President’s Column

Please read this newsletter with unusual care and file it in a safe place after you are done! It contains a full list of past AAH meetings painstakingly compiled by Gene Borza as well as Gene’s brief history of the Association—we are greatly indebted to him for his labors on this project—and a number of important announcements about opportunities in our field. I also heartily encourage those of you who are planning to be at the upcoming APA meeting in Chicago to attend the panel on graduate training for ancient historians to be held there on January 4 (described on page 10). The more of us in attendance, the better will be the discussion.

Regarding the AHA, Randy has recently distributed to our electronic list a message from Sharon Tune. It is always desirable to have the AAH represented at the AHA. (See also the announcement at the bottom of p. 11) If you are presenting anything at the AHA in Washington this coming January (2008) and have not let Randy know, please notify him at once so that he can send out the news via the list; if you are interested in presenting your work in 2009, when the meeting will be in New York, please note the upcoming February deadline.

Let me remind those of you who are graduate students or untenured faculty members to consider submitting applications for subventions to attend our spring meeting. Historically, applicants have had fairly good luck in receiving sufficient funding to enable them to attend. To receive a subvention, it is not necessary to be presenting a paper at the meeting. Application guidelines are contained in this newsletter.

Please note that we are in something of a time squeeze regarding the program for our annual meeting. Since the abstract deadline is only this month, we are unable to offer the full program here (though you will find a good bit of preliminary information on page 5), and the spring newsletter would be too late since the meeting is in April this year. Consequently, Bill Murray at USF will be sending you the program for the upcoming Tampa in January when it is ready.

With all good wishes for the new year,

Jennifer Roberts
Publications of the AAH are available at substantial discounts to members. Order directly from Regina Books, Post Office Box 280, Claremont CA 91711. Phone 909-624-8466, Fax 909-626-1345. Please add $2.50 S&H for first book and $1.00 for each additional.


#6 Before Alexander: Constructing Early Macedonia. Eugene N. Borza (1999). Member price (paper) $9.00

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

#4 Myth becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece. Carol G. Thomas (1993). Member price (paper) $9.00.


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


Members are reminded that nominations for president of the AAH are in order for the three year term commencing April 13, 2008. A candidate becomes eligible for election when three members in good standing—each employed at separate institutions—submit written nominations to the secretary two full weeks in advance of the 2008 meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve. One candidate (W. Lindsay Adams of BYU) has been properly nominated. The incumbent is not eligible for re-election.

Let members also be aware that the constitutional limit of the term of the current Secretary Treasurer ends in 2009.
2008 AAH Meeting Registration Form

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Deadline For Registration: March 21st, 2008


Aspects of Globalization: Kurt Raaflaub, Brown University; Pierre Briant, Collège de France, Paris

Ancient Navies: Philip de Souza, University College, Dublin; John Hale, University of Louisville; Fred Naiden, Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Ken Harl, Tulane University

Archaeology and History: Boris Rankov, Royal Holloway, Univ. of London

Roman Law (a new session): Leanne Bablitz, University of British Columbia (Chair), Cynthia J. Bannon, Indiana University; Susan D. Martin, University of Tennessee; Paul Du Plessis, Edinburgh University; Kaius Tuori, New York University; Dennis Kehoe, Tulane University (Comment)

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**AAH 2008 Annual Meeting Information**

**Date:** April 10-13, 2008

**Host:** University of South Florida

**Conference Hotel:** Hilton Garden Inn, Tampa North

13305 Tampa Oaks Blvd.

Temple Terrace, FL USA 33637

Tel: +1-813-342-5000; Fax: +1-813-342-6000

[http://www.tampanorth.gardeninn.com](http://www.tampanorth.gardeninn.com)

**Conference Registration:**

Before the end of December, the conference web site will include a link that will allow members to register on-line and pay their fees by credit card. Those preferring to pay by check will be able to do so by filling out the form printed opposite (or by printing the form from the web site) and sending it to the USF Cashier's Office (address indicated on form). For the purposes of planning, we request that all members register by Friday, March 21, 2008. Banquet seating is currently limited to 130. The organizers urge those planning to attend to register early to insure space. If required by demand, additional seating will be added outside, near the pool (yes it will be that pleasant in April).

