**President’s Column**

Dear colleagues, In response to requests from many of you, I have been gathering information regarding the current situation at universities in New Orleans. Since space is short, I will proceed directly here to sharing with you the reports I have received from Loyola New Orleans and Tulane. First, from Bob Rowland concerning Loyola:

The day Hurricane Katrina made landfall, Monday, 29 August, was supposed to be the first day of classes for the fall semester at Loyola University New Orleans; many people evacuated thinking we’d be back in a day or two -- indeed, as late as Saturday the university’s website carried an announcement that classes would start on Tuesday. We never did have a fall semester, and the spring semester began on 9 January with 91% of the fall’s student population returned. During the evacuation the university continued to pay full-time faculty and staff. I’ve seen an estimate that 60% of faculty and staff suffered destroyed or damaged residences. Some of those whose homes were destroyed cashed in and purchased new ones, even as far away as Baton Rouge; others are waiting for new FEMA flood elevation maps to decide whether to rebuild or bulldoze and are making do with temporary housing in trailers, rented apartments or whatever. Repairing damage is a slow process: two carpenters are sawing and hammering 30 or 40 feet from my study as I type this on 7 March (we had wind and rain damage, no flooding, and one ceiling was still dripping when we returned on 10 October).

This would have been my sabbatical semester, but all sabbaticals along with faculty travel were cancelled for this spring and next year. Most of us are teaching extra as a means of recovering some of the expenses incurred last fall and to help make up for lost revenue: operating and personnel budgets were cut in anticipation of a student shortfall of 20-25%, and there have been reductions in force. It’s not clear exactly what the university’s fiscal situation is: many decisions were made by administrators without faculty participation during the evacuation; business interruption insurance combined with federal and Clinton-Bush I grants might turn a "rosy scenario" but there are not lacking those who think that "a crisis is a terrible thing to waste" and who desire to initiate some permanent downsizing.

The students seem to be in excellent spirits. Since the university's budget is about 80% tuition-driven, we've got to be somewhat apprehensive about next year's enrollments both returnees and incoming freshmen, but I see no cause for pessimism.

And this from Susann Lusnia at Tulane: On Friday, August 26, 2005 we learned that Hurricane Katrina had shifted its track by nearly 150 miles and thus was headed for New Orleans. That weekend was "move-in" and orientation for the Class of 2009 at Tulane University. Basically, the students and their families were welcomed on Saturday morning, and then by noon that same day were told to

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**"Crossing boundaries"**

**Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians**

**Stanford University, May 5-7, 2006**

Location of Sessions: Building 320, Room 105
Registration, breaks, lunches, and book exhibits: Stanford Archaeology Center, Building 500
Reception and banquet: Stanford Faculty Club

**Friday, May 5, 2006**

6.00-7.45 Opening reception

**Saturday, May 6, 2006**

9.15-10.45 Comparative history

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.15 Politics
Chair: Nino Luraghi (Harvard University), Greg Anderson (Ohio State University): “Rethinking the origins of Greek citizenship,” Emily Mackil (UC Berkeley): “The social embeddedness of political institutions: a view from the Greek koinon”

12.15-13.30 Lunch break

13.30-15.30 Classics and national cultures in Asia
Organizer: Phiroze Vasunia (University of Reading)

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

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Myth becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece, by Carol G. Thomas (1993). Member price: (paper) $9.00 (cloth) $16.00.

Makedonika: Essays by Eugene N. Borza, ed. by Carol G. Thomas for the Association of Ancient Historians (1995). Member price: (paper) $12.00 (cloth) $24.00.


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Other Regina titles by AAH members:


Call for Papers: “Regionalism and Globalism in Antiquity”

The CACW and the CAPN will hold a joint conference on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17, 2007, to be hosted by the Department of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies at the University of British Columbia, in downtown Vancouver. Professor Lord Colin Renfrew of Cambridge University will be the keynote speaker.

