It seems incumbent upon me here to let members know both how deeply honored I am to find myself in the office of President and to report on the state of our Association. Fortunately, I do indeed feel a profound sense of awe at the responsibility that has been entrusted to me. Those of you who were in Savannah heard Richard Talbert speak very movingly of the astonishment he would have felt if, as a young man first attending our meetings, he had heard it foretold that he would some day preside over the Association. Substitute the words “as a young woman” and you have my sentiments precisely. I have attended meetings of the AAH since I was, I believe, thirty years old; now I find myself grateful that they don’t conflict with the birthdays of any of my grandchildren.

At the Lubbock meeting, in May of 2001, sometime after the barbecue but before the ride back to the hotel on the bus where we all sang every song we could think of that had to do with Texas, I sat with several of you under the stars as we reminisced about earlier meetings and contemplated how much more tightly bonded many of us felt to one another than to colleagues at our own institutions. For this reason I find it a particular privilege to be serving in the office on which I have just entered. I can also truthfully report that the state of our union is good. Those of you who were not in Savannah missed many treats, but what you missed most of all was the sight (and sound) of a plethora of young people new to the Association. The presence of so many new first-time attendees bodes very well for the future of our organization. I look forward immensely to serving you all in the years ahead.

Best wishes,

Jennifer Roberts

AAH ANNUAL MEETING
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A Call for Papers
Theme “Biography and History”

“For it is not history we are writing, but lives,” states Plutarch in the introduction to his Life of Alexander. Certainly the historiography of Alexander’s career offers a classic instance of how the personalizing approach of ancient sources can bedevil the modern historian’s task of reconstructing antiquity. And from the modern perspective, how can we know enough about any figure to write biography? Impossible, asserts, among others, Sir Ronald Syme; though few, it seems, have taken such warnings to heart.

What is biography, and what is its connection with narrative history? Plutarch notes the distinction, but the genre has always eluded definition. Is biography a somehow lesser genre, or precursor to monumental history in the development of the individual historian? Do certain types of political regimes favour the writing of biography over history? Such questions invite reflections of all kinds on classical biography and its practitioners, both ancient and modern; and such is the theme of the 2003 meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians.

While the theme of the conference is “Biography and History,” we are pleased to invite papers which focus on other aspects of ancient history. In particular, we invite papers for a special panel on “Biography and Military History.”

Prospective participants may be interested to know that immediately following the meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians (May 8-10) the Classical Association of Canada (CAC) will also be meeting at UNB Fredericton (May 11-14).

Abstracts of between 200 and 400 words may be sent by fax [(506) 447-3072], by email <classics@unb.ca>, or by post to Association of Ancient Historians 2003, Classics & Ancient History, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada E3B 5A3. Please indicate if you will require any audio-visual equipment, and whether you will require fifteen, twenty or twenty-five minutes to make your presentation. Ideally, all abstracts should be postmarked or received by 15 October, 2002, but they will accepted through 1 November. A completed draft of the paper is to be submitted no later than 1 April, 2003.

Additional information may be found at http://www.unb.ca/arts/CLAS/aah2003.html

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AAH

Note: The following speech was delivered by Susan Treggiari at the banquet at the Annual meeting in Savannah. It is printed here for the convenience of those members who would like a copy of this delightful perspective on the AAH to share with potential members or for their own memories.

After-dinner speeches are dangerous. When Ronald Syme got to his feet at our meeting in Seattle in 1979, his chair went backwards over the edge of the podium and he only just saved himself. That was, in other respects, a memorable address, on ‘The Emperor Augustus: forty years later’, delivered without notes, and clocking in at precisely 40 minutes. The more usual danger is to bore the audience. I shall try at least to be brief. But, since I’m invited to say something, I shall just dwell on a few topics which seem important at this stage in my own life and conjure up a few memories.

I’ve been a member of AAH since it was formally constituted, in 1974. There will be people here who remember the early days, when it was an informal gathering. On the other hand, there are those, perhaps graduate students and young colleagues, who have never been to one of our meetings before. Since we are, after all, historians, a bit of archaeologia may be permissible.