**Hotel Information:**

We have secured an excellent rate for AAH registrants at the Hilton Garden Inn Tampa North. Rooms are available in two varieties: 1 king bed ($99 plus tax) and 2 double beds ($109 plus tax). Reservations must be made with the hotel by March 18, 2008. After this date, the hotel cannot insure that rooms will be available at the conference rate. Reservations can be made on-line by following the Hotel Information link from the conference web site ([http://www.cas.usf.edu/history/aah-2008/](http://www.cas.usf.edu/history/aah-2008/)).

The Hilton Garden Inn Tampa North is located in a quiet area overlooking a nature preserve near I-75 and the USF main campus. The hotel provides free parking and has an outdoor heated pool, whirlpool and small fitness center. Each room includes a refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and a free high speed internet connection. The hotel is close to the USF golf course, Busch Gardens, the Museum of Science and Industry and Lettuce Lake Park (a nature preserve with canoe rental). It is a 20 minute drive to Ybor City (Tampa's original cigar-making center and current "bar scene"), Channelside district--where cruise ships dock, and the Florida Aquarium. In 60 minutes or less, you can reach Gulf beaches, Tarpon Springs (Greek sponge-diving community), Disney World and other Orlando attractions.

**Transportation:**

Transportation to and from the conference hotel from Tampa International Airport (TIA) can be arranged at the airport upon arrival by cab for about $55 (w/o tip). The hotel has an arrangement with a limo company called Florida Connections that will give a special rate of $35 per passenger (less for groups of passengers traveling together). To set up transportation based on your arrival time, contact the company at the following number (813-458-3322). Another company that offers similar rates is called "Super Shuttle" (800-282-6817; [http://www.supershuttle.com/](http://www.supershuttle.com/)). For additional details, as they become available, see the conference web site: [http://www.cas.usf.edu/history.aah-2008/](http://www.cas.usf.edu/history.aah-2008/). Conference registrants are encouraged to rent a car. This is the best way to access local dining and shopping facilities and to explore the area. We are working on a special rate with Enterprise (details will be posted to the web site). Directions from the airport to the hotel (approximately 20 minutes in light traffic) will also be posted.

**Additional Information from 'real people':** If you have additional questions or needs related to the meeting in Tampa, and you want to speak to a real person instead of dealing with a web site, you may contact Bill Murray (wmurray@cas.usf.edu), the Chair of the Organizing Committee or you may contact Ms. Jennifer Dukes, our Program Assistant who has been assigned to this meeting. Her contact information is as follows: Jennifer Dukes

USF-AAH Meeting Program Asst.

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[dukes@cas.usf.edu](mailto:dukes@cas.usf.edu)
Colleagues: Please post and/or advise appropriate candidates of this opportunity.

Attention Graduate Students and Junior Faculty of Ancient Greek and Roman History
The Association of Ancient Historians invites applications for grants-in-aid for the purposes of underwriting travel expenses of graduate students and junior faculty who want to attend the annual meeting of our Association to be held April 10th through 13th, 2008, at USF in Tampa, FL.*

Applicants are not required to present papers.
From 2004 through 2007, the AAH awarded a total of $3975.00 to seventeen candidates about half of whom presented papers.

We invite you to sample the atmosphere of our annual meeting and join this unique association of Ancient History professionals.
We do not stand on ceremony; we are founded on collegiality.
We want you to know more about us.

Submit a letter of application, vita, and one letter of recommendation by Feb 15, 2008 to:
Prof. Randall Howarth
Department of History
Mercyhurst College
501 East 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546-0001

All applicants for the subvention must be members of the AAH at the time of their application and state in the letter why they want to attend the meeting. Letters of recommendation should establish a lack of alternative funding. Graduate student applicants must be advanced and actively seeking a degree in Ancient History. The AAH welcomes all individuals to membership and attendance at AAH events. The subvention account is separate from the AAH general fund and is funded entirely by earmarked donations.

