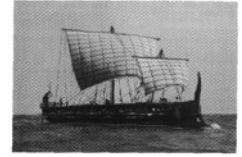




# The Association of Ancient Historians Newsletter



Randall S. Howarth, Editor

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## President's Column

Dear colleagues,

With our spring meeting upon us, let me remind you that the early date (April 10-13) of our 2008 meeting means that nominations for president will be due at the office of the secretary-treasurer by e-mail or surface mail on March 27 of that year. *As praeses vestra* is about to finish up her second term and is thus not eligible for re-election, this is a good time to begin thinking about whom you would like to see in the office, or whether you would like to run yourself. If you will be present in Princeton in May, you can brainstorm with others including past presidents; if not, please feel free to e-mail me at [robertsjt@aol.com](mailto:robertsjt@aol.com) and we can set up a time to talk. (I'm sure others who have served would be happy to talk with you as well.) Happily, Randy Howarth will be continuing into the first part of the next president's tenure of office, so that the new president will have the advantage of starting off with a seasoned secretary-treasurer.

I have a second reason for bringing this matter up early. For some reason, the last three elections in the Association have been uncontested, and this is not a precedent I would like to see continued. We do not simply need a candidate for the 2008-2011 term: we need more than one candidate. So I suggest you put your thinking caps on and get to work.

On another topic, last week's mail brought PAAH Volume 8: *Current Issues and the Study of the Ancient Near East*, edited by Mark W. Chavalas with essays by Gonzalo Rubio, Steven J. Garfinkle, Gary Beckmen and Daniel C. Snell. Although I had enjoyed reading this volume in proof, I found that I also enjoyed reading it all over again in print. Randy has sent out several hundred of these, but a good chunk still remain at Mercyhurst waiting to be mailed to those who are behind in their dues. If you have not received your copy, please consider the possibility that you are one of these and get busy paying up. Check the mailing label on this newsletter; it will tell you if you have fallen behind. And when you take out your check-book, I strongly recommend first, that you pay several years' dues at once, since that will make your lives easier, and, second, that you also consider making a donation to the Associa-

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## Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians May 3-6, 2007 Princeton University

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 Welcoming reception

Upper Hyphen, Chancellor Green Rotunda  
Adlinger Center for the Humanities, East Pyne

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00 First Session *Exchange/Coinage/Money*:

Moderator: Brent D. Shaw, Princeton

Seth Richardson, University of Chicago: "Exchange and Early Mesopotamian States."

Emily Haug, University of California, Berkeley: "Empire, Coinage, and Julio-Claudian Gaul."

Jinyu Liu, DePauw University: "Inscribed Generosity: Continuity and Changes in the Fourth Century CE"

Walter Scheidel, Stanford University: "The Monetary Economies of the Roman and Han Empires."

2:00 Second Session *Rome in the Middle Republic*

Moderator: Harriet I. Flower, Princeton

Craige Champion, Syracuse University: "Historiographical Aspects of the Roman Decision for War in 264 BCE."

Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound: "'Alien Knowledge, Citizen Disposition': Foreign Priests in Republican Rome."

Erich Gruen, University of California, Berkeley: "Subverting Stereotypes in the Mid -Republic: Punica Fides

And the Roman Imagination."

4:00 Third Session *Medicine and Medical Knowledge*

Moderator: T. Corey Brennan, Rutgers University

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*Current Issues in the History of the Ancient Near East*. Ed. Mark W. Chavalas. (2007) Member price (paper) \$12.00.

*Current Issues and the Study of Ancient History*, ed. Stanley M. Burstein, Nancy Demand, Ian Morris, Lawrence Tritle (2002). Member price (paper) \$9.00.

*Before Alexander: Constructing Early Macedonia*, by Eugene N. Borza (1999). Member price: (paper) \$9.00

*Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions*, by Stanley M. Burstein, Ramsay MacMullen, Kurt A. Raaflaub, and Allen M. Ward; directed by Carol G. Thomas (1997). Member price: (paper) \$9.00 (cloth) \$17.95.

*Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States*, compiled by Konrad [H.] Kinzl. 2nd ed. (1999). Member price: (paper): \$9.00

*The Coming of the Greeks*, by James T. Hooker (1999). Member price: (paper) \$9.00 (cloth) \$16.00.