Because I was secretary-treasurer, I have some archival material to draw on. The old newsletters – how old-fashioned they look now! – and my sheaf of correspondence with Chester Starr bring back the flavour of those early days to me. Chester, ever calm and sensible, drawing on his administrative experience with PTA and refreshed by his snorkelling expeditions, was full of good ideas, many of which bore fruit. His style and humour remind me of Tom Sawyer – he’d say things like ‘he allowed as how he was willing to stand’. The AAH was launched during the first week of May 1974 at a meeting at Harvard organised by Ernst Badian. We had an introductory lecture by A. Alféldi of the Institute for Advanced Study on ‘Caesar in the propaganda of the triumvirate’, which does not sound out of date. Then there were two papers by K.R. Walters and Harry Dell, commented on by Ostwald and Hammond, followed by tea. The Sunday again had two papers, by Bob Knapp and Peter Kussmaul, with comments from Carney and Alféldi. The end of my cyclostyled programme carries the note: ‘NB: To forestall one form of criticism, no papers at all were submitted by women!’ If you think of our program here in Savannah, our growth is obvious.

Early newsletters ran to two pages, typed by a secretary on a typewriter. The job situation at the end of 1974 was dire, but the President, Chester Starr, reminded us that it had been worse when he got his degree in the late Depression. By the time of the second Newsletter, membership had doubled to 210. Plans for a Summer Institute got under way. Chester was re-elected for a regular 3-year term, the AJAH was launched. The 1976 meeting at Berkeley and Stanford was summed up for the newsletter, by a couple of interested bystanders, one with a haiku and the other in prose. Both, if I remember correctly, were written by Chester. I quote from the prose version, adding some glosses of my own.

There were seven planets, seven sages, and there have been seven meetings of the AAH. The child comes of age: after taking delight in proscriptions, wars and mass murders which required only mild parental guidance, the Seventh Meeting plunged into strictly non-gentlemanly exploration of Oedipal and other forbidden drives, neuroses and complexes of the Greatest Roman, the Noblest, the Last, and the Most Cunning of Them All. (That was Tom Africa on Brutus.)

If Alexandrian medicine seemed to be an abstruse topic, the impression was evidently false. The message from the speaker’s platform was unequivocal in its practicality: money is a good thing, but too much of patronage is not good at all. (That was Heinrich von Staden.)

The Loch Ness monster of ancient history, the Themistocles decree, keeps popping out. The Dragon has been valiantly slain, but never mind, we’ll meet him before long.

The slaves (to borrow a memorable phrase from Sir Ronald) may or may not have participated in the Catilinarian conspiracy (that was Keith Bradley), but on the other hand there is firm evidence for the existence of women in Antiquity. Some of them used to work, and some, surprisingly enough, did some thinking as well. If so, the question still remains if it was the right thing to do. (That was Sarah Pomeroy and me.)

The heady feeling of those new beginnings in the history of women comes back to me. Keith and Sarah and I were young! Relatively.

Newsletter 9 for 1977 listed some three dozen recent PhDs, many of them now the leaders of the profession. The 1978 meeting at Boulder was memorable for the storm which left blooming cherry trees decked in snow and ancient historians ankle-deep. The wine for the party arrived by sledge.

When you move house, you don’t save old papers like these to savour the memory of old crises and disagreements and chores. You keep them to be reminded of friends. From the beginning, the charm of our meetings was the friendly and constructive atmosphere.

Chester is no longer with us, but many of the great men of the early days happily are still writing away and coming to meetings. Our Founder is here. All the past presidents except Chester are here: Ramsay, Gene, Stan, Carol, Richard and me – and now Jenny Roberts is our new president.
Broadening this AAH focus to the wider contexts in which I’ve lived, I take some examples of scholars whose lives and work have been an inspiration. I’m thinking only of people I knew pretty well and whose interests touched mine. The death of John D’Arms earlier this year came as a shock. So did the sudden end of Barry Nicholas, though at a riper age, in March. The characteristic which again and again emerges as one thinks of great scholars such as these is the generosity with which they share their knowledge and ideas and the support and encouragement which they give to their juniors. I learned that as an undergraduate, in particular from my Greek history tutor Anne Jeffery, and I’ve been lucky enough to have met other mentors since – Syme, Brun, Daube, Ramsay MacMullen, Toni Raubitschek, Mike Jameson.