The theme is regionalism and globalism in antiquity. This conference seeks to delineate regionalism and globalism in antiquity and to explore their effects on the local spatial dimension. We invite papers and thematic panels from scholars, including graduate students, interested in any aspect and time-period in antiquity of regionalism and globalism in the Mediterranean basin and lands beyond. Papers in all fields are encouraged. We encourage a wide variety of approaches--disciplinary and interdisciplinary, and the participation of a wide variety of scholars, not just classicists, but also Near Eastern scholars, Eurasian prehistorians, and any others interested in the conference theme.

Direct questions to Professor Franco De Angelis at angelis@interchange.ubc.ca. Abstracts of no more than 100-150 words for talks of twenty minutes should be sent by e-mail attachment by the September 15, 2006 deadline to the co-ordinator, Professor Robert Todd at bobbach@interchange.ubc.ca. Abstracts must also be accompanied by a CV. A preliminary program will be linked to the website of the Dep’t of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies at UBC (http://cnrs.arts.ubc.ca)
Announcements from colleagues and other organizations
The editor solicits items of interest to members. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is August 15th.

James Francis has won a NEH Fellowship for his project "People as Pictures: Visualities of Text and Image in the Second through Fourth Centuries, C.E." Todd Hickey (UC-Berkeley) won for his project entitled “Reading the Papyri of a Priestly Family.” William Klingshirm (Catholic University of America) won for his project on “Diviners and Divination in the Roman Empire.” Nate Rosenstein (OSU) landed one for his project, “Military Mortality in the Middle and Late Roman Republic.” (Congrats!!)


James Allan Evans is pleased to report that Edgar Kent Publishers (distributed by U. of Toronto) is publishing a volume of his essays on Herodotus and the Persian Wars, with a preface by Robert L. Fowler, of the University of Bristol. The collection includes his previously unpublished essay, “Fr. Joseph-Francois Latiffau: A Disciple of Herodotus among the Iroquois."


Paul Rahe will be the Daimler/Chrysler Fellow at the University of Berlin in April and May of 2006.


Duncan Fishwick reports the publication of his The Imperial Cult in the Latin West, Volume III, Part 4, Leiden 2005.

Peter Green is pleased to announce that his new book, Diodorus Siculus Books 11-12.37.1: Greek History, 480-431 BC, The Alternative Version, has recently been published by the University of Texas Press.

Nancy Demand’s textbook, A History of Ancient Greece” has been now published in a second edition by Sloan Publishing. It has been extensively updated and enlarged, and now includes a chapter on the Hellenistic Age. (bwebber@sloanpublishing.com).

Jonathan S. Perry’s The Roman Collegia: The Modern Evolution of an Ancient Concept is shortly to be distributed as Mnemosyne Supplement 277, Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2006. Jonathan passes on his sincere thanks to the membership for the grant-in-aid he received to attend the AAH conference in Ann Arbor (2004) That assistance, or more correctly the experience that assistance facilitated, was instrumental in the formation of part of his argument. (Prego, Jonathan)

Matt Waters of the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire has been awarded the 2005 Jonas C. Greenfield Prize by the American Oriental Society for his article "Cyrus and the Achaemenids" (Iran 42 [2004], 91-102). The Greenfield Prize is awarded every two years for the best article on Semitic/ancient Near Eastern studies published in the previous two-year period by a scholar under 40 years old. It will be formally presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society.

Kimberly Kagan is pleased to announce that her book, Eye of Command, has now been published (University of Michigan Press, 2006).
Registration Form
Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians
May 5-7, 2006 Stanford University

