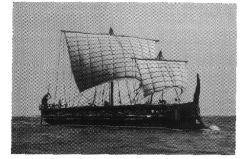




# The Association of Ancient Historians Newsletter



Randall S. Howarth, Editor

No. 106

*The Association of Ancient Historians Newsletter is published three times a year by the Association of Ancient Historians and distributed free to members*

Sept. 19, 2008

## President's Column

It is with some anxiety that I write this first "President's Column," most of all because I'm following Jenny Roberts, and I assure you that I will in fact do my best to follow her example. Added to the accolades she received from those of us in Tampa, I am sure that all of the members of the AAH join me in thanking Jenny for six years of leadership filled with good humor, equally good judgment and common sense. She has left a remarkable, if daunting, record of accomplishment.

As for our future, there are a number of key matters. Among these, I hope, will be an expansion of the 'grants-in-aid' from our Subvention Fund available to graduate students and junior faculty. This will necessitate a growth in the Subvention Fund itself. I thank those members who have donated in the past, and encourage those who have not to consider seriously doing so: it is the future of our organization. But of equal importance, I encourage members to bring the grants-in-aid to the attention of their own senior graduate students and "newly minted" doctoral students. Details can be found on page 8 of this Newsletter. An initiative for a new Directory of Ancient Historians in North America is underway. The Association at the Tampa meeting voted to extend this to include our Canadian colleagues. It will follow the format of the previous Directories, but will be a new effort derived from public sources and include public webpages for those listed. Greg Anderson, from Ohio State University has agreed to coordinate this, but he will need the help of regional and state coordinators. I have assured him of our cooperation, and volunteered to do the Intermountain West myself. The continuation of the PAAH series, including issues on Ancient Law and Military History, is underway, but the Publications Committee seeks both ideas and volunteers for future projects (correspondence should be directed to me). Finally, this (Alas, for me!) is Randy Howarth's last year as Secretary-Treasurer. A call for nominations can be found on page 10 of the Newsletter and I encourage members to consider this seriously. I will save my whining and self-pity for the Spring Newsletter when I can bury them in a salute to all of Randy's hard work and good sense!

The call for papers for our 2009 meeting at UBC is in this issue of the Newsletter, alongside this column and continued on page 5. I also call you attention the announcement for "Accommodations and Logistics" on page 4. In particular, please note the Conference website (<http://www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca>) and the reminder for US members TO BRING THEIR PASSPORTS!

The autumn term has always been a time of beginnings for me, filled with energy and new possibilities, and I hope one that will encompass the Association as well. I wish you all the best of the new academic year and look forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

Lindsay Adams

## Call for Papers for the Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians to be held May 14-16, 2009 at the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver

The meeting will feature seven sessions for the presentation of scholarly papers (each speaker will have 20 minutes):

1) **Law:** Liminality in ancient law: This session explores how the laws of Greece, Rome and the Near East treated those whose behaviour broke with what was acceptable for their legal status or whose circumstances meant that they could not be treated according to existing laws. Topics for examination could include gender, age, and citizenship. Papers can examine, for example, how ancient law coped with trans-gendered individuals, persons who claimed to be free but were claimed by others as slaves, military deserters, women wishing to act as legally independent, or non-citizens engaged in legal transactions with citizens.

2) **Near Eastern/Classical Interconnections:** This panel seeks papers that explore connections/relationships between the lands of the Near East (Egypt, Levant, Mesopotamia, Persia, and Asia Minor) and the Classical world. Such topics could in-

(AAH Meeting Continued on page 5)

**Publications of the AAH** 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.

#9 *Pastoral Politics: Animals, Agriculture, and Society in Ancient Greece*. Timothy Howe (2008) Member price (paper) \$14.00.

#8 *Current Issues in the History of the Ancient Near East*. ed. Mark W. Chavalas (2007). Member price (paper) \$14.00.

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

#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.