*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.

*A Guide to Graduate Programs in Ancient History*, by Michael Arnush (1997). Member price: (paper) \$7.00.

*A Handbook for Ancient History Classes*, by Jack Cargill (1997). Member price: (paper) \$7.00.

\*\*\*\*\***Other Regina titles by AAH members**\*\*\*\*\*

*Alexander's Empire: Formulation to Decay*. Ed. Waldemar Heckel, Lawrence Tritle, Pat Wheatley (2007). Member price: (paper) \$13.00.

*Crossroads of History: The Age of Alexander*, ed. Waldemar Heckel and Lawrence A. Tritle (2004). Member price: (paper) \$13.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

*Mercenary of the Gods: Memoirs of a Greek in Service to Judah and Egypt*, by Jack Cargill (2004). Member Price: (paper) \$16.00.

*Feelings in History, Ancient and Modern*, by Ramsay MacMullen (2003). Member Price \$20.00.

*Polis and Polemos: Essays on Politics, War, and History in Ancient Greece in honor of Donald Kagan*, ed. Charles Hamilton and Peter Krentz (1997). Member price: (paper) \$13.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

*Text and Tradition: Studies in Greek History and Historiography in Honor of Mortimer Chambers*, ed. Ronald Mellor and Lawrence Tritle (1999). Member price: (paper) \$13.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

*The editor solicits items of interest to members. Notices of publications, honors received, dissertations defended, etc., are all appropriate for this section. In addition, letters to the membership on subjects of general concern to members and/or our organization are solicited will be printed, space permitting. All submissions are subject to editing for length. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is August 15th.*

Donald Lateiner (Ohio Wesleyan University) is pleased to report that "Barnes & Noble Classics" now has published his edition of Thucydides' *Peloponnesian War*. It includes his 40 page introduction, 12 good maps, a time-line, a slightly modified version of Crawley's fine translation, a note on the translator's poorly documented life, relevant quotations about Thucydides, a current annotated categorized bibliography, and the excellent 65 page index first printed with Jowett's translation. All this for less than \$10 US.

Ian Worthington would like to announce the publications of his *Demosthenes: Funeral Oration, Erotic Essay, Prologues, Letters*, The Oratory of Classical Greece Series Vol. 10 (Austin, University of Texas Press 2006) and his edited volume, *The Blackwell Companion to Greek Rhetoric* (Oxford, Blackwell 2007).

Oxford has now released the David Buisseret (ed.), *The Oxford Companion to World Exploration*, in two volumes, with contributions from a number of our members. Richard Talbert served as one of the four Section Editors, with contributions by colleagues who include: Lindsay Adams, Kai Brodersen, Brad Cook, Lisa Cooper, Franco De Angelis, Evelyn Edson, Klaus Geus, David Graf, Thomas Hikade, Alexander Jones, Dale Kinney, Natalia Lozovsky, Thomas Madden, Anthony Parker, Duane Roller, James Romm, Benet Salway, Alessandro Scafi, and Adam Silverstein.

Melissa Barden Dowling's recent book, *Clemency and Cruelty in the Roman World* (Michigan, 2006), has won the Godbey Book Prize, awarded annually by SMU alumni and members of the Dallas community for the outstanding faculty book of the year, and has received a warm review in the *AHR* (Feb. 2007).

Mireille Corbier's new book has now appeared: *Donner à voir, donner à lire. Mémoire et communication dans la Rome ancienne* (Paris: NRS Éditions, 2006). You may order from [cnrseditions@cnrseditions.fr](mailto:cnrseditions@cnrseditions.fr). In addition, in her capacity as director of "L'Année épigraphique," she announces that the volume covering 2003 was published in August, 2006, and the volume covering 2004 will appear in August, 2007 (order at [revue@puf.com](mailto:revue@puf.com)). For further information see [www.anneepigraphique.msh-paris.fr](http://www.anneepigraphique.msh-paris.fr).

Thomas A.J. McGinn is currently serving as Andrew W. Mellon Professor-in-Charge of the School of Classical Studies at the American Academy in Rome.