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Colleagues, if you have not already done so, register now!! You may use the form at
www.stanford.edu/~mbutler/aah/registration.shtml and refer to
www.stanford.edu/~mbutler/aah/orientation.shtml for detailed info on how to get the meeting sites. One map
is up already, there will be another one just for the central campus. We will provide free shuttle service on Fri-
day evening from the Cardinal Hotel (or a nearby location) and the Stanford Terrace Inn to the reception at the
Faculty Club and back to the hotels; likewise Saturday and Sunday mornings and evenings, at times to be
posted in the orientation section of the web site. On Friday, participants can also use the regular campus shuttle
service (B line) to get to the Faculty Club, or walk for about 30 minutes. Registration will be at the Stan-
ford Archaeology Center (marked on the map(s)) starting Friday afternoon. That's all I can think of right
now. Walter
leave campus as quickly as possible. No one expected to be away for more than 4 or 5 days. We took very little with us, and we expected to start classes a few days late. The reality, however, was quite different. Once the extent of the disaster became apparent, the university had no choice but to cancel the fall term. Across the U.S. and even overseas, universities and colleges generously took in our students and faculty, providing us with the ability to continue our education and research goals. Tulane’s campus was damaged by both flooding and high winds. Our main library had 7 feet of water in its lowest level. This destroyed much of the government documents collection. The music collection is undergoing conservation, with the hope that a majority of it will be saved. Special collections also suffered, as the basement of Jones Hall where it is housed, was flooded with at least 4 feet of water. In fact, most of the north half of our Uptown campus flooded. The medical school facilities in downtown New Orleans sustained serious damage, too. The costs of these and other repairs, coupled with the loss of revenues this fall, forced the university to cut about 500 staff positions in late fall. This was followed by more rounds of cuts, including the separation of about 250 faculty (about two-thirds of those from the medical school’s clinical faculty) in December. Additionally, a small number of faculty did not return for the spring term. The majority of Tulane’s faculty and staff, however, continued to receive their salaries and benefits throughout the fall. The university maintained an emergency web site with regularly updated information for students, staff, and faculty, and temporary offices were established in Houston. Resourcefulness and creativity were abundant this fall, as we worked to re-establish contact with each other, despite the month-long absence of our regular university computing network.

In early December President Cowen announced Tulane’s Renewal Plan (http://renewal.tulane.edu/). This plan represents a significant restructuring of the university and its institutional goals. Effective in Fall 2006, the School of Liberal Arts and Science will be replaced by the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Science and Engineering. Most of the undergraduate engineering majors are being eliminated, along with several of our graduate programs in the liberal arts. The traditional undergraduate colleges of Tulane (men) and Newcomb (women) will be melded into one division, the Undergraduate College. Needless to say, faculty members are active in multiple committees now, hammering out new constitutions and undergraduate curricula. We are also teaching overloads for Spring 2006 as well as teaching an extra term, “Lagniappe,” from May 15 through June 30. Temporary classrooms have been set up to accommodate the extra courses, but we still have some buildings without telephone service or working elevators.

With about 89% of our students returning for the Spring 2006 semester, Tulane appears reasonably ‘normal’, and the university seems poised for recovery. But, travel only a few blocks from campus, and you will find areas of the city that are still desolate, without power and uninhabited. In short, there is both hope and despair in New Orleans today.  * * *

I look forward to seeing you at Stanford in May.

Best wishes, Jennifer Roberts
Minutes of the AAH 2005 meeting in Columbia MO

Meeting called to order 3.30 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with one correction (Thomas, Spaar).

Members reported the passing of two members, Briggs Twyman and Brian Williams. A moment of silence was observed on their behalf.

The S/T reported that the finances are sound and that membership is stable and increasing modestly. He noted that the web site was instrumental in bringing in new members.

W.L. Adams of the subvention committee introduced the two recipients of the 2005 subvention awards, Sandra Gambetti and Denise Demetriou. The president urged continued support from members for this fund.

J. Roberts reported on behalf of K.Kinzl, webmaster. Konrad has indicated both his willingness to continue this important service and his desire for input as to potential improvements. In addition, he is updating the Directory of Ancient Historians. He reissued his call for assistance in this endeavor and expressed a hope that this project would be completed in the fall of 2006. Discussion on the question of the inclusion of Canadian members ensued, with the conclusion being that this would unduly inflate the size of the volume and duplicate readily available lists of same, links to which are already provided on the website.