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

*Makedonika: Essays by Eugene N. Borza*. Ed. by Carol G. Thomas (1995). Member price: (paper) \$12.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

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

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

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

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

*Roman Agrarian History*. Max Weber *trans.* Richard I. Frank (2008) member price: (paper) \$20.00

*Alexander's Empire: Formulation to Decay*. Eds. Waldemar Heckel, Lawrence Tritle, Pat Wheatley (2007). Member price: (paper) \$15.00.

*Crossroads of History: The Age of Alexander*. Eds. 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*. Jack Cargill (2004). Member Price: (paper) \$16.00.

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

*Polis and Polemos: Essays on Politics, War, and History in Ancient Greece in honor of Donald Kagan*. Eds. 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*. Eds. 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 and will be printed, space permitting. All submissions are subject to editing for length. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is November 15.

James Allan Evens reports several projects nearing fruition. His *Everyday Life in the Hellenistic Age* will shortly be released by Greenwood Press. In addition, Evans contributed a chapter on Justinian to A.A. Barrett's edited volume, *The Lives of the Caesars*, now available from Blackwell. Finally, Evans contributed an essay on the Classical Tradition in Canada to Brill's ongoing publication of *Brill's New Pauly*.

Kaius Tuori announces that his new book *Ancient Roman Lawyers and Modern Legal Ideals: Studies on the impact of contemporary concerns in the interpretation of ancient Roman legal history* has been published by Vittorio Klostermann.

Ian Worthington reports the publication of his biography, *Philip II of Macedonia* (Yale University Press: 2008).

Regina books has just published Max Weber's first book, *Roman Agrarian History*, translated now for the first time into English by Richard Frank of UC Irvine. The book deals with the interrelation between the aims of Rome's governing classes and their impact on land use, taxes, and law. A better title might be *The Political Economy of Ancient Rome* (Please note special member pricing opposite).

William M. Calder III, W. A. Oldfather Professor of the Classics at UIUC, took over the helm at the Fondation Hardt, Vandoeuvres-Geneva 3-23 in August 2008 and invited 10 young scholars, his former students and assistants, from some eight universities as his guests to research their various projects.

Peter Karavites notes the recent publication of his book, *Homer and the Bronze Age ; the Reflection of Humanistic Ideals in Diplomatic Practices*, by Gorgias Press.

Rose Mary Sheldon was awarded the Matthew Fontaine Maury Research Award by the Virginia Military Institute in May 2008.

Richard Carrier proudly announces the successful defense of his dissertation, *Attitudes toward the Natural Philosopher in the Early Roman Empire (100 B.C. to 313 A.D.)*, at Columbia University, NY. His director is William V. Harris.

Angelos Chaniotis has won the position as successor to Glen Bowersock as a permanent faculty member at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, commencing in July 2010.

C. Wade Meade, recently retired after 39 years at Louisiana Tech University, now teaches part-time at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Werner Reiss reports a productive year: in June, his edited volume, *Paideia at Play. Learning and Wit in Apuleius*, was published by Barkhuis in Groningen, as supplement volume 11 of the journal *Ancient Narrative*. In addition, having spent the previous year as a fellow at the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, DC, Reiss was able to conclude work on his project: *The Social Drama of Violence in Fourth-Century BC Athens -- A Cultural History of Interpersonal Violence*.

Let us belatedly acknowledge the publication by Helen S. Lang and A. D. Macro of *Proclus: On the Eternity of the World (de Aeternitate Mundi)*, by University of California Press in 2001.

Danielle Kellogg has been awarded a full-year fellowship for Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities from the Mrs. Giles R. Whiting Foundation. The fellowship provides release from teaching duties in order to pursue scholarly projects and is awarded solely on the basis of teaching excellence.

Kelly Olson is pleased to note that her monograph, *Dress and the Roman Woman: Self-Presentation and Society*, has been published by Routledge this year. In addition, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada has awarded her a 3-year research grant for a new project entitled *Men, Appearance, and Sexuality in Roman Antiquity*.