*Please see conference details at this website: (http://www.cas.usf.edu/history/aah-2008).
In July of 2008, Stanford will host a summer Papyrological Institute for advanced graduate students and junior faculty. The Papyrological Institute will run through the month of July in the summer of 2008, and will focus on Ptolemaic papyri. The institute aims to provide participating scholars with a thorough knowledge of and experience with not only Ptolemaic papyri but also with the field of papyrology in general. This summers Papyrological Institute follows in the series of summer institutes under the sponsorship of the American Society of Papyrologists. The institute will include a combination of lectures and advanced coursework with first-hand experience working with ancient sources. Students are expected to participate actively in all of the institutes programs and activities; a full-time commitment is required. The Featured instructors are professors J. G. Manning (Director, Stanford University), Mark Depauw (Demotic Papyrology, K.U. Leuven, Belgium), and Arthur Verhoogt (Greek Papyrology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor). Admission to the summer Papyrological Institute is by application only; For work with Greek and Demotic papyri, a high degree of competence in Ancient Greek and/or Demotic is essential; however, instruction in Demotic will be provided as part of the course, and those who have no prior experience with it are welcome. Participation in the institute is free of charge and on-campus room and board will be provided for all participants by Stanford University. No credit, grades, or transcripts will be issued, however those participants completing the institute will receive a certificate from the American Society of Papyrologists. Send completed application form, CV, and two letters of recommendation to:

JG Manning  
Department of Classics  
Stanford University  
Building 110  
Stanford, CA 94305

by 15 February 2008 in order to be considered for admission; notification of decisions will be issued in March. For further information contact J.G. Manning at jmanning@stanford.edu

Panel on the Hellenica Oxyrhynchia: Call for papers

2008 is the 100th birthday of the *Hellenica Oxyrhynchia*: the first set of papyrus fragments - the part now known as "The London Fragment" - of this important text, obviously a major historical work composed in the first half of the 4th century BC, was published in that year, in volume 5 of the Oxyrhynchus Papyri. Since that time several new fragments have been published, the most recent in 1976. The result is a substantial, but nevertheless tantalizingly incomplete, remainder of a second "continuator of Thucydides" besides Xenophon. To recognize this occasion, and also honour the memory of Iain Bruce, the scholar who produced the first historical commentary on the *Hellenica Oxyrhynchia*, a long-time member of the Classics Department at Memorial University of Newfoundland, who died a few months ago, we would like to have a session of papers devoted to the *Hellenica Oxyrhynchia* at the May 2008 CAC meeting in Montréal. Abstracts are invited on any aspect of scholarship relating to this work. They should be clearly marked at the top with the notice, "Hellenica Oxyrhynchia panel". Abstracts should be sent by e-mail to Professor Vayos Liapis, Chair of the Organizing Committee: vayos.liapis@umontreal.ca

Announcing The Classics Research Network

There is now a (mostly) free, centralized place to keep abreast of work in progress in the different fields of Classics called the Classics Research Network (CRN). CRN is part of the Social Science Research Network (http://www.ssrn.com/), a massive website started 10 years ago or so by scholars in law, economics, business and so forth. SSRN includes hundreds of thousands of papers and abstracts, and in the last 12 months there have been over 3,700,000 downloads of papers through the site. The CRN Advisory Board is: Andrew L. Ford, Carin M. Green, Judith Evans Grubbs, Dirk Obbink, Josiah Ober, Andrew M. Riggsby and Ruth Scodel. Technical questions about how to use the SSRN system should be sent to help@ssrn.com.
RECONSTRUCTING THE EARLY HISTORY OF AAH

The genesis of the list of meetings published on the opposite page occurred at the 1993 AAH meetings in Calgary. During a coffee break a number of us were sitting at a table attempting, as a mind-game, to reconstruct from memory the order of past meetings. The players included Lindsay Adams, Charlie Hamilton, and the late Briggs Twyman, who, at the time of his death in 2005, probably had attended more meetings than anyone else in the society. I sat with pen and paper, recording the conversation. Twyman was most helpful in reconstructing the order of meetings, mainly by juxtaposing the annual AAH schedule with the stages of his love life—marital and otherwise—about which he appeared to have total recall. The list of meetings began to take shape, not only as a result of that initial conversation at Calgary, but also from my interviews with several members who had helped organize sessions at their own campuses. Thus an oral history of the first few years emerged.

