SPRING MEETING PLANS

The 2002 annual meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians will be hosted by Georgia Southern University and held in Savannah, Georgia, April 25-28, 2002. The meeting will also be the opportunity to honor Professor Susan Treggiari on the occasion of her recent retirement from Stanford University. A panel has been organized in her honor. The website for the conference is www2.gasou.edu/contedu/ancienthistorians.html

URBANISM, COLONY AND EMPIRE

In his panegyric to Rome of 150, Aelius Aristides returns again and again to the theme of urbanism—the failure of the classical polis, contrasted with the greatness of Rome itself and the civic life the empire fostered. From Fustel de Coulanges and Max Weber to today, classical historians and archaeologists have advanced our understanding of the ancient world as an urban culture, a world of cities. This forms the theme of our conference.

Panels are planned on the following topics:

Friday:  Saturday:
Opening address by Mary T. Boatwright  Cities of the Roman Empire
Greek Colonization  Panel in honor of Susan Treggiari
The Greek City  Sunday:
City and Colony in the Roman Republic  Rome and Environs

REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available on the website for those who wish to register early. The registration fee is $40 through March 25 and $50 thereafter. The registration fee includes the annual banquet. Additional (guest) banquet tickets are $30.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The host Hotel for the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians is the DeSoto Hilton, 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. Phone: (912) 232-9000. Fax: (912) 231-1633 A block of rooms has been reserved at the DeSoto Hilton for your convenience for Thursday, April 25, Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, 2002 at the special rate of $139.00 per night (plus tax). Please contact the DeSoto Hilton directly to make your reservation. Remember to mention that you want to reserve a room in the special room block reserved for the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians. A list of alternative hotels is also listed on the conference website.

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Pride of place in this issue goes to the tentative schedule for next April’s annual meeting in Savannah, GA. As you see, it promises to be full and engaging. I want to express immediate gratitude to Tim Teeter and the organizing committee, as well as to Judy Evans-Grubbs (who took responsibility for the special session in honor of Susan Treggiari). They received a quite unprecedented number of proposals – which is a marvelous index of the enthusiasm generated by the call for papers, but at the same inevitably a delicate challenge for the organizers in seeking to craft the program. It just proved impossible for them to accept more proposals than they did.

Looking further ahead, the Association would be happy to see its sponsorship of a session at the American Historical Association’s annual meeting maintained. While “Games, Sport and Politics” has been suggested as a rewarding possibility for 2003, I invite a prospective organizer for this, or any other suitable theme, to be in touch with me.

Current Concepts and the Study of Ancient History, papers originally presented at a notably rewarding AHA session sponsored by the Association, and now co-edited by Stan Burstein and Carol Thomas, will soon be going to press in our Pamphlets series. Thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

And let me add a reminder that proposals or recommendations for new publications by the Association are always welcome (although our scope excludes scholarly monographs).

Even in these difficult times, do please consider making a donation to the Association (tax-deductible in the U.S.). A tear-off form specially for the purpose appears on p. 2 of this issue. This also permits you to indicate how much of

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Mail to: Patricia Dintrone, Secretary-Treasurer AAH, Dept. of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182-8147.

Thank you for donating. Season’s greetings.

Richard Talbert
APA/C AH PANEL AT 2002 MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA

The APA Committee on Ancient History is sponsoring a panel, "The Preparation of Ancient History Materials: Textbooks and Video Documentaries." The panel has been organized by Valerie M. Warrior of Wesleyan University to reflect the pedagogical mission of the APA/C AH as revised in December 1999. It will also feature discussion of the recently aired documentary, The Roman Empire in the First Century.

Papers include, Donald and Jean Johnson, New York University, "Conceptualizing and Writing an Integrated World History for Secondary Students"; Steven W. Hirsch, Tufts University, "The Ancient Civilizations of the Mediterranean in a Global Context"; Jennifer T. Roberts, City University of New York, "Creative Compromise: Collaboration in the Writing of Textbooks"; Keith R. Bradley, University of Notre Dame, "The Roman Empire in the First Century"; Ronald Mellor, University of California, Los Angeles, "Documentaries and Historical Fiction in Teaching Ancient History." The Comment will be by Peter Cohee, Boston Latin School.

The session will be held on Sunday January 6, 2-4:30 p.m. in the Philadelphia Marriot Hotel.

SITES WORTH CITING

Two websites that may be of particular interest to members:


Center for Mediterranean Civilizations, Tel Aviv University at www.tau.ac.il/humanities/cmc

And, of course, visit the AAH website Resources page at www.trentu.ca/ahc/resources.html.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Nominations are now in order for the office of President of the AAH for the 3-year term 2002-2005. The current President, Richard Talbert, is eligible for re-election for a second term.

Nominations must be signed by three AAH members from different institutions (different campuses of the same system are considered different institutions) and counter-signed by the nominee to indicate willingness to serve.

Nominations must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than April 10, 2002.