Jeremy LaBuff is proud to note his receipt of a Fulbright to conduct dissertation research (on Karian sympoliteiai) in Greece and

## AAH 2009 Annual Meeting: Accommodations and Logistics

**Transportation:** For US academics, remember you are travelling to a foreign country. BRING YOUR PASSPORT. The airlines and border crossings keep changing their policies, the easiest is just to use your passport. If you don't have one – make sure you check what the ID requirements are for your travelling method. As for flights, book early to get the best rates. You can fly directly into Vancouver International Airport which is served by many major airlines. Taxis to UBC from airport: \$35-40. City bus to the campus (takes a bit longer but is actually pretty painless): \$3.50. See website for directions. If you're planning to rent a car and perhaps stay a bit longer in the area, you may want to consider flying into Seattle and getting your car there and then driving to Vancouver. It can make a big difference to the cost of the plane ticket if you're flying from a US location. The drive is 2 hours (Seattle to Vancouver) – but you must add to that the border crossing which can range in wait time from 20 minutes to 3 hours depending on what is going on in world politics and holidays.

**Accommodations:** A block of rooms have been set aside at the University Conference Centre. We have booked a wide range of room styles with prices ranging from \$40/per night to \$150/per night. All have kitchens so you can, if you wish, do your own breakfasts and snacks. All our events will be within a five minute walk of the rooms. There is parking: \$7 dollars a day. The rooms are literally across the street from the main UBC Bus Loop. City buses come through this Loop as frequently as every 4 minutes. From here you can get express buses to downtown Vancouver and from there, either by watertaxi or sky train, you can get to all of the Greater Vancouver Lower Mainland. The Conference Centre hasn't confirmed their 2009 rates yet, when that comes through we will provide the web link for reservations on our conference website. I encourage everyone to stay on campus – the bus system is excellent for getting off-campus, and it is nice to have a nap after lunch before the next session! However, for those who want to stay downtown and either take a bus or cab to campus I can recommend two hotels that offer different downtown experiences. The Sylvia Hotel is an old Vancouver hotel that is located on the beach (English Bay). The buses aren't the easiest from there to campus, but they exist (by bus allow a maximum of ¾ hour each way door-to-door). If you don't mind a bit of a struggle...it's a beautiful location. Website: <http://www.sylviahotel.com/>. If you want to be downtown with very good bus connections (you can get to campus by bus in 25 minutes) and close to shopping I would suggest The Holiday Inn. Website: <http://www.holidayinn.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/YVRDT/>.

**Weather:** Absolutely everything will be blooming in May – if you have allergies, bring your medication! We can expect daytime highs of 13-17 C/ 50-58 F. We can get rain in May, but I'm praying for good weather already. We average rain 13 out of the 31 days in May – according to Environment Canada.

**Conference Website:** <http://www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca>. Up-to-date information regarding directions, restaurants, tour companies, etc. will be added to the website as our planning progresses.

### ECONOMICS FOR ANCIENT HISTORIANS: A WORKSHOP FOR RECENT PH.D.'S AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Center for the Ancient Mediterranean at Columbia University is hosting a residential workshop, May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, to help young ancient and early-mediaeval historians (specializing in any field from the Near East to approximately 1000 AD) to learn more about the methods of economic historians from two distinguished economists. The workshop will be run by Professor Peter Temin (MIT), with a major contribution by Professor Ronald Findlay (Columbia). Organizer: W.V. Harris (Columbia); Professor Walter Scheidel (Stanford) will also be in attendance at some sessions.

Eligibility and selection: doctoral students and anyone who has earned a PhD in ancient history or a closely related field at any date since 1999 may apply, without restriction of nationality. Candidates should submit applications *online only* to [wvh1@columbia.edu](mailto:wvh1@columbia.edu) by January 31, 2009; they should include a curriculum vitae, the names and e-mail addresses of two referees who may be consulted, and a more or less brief description of an economic-history project that the candidate expects to have under way at the time of the workshop (part of the workshop will consist of one-on-one discussions of the participants' projects with the faculty listed above).

The Center for the Ancient Mediterranean expects to pay the costs of the participants' travel to New York. Housing will be available on the Columbia campus at generously subsidized rates. There will be no charge for tuition or for library use.

All inquiries to [nlp2109@columbia.edu](mailto:nlp2109@columbia.edu).

