@pop.uh.edu.

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies at The Ohio State University offers short-term fellowships (of one to four months duration) to support visitors pursuing post-doctoral research in Greek and Latin history and epigraphy. The fellowships pay for travel to and from Columbus and a living expense of $1,500 per month; they must be taken up between September 2001 and April 2002. Recipients are expected to be in residence during the tenure of the award and are encouraged to participate in the activities of the University.

The Center's holdings include, in addition to a comprehensive library to support the study of Greek and Latin inscriptions, Arthur and Joyce Gordon's photographs and squeezes of Latin inscriptions, J.K. Evans's photo archive of Latin inscriptions from north Italy, J.M.R. Cormack's papers, photographs and squeezes of inscriptions from Macedonia, Sterling Dow's and A.G. Woodhead's collections of off-prints, and substantial collections of photographs and squeezes of Greek inscriptions. The focus of the Greek collection is Attica, but there are numerous squeezes from other sites.

There is no application form. Applicants are requested to submit a curriculum vitae and a brief research proposal (not to exceed three pages) to Professor Stephen V. Tracy, Director, Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies, The Ohio State University, 190 Pressey Hall, 1070 Carmack Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1002. The applicant should also arrange to have two letters of recommendation sent to the Director. All application materials must be received by January 31, 2001. Awards will be announced towards the end of March 2001.
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.
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