AAH-AHA PANEL AT 2002 MEETING

Continuing the tradition of maintaining an A AH presence at the annual meeting of the AHA, the Association will once again co-sponsor a panel at the annual AHA meeting in San Francisco. The panel has been organized by Michael Meckler of the Ohio State University and will be on the topic “Classical Antiquity and the United States Senate.”


The session will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2:30-4:30 in the Parc 55 Hotel, Sienna Room 1. A AH members who will be attending the AHA are especially encouraged to attend this panel.

AJAH DISCOUNT

Paid-up members of the A AH are entitled to a 20% discount on an annual subscription to the American Journal of Ancient History. Write to AJAH, c/o Professor T. Corey Brennan, Department of Classics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1414. Phone: 732-932-9493, fax 732-932-9246, website www.ajah.org. (Note: AJAH is not an A AH publication and the Secretary-Treasurer has no information about it; please direct all questions to Professor Brennan.)

UNC WINS GRANT

UNC, Chapel Hill has been awarded an NEH Challenge Grant of $500,000 to assist in establishing an endowment for its Ancient World Mapping Center. Visit www.unc.edu/depts/awmc for more information.
The Association of Ancient Historians
Invites Applications for

GRANTS-IN-AID

For the Annual Meeting in

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April 25-28, 2002
http://www2.gasou.edu/contedu/ancienthistorians.html

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, 2002

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:

Dr. Cynthia Schwenk
History Department GSU
P.O. Box 4117
Atlanta, GA 30302-4117
AAH INFORMATION FORM

Check boxes that apply:
- ☐ Change of address (or use the on-line form at http://rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/chaweb/UPO/aah/update.html)
- ☐ Regular ($7.50/year)
- ☐ Associate ($5/year*) (*Associate membership is available only to students, retirees, and non-residents of the U.S. or Canada)
- ☐ New member ☐ Renewal Most recent year paid (from mailing label) ______
- Payment enclosed: $_______ for _____ years (limit 5 years in advance)
- ☐ 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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DUES INFORMATION

- Annual dues are $7.50/year for regular members and $5.00/year for Associate members (students, retired, and non-residents of the US or Canada). Dues may be paid up to 5 years in advance. Payments received in 2001 can cover years up to and including 2006.
- The year for which you most recently paid dues can be found as the first line of your mailing label. Members are dropped from the mailing list after three years of non-payment of dues. Therefore, if your mailing label says 1998 or earlier, your membership will lapse at the end of December.
- Members who wish to pay their dues in Canadian dollars or in sterling may do so by paying the equivalent amount in a check made payable to Richard Talbert, who will handle the necessary conversions. Please mail checks in Canadian dollars or in sterling to the Secretary-Treasurer in the normal way. Please note that checks made payable to Association of Ancient Historians must be in US dollars.

RECENT DISSERTATIONS

- Peter O'Brien, Speeches and Imperial Characterization in Ammianus Marcellinus (Boston University, 2001. Directed by Michele R. Salzman).

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 pdintron@mail.sdsu.edu or mail to the return address on this newsletter.
POSITION AVAILABLE

KENYON COLLEGE, Joint Appointment in Classics, The Integrated Program In Humane Studies (IPHS). Kenyon College seeks to make a joint appointment in Classics (which at Kenyon includes Ancient History) and The Integrated Program In Humane Studies (IPHS). This is a tenure-track position with an initial appointment of three years, beginning July 1, 2002. The primary research interest of applicants should be Ancient Greek and/or Roman History, and the successful applicant will be competent to teach Greek and Latin languages at all levels. Through 2006, the position will entail teaching half-time in Classics and half-time in IPHS' year-long Odyssey of the West course. This is a wide-ranging, textually oriented course involving works and authors ranging from classical antiquity through the modern period. After 2006, the position will be full-time in Classics. Interest in such related fields as mythology, archaeology, religion, philosophy, gender studies, or another specialty would be welcome. Applicants should hold the Ph.D. by June, 2002 and be able to document effectiveness as a teacher. The teaching load is 3:2. Send to Professor Robert Bennett, Chair of Search Committee, Department of Classics, Kenyon College Gambier, Ohio 43022 (E-mail: BENNETTR@kenyon.edu; department homepage http://www2kenyon.edu/depts/classics/classhpg.htm) the following: (1) letter of application, including teaching approaches and interests and research interests; (2) a list of graduate courses completed; (3) curriculum vitae; and (4) three letters of reference. Review of applications will begin October 31 and continue until the position is filled. Interviews will be conducted at the AFA annual meeting in Philadelphia, January 3-6, 2002. An equal opportunity employer, Kenyon is committed to building a culturally diverse faculty and encourages the applications of women and minority candidates.

Candidates should also visit the “jobs” link on the AAH Website at http://www.trentu.ca/ahc/ahh/jobs.html.

MARCH 1

is the deadline for items for the Spring Newsletter.

Remember: the Newsletter depends upon information provided by members.

NEW BOOKS

- Ira Malkin (ed), Ancient Perceptions of Greek Ethnicity (Harvard Univ. Press, 2001)
- Don Nardo, Encyclopedia of Greek and Roman Mythology (San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2002).