FUNDED BY THE ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION

clude not only trade, migrations, colonization, cultural influences and hybridization, but also interconnections at the level of the individual, be it private (e.g., soldiers' experiences in foreign lands, cross-cultural gender relationships), or public (e.g., governors and the enforcement of political policies or administration in distant provinces).

**3) Tensions and Conflict in the Private Sphere:**

This session will explore negative interactions (e.g., power struggles) among individuals or groups at the level of the household or other non-public spheres of human activity.

**4) Aspects of Personal Adornment:** This panel will focus on the ways in which personal adornment (clothing, jewelry, branding, hairstyles, accessories, military insignia, cosmetics) as is known through artistic representations, literature, historical texts and archaeology, emphasizes or advertises one's social class, ethnicity, occupation, age, gender, or religious affiliation.

**5) Contests and Competition:** Vancouver, 2010 – The Winter Olympics! Competition can take a variety of forms, not only in the realm of athletics, but also in politics, law, economy and warfare. Papers could focus on sporting events, elections, funerary games, gladiatorial games, or legal cases. Emphasis can be placed on the strategies by which individuals, or groups of individuals, attain power, status, prestige through competition.

**6) Religion:** This panel seeks papers that explore ritual acts, aspects of worship, belief, household religion, and/or individual expressions of piety.

**7) Open session:** This session is open to the submission of papers that do not fit into any of the above categories.

Please send abstracts of **no more than 500 words** using : AAH abstracts

Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies

BUCH C 1866 Main Mall

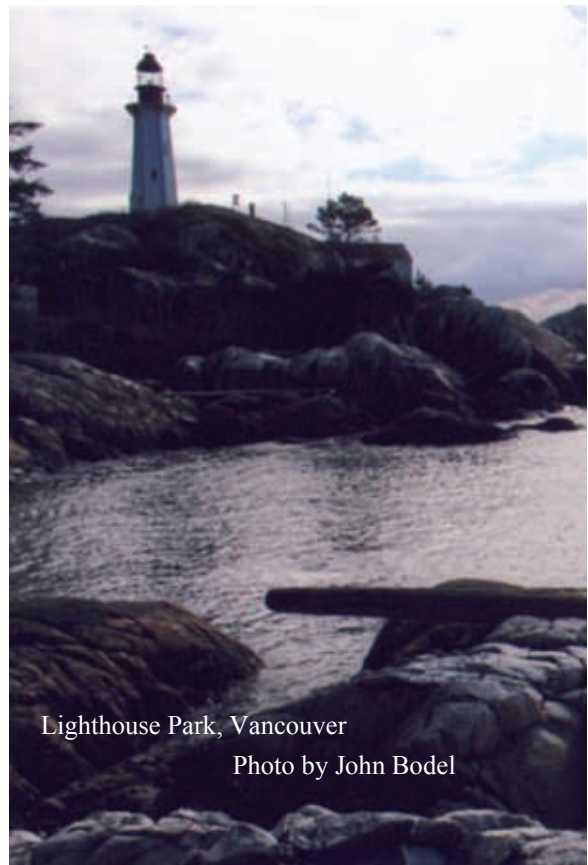
University of British Columbia

Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1 Canada

All abstracts must be received by **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**For more details on the program see the official Conference**

**Web Site:** [www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca](http://www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca)



Lighthouse Park, Vancouver

Photo by John Bodel

## THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY at Princeton

is an independent private institution founded in 1930 to create a community of scholars focused on intellectual inquiry, free from teaching and other university obligations. Each year scholars from around the world apply to come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Those who are chosen are offered a membership for a set period and a stipend. Members receive access to the extensive resources of the Institute, including offices, access to libraries, subsidized restaurant and housing facilities, and some secretarial services.