After I was appointed unofficial AAH archivist I received files of correspondence and a number of annual meeting packets. I am indebted to a number of persons who offered printed materials, including programs, from earlier years. As time went on, a single lacuna remained: the date of the first regional meeting of ancient historians, held at McMaster University in 1969. I myself had not attended the McMaster meeting, and my efforts to acquire information about that first meeting failed. I was unable to find anyone currently or formerly at McMaster who had any connection to that event, and my efforts to solicit information from persons who may have been present at that meeting were unsuccessful. This was the period of AAH’s prehistory—prior to our formal organization, with its officers, minutes, and newsletter.

My plea for information published in a recent AAH Newsletter resulted in several responses, but initially no precise information. Finally, AAH member Tom Banchich of Canisius College engaged in a bit of his own detective work which led to a contact with Carl Spadoni, Director of Archives and Research Collections at McMaster. Spadoni informed us that he could find no information about a 1969 meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians. I responded and told him that nothing would be listed under that name, because the Association of Ancient Historians as such did not come into existence until 1974. I gave him what few details I knew about the McMaster meeting, and, within a couple of days, he hit the jackpot.

In a document box of the McMaster president’s office Spadoni discovered the annual report of the McMaster Department of Classics, dated 26 May 1969, which included the following statement:

“ANCIENT HISTORIANS CONFERENCE: Dr. [George] Paul served as organizer of the conference of ancient historians held at McMaster on May 16, 1969. About thirty historians were present from the universities of Toronto, Western Ontario, Ottawa, Buffalo, Queen’s, Waterloo and Waterloo Lutheran, and McMaster. This was a pioneer effort, but was greeted so enthusiastically that it was decided to repeat it next year. The University of Buffalo will be hosts in 1970.”

Such were our Canadian origins in a regional conference organized by George Paul, his McMaster colleague, Togo Salmon, and Ernst Badian of SUNY-Buffalo. It is interesting to note that it was the enthusiasm of the members that prompted the second regional conference, hosted by Badian and his colleague Robert Sherk. The rest is (as they say) history. The regional character of meetings expanded during the following years at Michigan, Penn State, North Carolina/Duke, and, finally, Harvard, where AAH was formed.

I am grateful to the many persons over the years who have contributed to recovering the foundations of our history, and I urge anyone with any documents or personal recollections of early meetings to share them with me. I cannot promise that an official account (or even a Secret History) of AAH will ever appear from my pen, but I am serious about building our file of evidence. This is a worthy enterprise for an organization of historians who have only recently begun to pay sufficient attention to their own early history.

Eugene N. Borza

Notes: The first six of the meetings listed opposite were informal regional affairs. The Association of Ancient Historians was not formally organized until the meeting at Harvard in 1974. In that year a Constitution was adopted; in the following year the first officers were elected. Officers’ terms commenced at the conclusion of the first meeting where their name is listed (i.e., the meeting at which they were elected and therefore not the first over which they presided).
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STUDY in ITALY
AUSTIN PEAY
7 July-9 August 2008

The program will be centered in Viterbo, about an hour north of Rome. Students will be able to take at least two of three classes: an upper division Latin reading course, Roman Art and Archaeology, or Roman History. We will hold classes four days a week and do field trips one day a week. Weekends will be free for independent travel. The estimated fee for the program is c. $4200 (based on 15 participants), and includes 6 hours of APSU tuition, fees, breakfast every day, and all hotels and transportation within Italy. You will need an air ticket, money for lunch and dinner, health insurance, and whatever spending money you wish to have. Students can take two or three courses, Roman History, Roman Art and Archaeology, upper division Latin. All courses are 3 credit hours. Only the Latin course has a prerequisite. Students must have at least one year of Latin. The history course will examine the role that topography has played in Roman History. The Archaeology course serves as an introduction to major excavations, and the development of art in Rome from Paleolithic to the Empire. Italian lessons will be available, but are not included in the fees. For more information contact:
Dr. Timothy F. Winters
winterst@apsu.edu
Department of Languages and Literature
221-7118 or Visit the web site: www.apsu.edu/winterst

The APA Committee on Ancient History is sponsoring a special panel
January 4th, 8:30-11:00 at the APA Annual Meeting in Chicago

Graduate Training for the Ancient Historian,
or How Best to Study Ancient History in the 21st century

David Potter’s Literary Texts and the Roman Historian (Routledge, 1999), raises the question how, if the traditional focus on texts is maintained, is it best to meet the demand that ancient historians also be trained in modern historical methods and theory? Indeed, is it better for the ancient historian to train in a history or a classics department? This panel of ancient historians will discuss not only the present realities of graduate training, but will outline the “ideal” program of study to address the kinds of knowledge and theoretical emphases most relevant to the study of ancient history in the 21st century.