Loren Samons is pleased to announce that his edited volume, *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Pericles*, including contributions from P. J. Rhodes, D. Boedeker, L. Kallet, K. A. Raafaub, C. Patterson, K. Lapatin, Jeffrey Henderson, J. P. Sickinger, R. W. Wallace, R. Sealey, and J. E. Lendon, has now been published by Cambridge University Press (2007).

Richard Stoneman would like to draw members' attention to the program of Westminster Classic Tours, of which he has recently become a director. He suggests members visit their website, [www.wct99.com](http://www.wct99.com) to view brochures of cruises in Turkey, Greece and Croatia. The company is also experienced in arranging tailor-made charters; this may be of particular interest to groups of scholars wishing to become acquainted with the great classical sites.

Richard Miles [Trinity Hall, Cambridge] will be Solmsen Fellow at the UW-Madison's Institute for Research in the Humanities, in the coming year 2007/8.

Frederick E. Brenk's collection of essays, *With Unperfumed Voice. Studies in Plutarch, in Greek Literature, Religion and Philosophy, and in the New Testament Background*, will soon be released by Franz Steiner (Stuttgart 2007).

John Ramsey is pleased to note that his monograph, *A Descriptive Catalogue of Greco-Roman Comets from 500 B.C. to A. D. 400*, has been published as a special issue of the journal *Syllecta Classica* (vol. 17). Copies may be ordered by nonsubscribers directly from this website: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~classics/syllclass/subscribe.html>

Subventions note: The Subvention committee, chaired this year by W.L. Adams, has made three awards to attendees of the Princeton meeting. The Betty Coates award this year goes to David Yates. Yates, an advanced graduate student at Brown University, will be presenting a paper. The committee is pleased to award David \$400 to offset a substantial portion of his travel expenses. Two additional awards of \$300 each went to Fred Naiden of Tulane and Julie Langford-Johnson of USF, Tampa. The subvention fund, after these awards, will be slightly higher than it was last year. The subvention committee has awarded about \$4000 over the last 5 years to 16 candidates.

## Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians

Full details to be found at: <http://www.princeton.edu/~classics/conferences/2007/aah/>

**May 3-6, 2007 • Princeton University**

### REGISTRATION FORM (Deadline April 15th, 2007)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration \$60 (includes lunch on Saturday)

Student Registration \$30 (includes lunch on Saturday)

Banquet ticket \$20 (for registered participants)     Vegetarian     Non-Vegetarian

Extra Banquet ticket \$40                                     Vegetarian     Non-Vegetarian

Total Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Princeton University.**

**Mail this completed form and your check to:** Professor Edward Champlin

Department of Classics

Princeton University

151 East Pyne

**Accommodations for Princeton:** We have reserved a large block of rooms at the Nassau Inn, which is in downtown Princeton and only a few hundred yards' walk from our meeting sites on campus. The Inn's website is [www.nassauinn.com](http://www.nassauinn.com), and telephone number is 609-921-7500. Members booking a room should mention the group name "Association of Ancient Historians" to receive the conference rate of \$129 per night.

We have also reserved rooms at the less expensive Holiday Inn: [www.hiprinceton.com](http://www.hiprinceton.com), telephone 609-520-1200. When booking, members should likewise mention the "Association of Ancient Historians" to receive the conference rate of \$98 per night. NB: it is not possible to walk from the Holiday Inn, which is a few miles away near Route One, and there is no public transport; members choosing to stay there will be dependent on their own cars or the hotel shuttle.

Members should realize that the Nassau Inn is the only conference hotel in Princeton. Several others are located on the Route One corridor, and while most offer rates comparable to the Inn, staying there will require the use of private transport or dependence on the hotel shuttle.

We have reserved an adequate number of rooms at the Nassau Inn, but space there is always at a premium: **we strongly recommend that members make their room reservations *subito!***

If you are interested in sharing a room, please let Edward Champlin know at [champlin@princeton.edu](mailto:champlin@princeton.edu), noting your dates, which hotel you would prefer, and any other requirements.

**(Princeton Preliminary Program***Continued from page 1)*

Leslie Dean-Jones, University of Texas, Austin: "The Itinerancy of the Ancient Physician."