THE SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES supports scholarship in all fields of historical research, but is concerned principally with the history of western, near eastern and Asian 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, philosophy, and modern international relations. The School also offers the Edward T. Cone Membership in Music Studies. Each year the School welcomes approximately forty Members. Most are working on topics in the above mentioned fields, but each year the School also selects some scholars working in other areas of historical research. Members in the School are appointed for either one term (first term Sept. 21 to Dec. 18, second term Jan. 4 to April 2) or for two terms, amounting to a full academic year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS include the Ph.D. (or equivalent) at the time of application and a substantial record of publication. The School takes into account the stage of the scholar's academic career when considering the list of publications, but in general applicants should have at least several articles already published in scholarly publications in order to be considered eligible. Qualified candidates of any nationality are invited to apply. Scholars are not required to have a current institutional affiliation.

MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED to remain in residence in Princeton during term time. Members' only other obligation is to pursue their own research. If they wish, they may also participate in seminars and meetings within the Institute, and there are ample opportunities for contacts with scholars at nearby universities.

FUNDING FOR MEMBERS comes from a variety of sources including the Institute for Advanced Study's own endowment, grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Gerda Henkel Foundation, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The School will also welcome scholars sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies through the Frederick Burkhardt Fellowships for recently tenured professors. (Applications for that program must be submitted directly to ACLS. For information see the ACLS website at <http://www.acls.org/burkguide.htm>.)

INSTITUTE STIPENDS will normally be offered up to a maximum of \$65,000 for the full academic year, or \$32,750 for one term. A few senior scholars will be offered additional funding to help make up for losses in salary. Up to three Assistant Professors who meet additional eligibility requirements will be selected for Mellon Fellowships that will provide full year support matching their salaries and benefits at the time of application. (Detailed information about this program is on the website: <http://www.hs.ias.edu/mellon.htm>.) Stipends may be supplemented by other grants, including sabbatical salaries, but if the total exceeds the salary at the time of application the stipend will be reduced accordingly.

Further information and application materials may be found on the School's web site, [www.hs.ias.edu](http://www.hs.ias.edu). Inquiries may be sent by email to the Administrative Officer at [mzelazny@ias.edu](mailto:mzelazny@ias.edu) or by post to: School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Completed applications must be submitted by November 1, 2008.

The Department of History of the University of the Antilles and Guyana announces a conference at its Martinique campus. The conference will convene 7 to 9 April 2009, with the deadline for the submission of abstracts on 24 November 2008.

## IDENTITY AND IDENTIFICATION IN ANTIQUITY

The organisers would suggest the following thematic fields, but are open to propositions which while not falling within these themes fit the general topic of the conference:

- Types of identity in antiquity: definition and use
- Representation of identity: literary, graphic, other
- Citizen identity versus ethnic, cultural and religious identities
- State identity versus group, class and community identities
- Class identity versus formal and group identities
- Construction of new identities in antiquity
- Individual identity versus group and community identities
- Gender and identity: individual and collective
- Religion and identity: individual and collective
- Race and identity: individual and collective
- Classical models for modern identity
- Use of "antiquity" to invent modern identities
- Application of modern models of identity to the ancient world

Submissions should treat the period from early Greece to late antiquity (including early barbarian kingdoms). The conference welcomes contributions by historians, but also specialists in archaeology, literature, philosophy and other connected disciplines, as long as contributions fit the overall conference theme. Contributions by modern scholars on the use of "classical identities" in modern history are also encouraged. We hope to convene a mixed conference of established academics and graduate students.

For detailed information on conference location, fees, accommodation etc. please also refer to the conference website:

[Www.identity-antiquity.pagesperso-orange.fr](http://www.identity-antiquity.pagesperso-orange.fr)

## The Women's Network/Réseau des Femmes

invites abstracts for a panel on

### "GENERATIONS OF WOMEN"

at the

Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of Canada in  
Vancouver, British Columbia (May 12-14, 2009).

This panel explores the construction and representation of women as mothers, daughters, sisters and grandmothers and intergenerational connections with the body, the family and society more broadly, as well as the legacy of women scholars in the discipline of Classics. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: functional and dysfunctional familial relationships (including both public and private contexts); women and reproduction (within medical texts, religious rituals and demography); women in foundation myths; feminist pedagogy; contributions of 19th and 20th century female classical scholars.