C. Thomas of the publications committee reported that four titles are in various stages of progress: E. Badian’s Alexander volume, C. Well’s Social Construct of the Romans Army, The Ancient Near East, and Ancient Law, of which three parts, Roman, Greek, and Near Eastern, are planned. Of these, the Near East volume is closest to completion, with an expected Fall 2005 date for a draft seeming plausible. Carol earnestly appealed for more ideas and expressed the feelings of the committee that both multiple and single author topic proposals are welcomed: “Propose to us a topic and volunteer to coordinate and/or write!” (Spontaneous applause for contributing authors)

The S/T announced that, pursuant to election rules in the AAH constitution, Jennifer Roberts is declared president for a second term. Jennifer accepted and expressed gratitude to members for their continued support.

J. Roberts, on behalf of W. Scheidel, announced some preliminary concerns about the timing of the 2006 meeting, specifically that he would prefer a Friday night through Sunday night event, as opposed to Thursday night through Sunday morning, largely on the basis of cost and availability of meeting space, and inquired as well as to which weekend would be best. Questions and comments ensued especially concerning concurrent sessions. A motion was passed unanimously (Dintrone, Adams) registering opposition to concurrent sessions of any kind. A motion was passed 45 to 1 (MacMullen, Mitchell) expressing a preference for an early date in May to any subsequent date. Subsequent discussion on specifics of panels and lengths of presentations ended with J. Roberts underlining the “prerogative of the organizer” in these questions.

The President presented the official invitation from C. Brennan for Princeton/Rutgers in 2007. A motion to accept was passed unanimously (Dintrone, Northrup). In addition, she noted informal plans for Austin, Vancouver, and Tampa, in the three following years.

The President also announced the creation of an ad hoc committee to update and streamline AAH guidelines for organizers of meetings. Further, Donald Kagan would be giving the Jefferson lecture in Washington this year.

A motion was passed unanimously (Talbert, Northrup) to thank the organizers, including a special vote of thanks to Pat Dintrone.

Motion to adjourn (Schwenk, Adams) passed unanimously at 4:30 PM.

Subvention awards for 2006 The Subvention committee was still doing its work as of press time. The recipients of the 2006 AAH grants-in-aid will be announced at the meeting in Stanford and acknowledged in the next issue of this newsletter. These grants are made to junior colleagues and advanced graduate students to facilitate their presence at and participation in the annual meeting of our Association. Grants are made from the yield of a dedicated fund that is separate from the general funds of the association. The committee this year is composed of Judy Gaughan (chair), W. Lindsay Adams, and Randall Howarth. The committee and officers of the AAH urge members to continue their support for this vital program.
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The main theme of the conference is European History, from ancient to modern. Papers (in English) from all areas of European history are welcome. Preferences will be given to the following areas: Ancient Greek and Roman History, Cultural History, Arts History, Economic, Political and Social History, Sports History (History of Olympic Games), Historiography, Historic Preservation and the Future of Historical Studies. Selected papers will be published in a Special Volume of the Conference Proceedings. You may participate as panel organizer, presenter of one paper, chair a session or observer.

The registration fee is 250 euro, covering access to all sessions, conference material and 2 lunches. Special arrangements will be made with local hotels for a limited number of rooms at a special conference rate. In addition, planned tours to historical sites and nearby islands will be organized. A special evening is organized on Thursday December 28th with live Greek music and dinner. On Sunday the 31st, 2006 a gala dinner will be held under the Acropolis to celebrate NEW YEAR'S EVE. The cost of these optional activities will be announced later. The first 3 conferences produced a number of books. Visit our site (www.atiner.gr) for titles, table of contents and order form.

Please submit a 300-word abstract by email by June 30th, 2006 to the following address: Dr. Nicholas Pappas, Associate Professor of History, Sam Houston University, USA and Vice-President of ATINER. 8 Valaoritou Street, 10671 Athens, Greece. Tel.: +30 210 363-4210 Fax: +30 210 363-4209 Email: atiner@atiner.gr. Abstracts should include: Title of Paper, Full Name(s), Affiliation, Current Position, an email address and at least 3 keywords that best describe the subject of your submission. We also invite people to chair sessions, act as reviewers and editors of the book(s) that will be published after the conference.

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