Susan P. Mattern, University of Georgia: "The Case History in Antiquity: Narrative and Medical Knowledge."

Heinrich von Staden, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton: "The Physician as Historian."

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

9.00 Fourth Session *Greek Cities and the Near East*

Moderator, Mark Domingo Gygas, Princeton

Robert W. Wallace, Northwestern University: "The Speedy Rise and Fall of Electrum Coinage."

Matt Waters, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire: "Tracking Greek-Persian Initiatives: the Case of Argos and Persia."

Nathanael Andrade, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Redefining Hellenism: Antiochos IV and the Greek Cities of the Seleukid Kingdom."

11:00 Fifth Session *Democracy and Democratic*

*Political Thought*

Moderator: Michael Flower, Princeton

Alex Watts-Tobin, Stanford University: "A Cold War Kleon."

Jonathan Perry, York University: "'The New Frontier': Lily Ross Taylor's *Roman Voting Assemblies* and American Democracy."

Werner Riess, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: "'I Curse Your Tongue, Feet, and Soul': the Charms of Athenian Democracy."

Josiah Ober, Stanford University: "Democratic Institutions and Competitive Success: How Athens Survived."

2:30 Sixth Session *Iconographic Evidence and History*

Kathy L. Gaca, Vanderbilt University: "Warfare against Women in Greek, Macedonian, and Roman Artwork."

Marc Kleiwegt, University of Wisconsin, Madison: "Cultivating the Memory of Slavery: Trimalchio and the Slave-Market."

Leanne Bablitz, University of British Columbia: "Representing Justice: Images of the Roman Courtroom."

4:30 Business Meeting

6:30 Reception and Dinner

8:30 Keynote Speaker: Ramsay MacMullen, Yale: "What I Don't Know" (Brief remarks).

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Seventh Session:

Moderator: Edward Champlin, Princeton

Andrea U. De Giorgi, Rutgers University: "On Oil and Public Doles. Management and Distribution Systems in Antioch under the Early Roman Empire."

Serena Connolly, Yale University: "The *Disticha Catonis* and Popular Attitudes towards Law."

Bruce W. Frier, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Configuring Dowry: the Freedom to Alter Basic Property Arrangements."

Brill will have an up and running first batch of 100 authors in BNJ (Brill's New Jacoby) for view at the meeting this will be featured at a Brill reception on Friday evening.

**President's Column** *(Continued from page 1)*

tion's subvention fund. A number of past recipients of AAH subventions have continued to come to our meetings and participate in the life of the Association. The subvention program has played a large role in drawing young people into an organization in danger of some graying, and it deserves your support. (Not that there's anything wrong with gray....)

Finally, some of you have no doubt noticed problems with our website that have prevented our webmaster Konrad Kinzl from maintaining it properly. Konrad and Randy have therefore been cooperating to relocate the website. There is, of course, a certain learning curve in a move like this, and some patience on members' part will be begged. Since Randy will be sending news of important developments via our electronic list, we encourage you to join that list if you have not done so already.

And still more finally, when this column had already been written, we received word that Bob Rowland had died of cancer on March 14. We will send out further details as they become available, including if possible the date of any upcoming service in New Orleans; a funeral has already been held in Philadelphia. Bob was a loyal member of this Association and attended frequently until arthritis made it difficult for him to fly. We will remember him together at Princeton in May.

All best wishes, Jennifer Roberts

## 2006 minutes

The 2006 business meeting of the AAH, held at the campus of Leland Stanford University, was called to order at 5:40 PM, May 6, 2006, by Jennifer Roberts, president.

Approval of the 2005 minutes (Orlin, Raaflaub) was unanimous.

President's report: Roberts welcomed members and attendees, made some general remarks about the AAH and meetings to come, noted that two members, Phyllis Culham and Ralph Gallucci had won awards from the APA. She also took the opportunity presented by Bob Bennett's retirement to take note of Bennett's long record of service to the AAH and laud her last moment decision *not* to sing a song in tribute.