This call for papers is meant to be suggestive rather than exclusive; we welcome papers that consider the theme from a variety of perspectives and sources of evidence (textual, visual, and material). Send 300 word abstracts on the Proposal Form by January 15, 2009 to Dr. Leanne Bablitz via e-mail: ([lbablitz@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:lbablitz@interchange.ubc.ca)) or regular mail: Dr. Leanne Bablitz, Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies, University of British Columbia, BUCH C 1866 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1Z1. In addition, send a second copy of the abstract and the Proposal Form, meeting the same criteria, to Dr. Allison Glazebrook via email: ([aglazebrook@brocku.ca](mailto:aglazebrook@brocku.ca)) or regular mail: Dept. of Classics, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2S 3A1. Indicate on the proposal form and in the e-mail subject line that the submission is to be considered for the "Generations of Women WN/RF panel". Registration materials and related information will be published as it becomes available. All conference information will be posted on the conference

website: <http://www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca>.

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 May 14-16, 2009, at the University Columbia in Vancouver.\*

Applicants are not required to present papers.

From 2004 through 2008, the AAH awarded a total of \$5475.00 to 23 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, 2009 to:

Prof. Randall Howarth  
Department of History  
Mercyhurst College  
501 East 38<sup>th</sup> 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: ([www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca](http://www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca)).



For over 55 years, the Vergilian Society has offered study tours to classical lands led by experienced scholars and dynamic lecturers. These study programs are designed to appeal to secondary teachers, college students and interested laypeople as well as college professors seeking firsthand knowledge of archaeology and history. Scholarship support available for secondary school teachers and graduate students. For Itineraries, Applications and Scholarship information, see <http://vergil.clarku.edu/>

Egypt Dec 27, 2008 – Jan 7, 2009

The Western Greeks: Reggio and Sicily May 21 – June 8

Cicero's Italy with Beverly Berg, June 29 - July 11

Romans, Etruscans and ancient Greeks: Exploring Antiquities from Tuscany to the Bay of Naples July 8 – 20

Roman Villas and Gardens: A Vergilian Study Tour of Roman Britain July 14 – 28

Naples Bay as melting pot, always at a boil: Social realities in coastal Campania August 3 - 15

+++++

## CALL FOR PAPERS      Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy

### Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Rome, Italy    30 June – 4 July, 2009

“Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy” is a new international, interdisciplinary research project which seeks to delineate the relationship between early Christianity and the ancient economy in the period from Jesus to Justinian. The first sessions of the project will be held at the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting in Rome. The project itself comprises three sub-projects: The first sub-project involves a study of all the major aspects of the economy in the ancient world, especially the Roman Empire. The second sub-project examines first-century early Christianity both in relationship to the ancient economy and in regard to its own economic aspects. The third sub-project does the same for Christianity in the second to the fifth centuries. Each of the three sub-projects plans to hold sessions in Rome, and paper proposals for all three sub-projects are welcomed. Papers dealing with aspects of the economy of the Roman Republic, the Roman Empire, the City of Rome, and Italy are especially encouraged. Scholars who are interested in proposing a paper for the SBL International Meeting in Rome should contact either David B. Hollander (Department of History, Iowa State University, [dbh8@iastate.edu](mailto:dbh8@iastate.edu)) or John T. Fitzgerald (Department of Religious Studies, University of Miami, [john.fitzgerald@miami.edu](mailto:john.fitzgerald@miami.edu)). The Call for Papers closes on January 31, 2009.

+++++

## 6th International Conference on History in Athens, Greece on 29-31 of December 2008.

The conference will be held in Athens, within walking distance of the Acropolis (Parthenon) and other historical sites of Athens.