Michele Renee Salzman, University of California at Riverside (Organizer)
Charles Hedrick, Jr., University of California at Santa Cruz
Richard Talbert, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Beth Pollard, San Diego State University
David Potter, University of Michigan
Jonathan Edmondson, York University
Walter Scheidel, Stanford University
Kurt Raaflaub, Brown University

The Department of Classics at Colby College invites applications

for a one-year replacement ancient historian beginning September 1, 2008 at the rank of Visiting Assistant Professor or Visiting Instructor. The successful candidate will be expected to teach a range of courses in Greek and Roman history and civilization at all levels. Review of applications will begin December 1, 2007 and continue until the position is filled. Please send a complete dossier, including CV and two letters of reference, to
Joseph Roisman, Department of Classics, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901. Colby is an EO/AA employer. For more information about the College, visit: www.colby.edu
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**Notes from the Secretary**: Regina Books has let me know that PAAH 9 will be ready to ship in just a few months, in all likelihood, before the meeting in April. All North American members whose membership is paid through 2008 will receive it direct from the publisher. Please check the mailing label on this newsletter to validate whether you are current in your dues. If you are not, contact the secretary expeditiously so that you do not miss the mass mailing. This is also a good opportunity to pay a few years in advance as it is very likely that dues will be increased after the meeting in April. Non-North American members must remit $5.00 in advance to offset the difference in postage or, alternatively, may elect to have their PAAH volumes mailed to a domestic address and thus avoid this surcharge. Members who have already elected to receive the newsletter exclusively by electronic means will be informed by special post card of their dues status. Speaking of electronic newsletters, the secretary renews his now familiar appeal to individual members, namely, that they take the plunge and go all-E, as in receiving the newsletter exclusively by this means. This is entirely optional. On the other hand, those members who choose this option will, if the Secretary’s motion should pass in April, not be subject to the increase in dues which is likely to be instituted this year. R. Howarth

Members may contact the secretary at: rhowarth@mercyhurst.edu

**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 2008 can cover years up to and including 2013 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.

**AJAH Discount**: Paid up members of the AAH 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, Dep’t of Classics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ 08901-1414. Phone: 732-932-9493, fax 732-932-9246, website: www.ajah.org Please note that the AJAH is not an AAH organization and the Secretary has no information about it.

**AHA 2009 Annual Meeting - New York City**

Members of the AAH are invited to submit proposals for joint sessions for the 2009 meeting, to be held in New York City, Jan. 2-5. A direct link to the electronic proposal system as well as other information is available at this link: http://www.historians.org/annual/proposals.htm

Tony Podlecki (UBC-Vancouver) has expressed an interest in a Greek History panel for the AHA in 2009. Contact him at ajp@mail.arts.ubc.ca
This is the last year for which our records indicate you have paid dues. See page 9 for renewal information.

Members of the AAH should, if they have not already done so, subscribe to the Association's electronic mailing list. If you are not now subscribed, and would like to be so, send an email with any subject or body to the following address: aahlist-on@list.associationofancienthistorians.org Individual list members may unsubscribe by sending an email with any subject or body to the following address: aahlist-off@list.associationofancienthistorians.org

Members may send announcements intended for redistribution to the list to: aahlist@list.associationofancienthistorians.org The secretary will review these and forward announcements to the membership that are consistent with the mission and purpose of the AAH. Members will not receive more than a couple of messages a month; most of these will pertain to the annual meeting of the AAH and/or calls for papers. Note that this is a new address for our list (since September 2006). If you have received any e-messages from the secretary in 2007, you are already subscribed. E-mail the secretary at rhowarth@mercyhurst.edu with any questions.

Please note that the AAH website has moved and is under construction. Members may visit the temporary site at: http://associationofancienthistorians.org/index.html