Secretary/Treasurer report: Howarth, referring to the financial report that was distributed to members, reviewed the financial health of the AAH. He reported that because the AAH had not underwritten costs of any publications in several years, the organization had been able to put and keep aside a substantial cushion. In addition, Howarth's institution, Mercyhurst College, continues to underwrite a substantial portion of the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter. Membership figures remain stable at around 670, but Howarth remarked that almost a third of that number was in arrears. Cargill suggested that the AAH push harder to move away from printing and mailing the newsletter to e-mail distribution only. Howarth noted his intentions of encouraging members to choose electronic option, voluntarily. Fauber suggested that instead of emailing the newsletter, we email a link to the newsletter. S/T's report accepted (Frank, Spaar) unanimously.

Subvention Committee report: Gaughan reported 5 awards for 2006 (Cindy Nimchuk, Werner Reiss, Phillip Horky, Ethan Spanier, Michael Quinn) three of whom were on the Stanford program. Quinn was the designated winner of the Betty Coates Award. Gaughan noted that Quinn had also won recognition at University of Washington for the outstanding graduate student essay. Roberts issued a challenge to members to maintain their commitment to the subvention award.

Webmaster report: Roberts (reporting for Kinzl), mentioned that at least one more edition of *Ancient Historians in the US* was on the drawing board. Kinzl will be mobilizing troops for this project soon,. Roberts noted the particular assistance of Valerie Warrior in the last edition. To the question "Is there anything to relay to Kinzl re the website?" was elicited this: some navigation and link problems need attention.

Publications Committee: Roberts announced the addition of Mark Chavalas to the committee. In progress, in likely order of finish are: *Ancient Law* (Frier), *Near East* (Chavalas), *Late Antiquity* (Matthews), *Agriculture and Husbandry* (Howe and Spanier), *Roman Army* (Wells), *Alexander* (Badian). Member initiated projects in process at Regina Books are Frank's translation of Weber and Heckel's Alexander conference proceedings. Roberts expressed AAH gratitude to Richard and Glenda Burns of Regina Press for their continued support and association with the AAH.

Election of S/T: The incumbent secretary, Randall Howarth, having run unopposed, was declared winner by rule.

Old Business: Champlin, concerning the 2007, reaffirmed the invitation given by Brennan last year, for a Princeton/Rutgers meeting. The weekend will be the same one in May as has been the case in 2005 and 2006. The tentative schedule is Friday at Rutgers, Saturday at Princeton, 3 sessions on each day and one session on Sunday AM. A call for papers will be issued shortly. Badian is being courted to give a keynote address.

New Business: Roberts gave news of future meetings. Austin is now out of the mix for 2008; Bill Murray at USF History dep't is therefore moving into the breach for 2008. Roberts expressed heartfelt thanks to Bill and Suzanne Murray for this. Weather and other factors mean this meeting will be earlier than usual, tentatively Thursday 4/10-Sunday 4/13 2008. Discussion ensues, all positive. Motion to accept (Dintrone/Bennett) passed unanimously. Informal invite is on the table for 2009 in UBC (Vancouver) and other possibilities include UTA, UNC in subsequent years. Roberts reminded members of the festivities planned in her suite for later. Vote of thanks (Frier, Gruen) passed unanimously to the following for a most excellent meeting: the Stanford Department of Classics, for their generous subvention from the Webster Fund, the dean of the School of Humanities for further support, the Social Science History Institute of Stanford University for sponsoring the Round table on World History (held on Saturday), the Stanford Archaeology Center for their kind provision of facilities for the meeting, Brill for their generous provision of a wine reception on Saturday, Maria Sanchez and Alicia Kester of the Stanford Classics Department for their administrative (and moral) support, the graduate students of the Stanford Classics Program for their assistance with book exhibits, registration, shuttle services, and overall good humor, and finally, to Walter Scheidel, our host and organizer.