Then, of course, after such ‘humble friend relationships’, there are the near-contemporaries and colleagues, whom you see doing the washing-up or down on the floor with a toddler. I was very lucky when I went to Ottawa in 1970 to join a splendid team teaching Greek and Roman Civilisation – Ed Bloedow, Konrad Kinzl (who is sorry not to be here), Martin Kilmer, Colin Wells, and for one term ‘Tom Brown’ Stevens. For some of the time, David Welsh, who died two weeks ago, joined in, on fifth-century Athens. That experience set the pattern for my subsequent teaching, as did further collaboration with Colin on a number of projects. Those colleagues opened my eyes to archaeology and art. Through the Classical Association of Canada, Phoenix and Classical News & Views (as it then was), I got to know most of the Canadian classicists of that generation. And I met my first graduate students, to whom my debt is immense. Everyone I’ve ever supervised has been independent-minded in choice of topic, so I have had constantly to struggle to keep up, whether it’s been with Garry Pinard on The children of Appius Claudius Pulcher, Marianne Goodfellow on Literary attitudes to the Georgics, David Cherry on Marriage between Roman citizens and peregrini. That meant, respectively, prosopography, just about every Latin author down to Macrobius, and masses of Roman law and inscriptions. When I went to Stanford to be interviewed, I at once met Judy Evans Grubbs, who was pressing – effectively – for the appointment of a Roman historian after an interregnum which should have been avoided. So Judy counts as my senior Stanford student, and, with David Cherry, the one whose interests in the family and especially in the legal sources were perhaps closest to my own. But all the Stanford students on whose committees I served offered particular pleasures and enlightenments.

Bill Klingshirn, Cynthia Damon, Michael Devinne, James Rives, Andy Bell, Peter Hunt, Margaret Imber, Richard Westall, Amy Jervis, Nick Cofod, James Quillin, Cashman Prince, Adam Serfass, Paul Chénier, -- and from outside Stanford, Cristina Calhoun, and Leslie Shumka. Quos honoris causa nomino. Some of those names will be unfamiliar, because they are not all ancient historians.

It is important, I think, to keep in touch with classical literature, and it certainly adds to life’s pleasures. I’m the sort who is turned on by sources rather than theory – or even questions which need answering – and it is always fun to go back to a favourite like Cicero or Horace. Imaginative literature like Horace or Vergil can help answer some questions for which more obvious historiographical sources are not enough. But this audience doesn’t need telling, as some old-fashioned literary colleagues once did, that Cicero’s letters are a vital first-hand source for the politics of the late Republic, so that we hardly need a correspondence should be set, perhaps, rather than the whole of Sallust. I was also a bit embarrassed once at a PhD comprehensive for a candidate from a History Department to find that I was giving a lot of time to...
the heads of your enemies in civil war.

Then there are more informal contacts. Years ago I got a lot of help from the Ciceronian Bill McDermott, whom I never met in the flesh, but who was a delightful correspondent. His offprints are coming in useful again now that I’ve gone back to Cicero. Perhaps I should put Lesley Dean Jones in this group. Our official interchanges were limited to working on Roman Britain for her special field exam. But as she lived with us while she was writing her thesis, I got a lot of the Hippocratic corpus by osmosis. And her interest in Greek women of course fitted in with mine in Roman.