Motion to adjourn (Raaflaub/Cargill) passed unanimously at 6.37 PM

*INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY*, School of Historical Studies, Opportunities for Scholars 2008-2009. The Institute is an independent private institution founded in 1930 to create a community of scholars focused on intellectual inquiry, without the obligations and distractions associated with the teaching of undergraduates. Scholars from around the world come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Those chosen are offered membership for a set period and a stipend. The Institute provides access to extensive resources including offices, libraries, subsidized restaurant and housing facilities, and some secretarial services. Open to all fields of historical research, the School of Historical Studies= principal interests are the history of western, near eastern and far eastern civilizations, with particular emphasis upon Greek and Roman civilization, the history of Europe (medieval, early modern, and modern), the Islamic world, East Asian studies, the history of art, the history of science, modern international relations, and music studies. Candidates of any nationality may apply for a single term or a full academic year. Residence in Princeton during term time is required. The only other obligation of Members is to pursue their own research. To be eligible scholars must have the Ph.D. (or equivalent) and substantial publications. Information and application forms may be found on the School=s web site, [www.hs.ias.edu](http://www.hs.ias.edu), or contact the School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Dr., Princeton, N.J. 08540 (E-mail address: [mzelazny@ias.edu](mailto:mzelazny@ias.edu)). Deadline: 15 November 2007.

## Patients' Tales: Narrations and Representations from the Other Side of History of Medicine

21<sup>st</sup> April, 2007 University of Victoria, Clearihue A 206

A day of papers and debates, organized by the research collective "History of Medicine" (University of Victoria, Faculty of Humanities) and Eric Nelson (Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma)

Contacts: Hélène Cazes ([hcazes@uvic.ca](mailto:hcazes@uvic.ca)) and Eric Nelson ([nelsoned@plu.edu](mailto:nelsoned@plu.edu))

### **Ancient Perspectives: Maps and their Place in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome**

The Sixteenth Kenneth Nebenzahl, Jr., Lectures in the History of Cartography. Organized by Richard Talbert (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill) for the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography

8–10 November 2007 The Newberry Library, Chicago

Thursday, November 8, 7:45 PM Alexander Jones (University of Toronto) “Ptolemy's Geography: Mapmaking and the Scientific Enterprise.”

Friday, November 9, 9:30 AM Francesca Rochberg (University of California – Riverside): “By Means of Maps’: The Expression of Terrestrial and Celestial Order in Ancient Mesopotamia.”

11:00 AM David O’Connor (New York University): “From Topography to Cosmos: Ancient Egypt's Multiple Maps.”

2:00 PM Georgia Irby-Massie (College of William and Mary): “Mapping the World: Greek Initiatives.”

3:30 PM Michael Lewis (Hull, U.K.): “Greek and Roman Surveying and Surveying Instruments.”

Saturday, November 10: 9:00 AM Richard Talbert (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill): “Urbs Roma to Orbis Romanus:

Roman Mapping on the Grand Scale.”

10:30 AM Benet Salway (University College, London, U.K.): “Putting the World in Order: Mapping in Roman Texts.”

The Nebenzahl Lectures are free and open to the public; however, registration is required. To request a registration form, contact: The Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography, 60 W. Walton Street, Chicago, IL 60610 USA 312-255-3659 [smithctr@newberry.org](mailto:smithctr@newberry.org)

Or visit our website:

<http://www.newberry.org/smith/smithhome.html>

Those planning to attend the Nebenzahl Lectures are encouraged to attend the 48th Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries, also at the Newberry Library, from November 11 to November 13, 2007. A separate registration fee will be required to attend the Society’s meeting. Booking information will be posted on [www.sochistdisc.org](http://www.sochistdisc.org).

The Newberry will also host two exhibits, including “Ptolemy's Geography in the Renaissance,” which run from November 2, 2007 to February 16, 2008.

### **Frank Snowden (1911-2007): Scholar, Diplomat, and Teacher**

Frank Snowden spent his formative years in Boston where his interest in the ancient world began at the Boston Latin School and continued throughout his life. Harvard University awarded him A.B., A.M., and Ph.D degrees. Honorary degrees followed from Bard College, Union College, Howard and Georgetown Universities, and the University of Maryland.

A member of the Howard University faculty from 1940 to 1990, Professor Snowden also served as Howard's Chairman of the Department of Classics, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and recipient of the Distinguished Scholar and Outstanding Teacher Awards. After retirement, Professor Snowden was Adjunct Professor of Classics at Georgetown University (1990–1991), and Visiting Distinguished Professor of Classics at Vassar College (1992).

Professor Snowden served the Department of State as Lecturer at the Foreign Service Institute, as U.S. Leader and Specialist in North and West Africa, Western Europe, India, and Brazil, as a member of the U.S. Delegation to Unesco in Paris, and as Cultural Attaché of the American Embassy in Rome. This assignment, earned him Italy's Medaglia d'Oro in recognition of his outstanding educational and cultural contributions.

As a scholar, Professor Snowden was known for his scholarship in an area of ancient history that he made his own—blacks in antiquity. His *Blacks in Antiquity: Ethiopians in the Greco-Roman Experience* received the Charles J Goodwin Award of Merit from the American Philological Association. He co-authored *The Image of the Black in Western Art I: From the Pharaohs to the Fall of the Roman Empire*. His *Before Color Prejudice: The Ancient View of Blacks*, an assessment of the lack of color prejudice among the ancients, was published by Harvard University Press, as were his other books. He also contributed chapters in *Black Athena Revisited* by M.R. Lefkowitz and G.M. Rogers and an autobiographical chapter in *Against the Odds: Scholars Who Challenged Racism in the Twentieth Century*.

Professor Snowden's appointments and awards were many: Fulbright Scholar in Italy; Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. He was Lecturer for the Archeological Institute of America, a member of the Board of Directors and a Vice President of the American Philological Association, and served two terms on the Harvard Board of Overseers Committee to visit the Department of Classics.

In 2003 he was honored by Howard University's Department of Classics and Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center at The Inaugural Frank M. Snowden, Jr. Lecture. In 2004 President George W. Bush presented him with a National Humanities Medal citing "a life of eminent scholarship, inspirational teaching, public service, and personal courage on behalf of our civilization's noblest ideals. A lion-hearted classicist, he is an Olympian man." Professor Snowden's beloved wife Elaine died in 2005. Daughter Jane Lepscky of Washington, son Frank Snowden III of New Haven, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren survive him.

This obituary was written by Professor Snowden before his death.



# AAH Information Form

**Dues Information:** Annual Dues are \$7.50 a year for regular members and \$5.00 a year for Associate members (students, retirees, and non-residents of North America). Dues may be paid up to five years in advance. Payments received in 2007 can cover years up to and including 2012, in addition to any back dues. The year for which you most recently paid dues can be found on the first line of your mailing label. Members are automatically dropped from mailing list after three years of non-payment of dues.

Check all that apply

- change of address
- New membership
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- Regular membership (7.50 year)
- Associate membership for students, retirees, and non-residents of the US or Canada (\$5.00 year)

Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (limited to five years in advance)

Additional donation :\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Is this additional donation designated for the subvention fund? \_\_\_\_\_

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Interim Financial Report (May 06 to March 07)		
Operating Funds on hand May 06		\$19, 015
Income May to March	\$4424	
Total Expenses	\$4825	
Operating Funds on hand March 15		\$18, 606
Subvention Account Balance March 31, 06		\$15,550
Total Income (as of March)	\$1250*	
Subventions disbursed March 07	\$1000	
Subvention Balance (after disbursal)		\$15, 800*
Total Assets of the Association		\$34, 406
Liabilities-none		
* Est. pending March quarterly report of Investment Account		

### Notes from the Secretary:

The latest PAAH volume, *The Ancient Near East*, has been mailed to all members whose memberships were current as of Dec 31st. If you have not received a copy, please be in touch with the secretary. Other volumes are in the pipeline (see minutes of 2006 meeting on page 6 of this newsletter).

I asked members previously (as individuals) to consider receiving the newsletter exclusively in electronic format. A significant number of you have requested this option and, if the trend continues, we will soon realize a significant benefit in reduced printing and postage expenses. I reiterate that appeal now, especially to those members who reside outside the US, as postage costs are significantly higher in this category. As a side note, I remind members that Mercyhurst College has been underwriting the newsletter costs by about half, and this since 2003. The long and short of this is that with this subsidy disappearing at the end of my tenure as Secretary in 2009, newsletter overhead will then shoot up dramatically (unless my successor can browbeat his or her department into taking this on). By the next issue, I will email a link to the file, rather than the file itself. This will alleviate problems experienced by some systems that are programmed to filter large files from incoming mail. For the Luddites among us—not to worry—there are no plans afoot to eliminate the hard copy option of the newsletter.

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