The bottom line is that you can see former students taking things further and doing them better than you could ever do. The U.S. pattern almost guarantees that you won’t have a departmental colleague in your field, so contacts with opposite numbers elsewhere are vital. I was enormously lucky to have Erich Gruen on the other side of the Bay. And for Roman family history there was, and is, a close-knit group. Suzanne Dixon came to Stanford soon after I arrived, on a Fulbright post-doc. Keith Bradley and I corresponded from his early days in the States and have been in constant touch for twenty years. I met Tom McGinn when he was just finishing his dissertation, at the AAH meeting at Ann Arbor, we think. Such friendships have been enormously stimulating for my work. More than that, they bring the pleasure of conversation on many other areas of life. There are many others, patroni, amici, and even perhaps clientes, whom I might mention. But I think the clientes are all amici.

All my life we have worried about the decline of Classics in formal education. Our proportion of the market may be down, but it is clear that there are more books and articles than ever being published; that a wider public is keenly interested in new translations, in biographies of emperors and in archaeology, and that scholars are bubbling with new ideas. I feel optimistic about the continuing importance of the field. I shall watch from the sidelines with interest.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to Tim Teeter for inviting me to fill this slot and to members for listening to me. I am deeper in Judy’s debt than ever, for the exciting session she organised this afternoon. I have the warmest memories of the AAH and shall cherish the recollection of this meeting.

Susan Treggiari

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD. Department of History, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities full-time, 9 month, tenure-track Assistant Professor or Associate Professor with tenure, to begin August 25, 2003. Period and specialization within the framework of Greco-Roman antiquity open. Tenure and budget in Department of History; teaching duties divided equally between History and Classical and Near Eastern Studies (CNES). Teaching in History includes survey courses, and advanced undergraduate and graduate courses in Greek and/or Roman history. In CNES candidates must be able to teach courses at both levels, including courses in the relevant ancient language or languages (Greek and/or Latin). Ph.D. in history or classical studies with a specific focus on history must be in hand before start of appointment. A brief extension may be granted to those with ABD if all that remains is the formal conferring of the degree. Teaching experience and a record of publication are required at the associate professor level and preferred at the assistant professor level. Candidates must show evidence of (or the promise of) scholarly distinction in the history of Greco-Roman Antiquity and a desire to strengthen the graduate program in Ancient History. Salary and rank based upon qualifications and experience, consistent with existing Collegiate and University policy. Search open until position filled; review of files begins on November 15, 2002. Send letter of application describing training, scholarly/research interests, teaching experience (including undergraduate/graduate courses taught), and record of publication, if any; curriculum vitae; a writing sample (chapter from dissertation or book, or an article); and three letters of recommendation to Carla Rahn Phillips, Chair, Ancient Mediterranean World Search Committee, Department of History, 614 Social Sciences, 267 - 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Additional materials may be requested later. For complete job description, please refer to the History website-- http//www.hist.umn.edu, and the CNES website-- http//www.cnes.edu. The University of Minnesota.

ANCIENT ROMAN HISTORY. The History Department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship in the history of Ancient Rome. The successful candidate will have research expertise in any period of Roman history and the ability to teach from the early Republic to late Antiquity. Applicants must have completed the PhD by the beginning of appointment in August 2003 and show promise of a distinguished career as a scholar and teacher. A letter of application, c.v., and three letters of recommendation should be sent by December 1, 2002 to Professor Johann Sommerville, Chair, Roman Search Committee, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 3211 George Mosse Humanities Building, 455 N. Park Street, Madison, WI 53706-1483. The University of Wisconsin at Madison is an AA/EOE and encourages applications from women and minorities. Unless confidentiality is requested in writing, information regarding applicants must be released upon request. Finalists cannot be guaranteed confidentiality.
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Chair: Winthrop Lindsay Adams, University of Utah

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- "Run for Your Country: Competing Athenian Paradigms of Loyalty in the Ancient Olympic Games" (Zinon Papakonstantinou, University of Washington)
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- "Symbol and Celebration: Links between the Ancient and Modern Games" (Robert K. Barney, University of Western Ontario)

Comment: Nancy B. Reed, Texas Tech University
Jeffrey O. Segrave, Skidmore College

PERSONALIA

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