Papers (in English) from all areas of history are welcome. Special sessions will be organized in the following areas: Ancient Greek and Roman History, Cultural History, History of Religion, Arts History, Economic History, Political and Social History, Sports History (History of Olympic Games), History of Sciences, History of Philosophy, Intellectual History, Modern American History, Latin American History, African History, Asian History, European History, Personalities in Philosophy and History, Interactions of Civilizations (East-West & North-South), 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 conference website is <http://www.atiner.gr/docs/History.htm>

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 Monday December 29th with live Greek music and dinner. On Wednesday the 31st, 2008 a gala dinner will be held under the Acropolis to celebrate NEW YEAR'S EVE. January 1st, 2009 a one-day cruise is organized to the islands of Aigina, Hydra and Spetses. The first 5 conferences produced a number of books. Visit our site [http://www.atiner.gr/docs/HISTORY\\_PUBLICATIONS.htm](http://www.atiner.gr/docs/HISTORY_PUBLICATIONS.htm) for titles, table of contents and order form.

Please submit a 300-word abstract via email only by September 15th, 2008 to the following address: Dr. Nicholas Pappas, Professor of History, Sam Houston University, USA and Vice-President of ATINER. 8 Valaoritou Street, Kolonaki, 10671 Athens, Greece. Tel.: + 30 210 363-4210 Fax: + 30 210 363-4209 Email: [atiner@atiner.gr](mailto:atiner@atiner.gr). Abstracts should include: Paper Title, Full Name (s), Affiliation, Current Position, email address and at least 3 keywords that best describe 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. If you want to participate in any of these categories, email Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, [gtp@atiner.gr](mailto:gtp@atiner.gr), Director, ATINER.

Professor Malcolm Barton Wallace, retired Professor of Greek History at the University of Toronto, passed away in Sault Ste. Marie on Sunday, August 17th, 2008, in his 67th year. After earning BA degrees from the University of Toronto and Oxford, "Mac" Wallace completed his PhD at the University of Toronto in 1972 with a study of the history of archaic and classical Karystos. He remained devoted to South Euboia throughout his career, becoming one of the founders and co-directors of the Southern Euboia Exploration / the Canadian Karystia Project.

Mac's interests in Greek history covered many periods and involved a number of sub-disciplines. He was an expert in numismatics, metrology (in particular, amphora capacities), Herodotus, verse inscriptions, Greek federalism and interstate relations, and Athenian law. Deeply knowledgeable and exceedingly generous, Mac spent his lifetime helping others, offering unflinching support first and foremost to his students, from those just beginning to struggle with Elementary Greek to those writing their dissertations and searching for their first jobs. Mac's meticulous and accurate handling of historical evidence coupled with both his profound ability to see larger historical developments and his warm but incisive humor made him a thoroughly inspiring scholar and invaluable critic, and the contributions that he authored quickly achieved high status. He spared neither time nor effort in his dealings with others and was the most careful reader one could ever wish for, as is clear from the many expressions of gratitude that he received in others' works for his highly constructive comments. To those who knew him, he was a dear teacher, friend and colleague, and he will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his sister Philippa M. W. Matheson of Toronto.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Lougovaya

**Secretary/Treasurer election at Vancouver in 2009** Nominations are now in order for this office. Members in good standing will be certified as candidates upon the receipt of three nominations by the current secretary. Nominations should be mailed or emailed from at least three members in good standing from three separate institutions and will be accepted up to three weeks before the meeting. The current secretary is ineligible for re-iteration. The current secretary invites inquiries from prospective successors as to the specific duties appertaining thereto. These are varied, but not especially onerous. There is naturally a burst of activity associated with each newsletter, a seat on the subvention committee, and a few hours every week managing the member roster and accounts. Specific benefits include regular interaction with colleagues here and abroad, guaranteed attendance at meetings of the AAH, and the pleasure of providing an important service to colleagues.



Six of the nine presidents of the AAH attended the meeting in Tampa in Spring of this year: (from the left) Eugene N. Borza (#4), Ramsay MacMullen (#2), Jennifer T. Roberts (#8), Richard J.A. Talbert (#7), Carole G. Thomas (#6), and W. Lindsay Adams (#9 and current).

*Photo by Sherrill Spaar*

This verse was read out at the business meeting in Tampa in contemplation of Jennifer Robert's stepping down...

There are some who now say, that Jenny should stay, and we declare her dictator for life.  
 We'd come to think of it, as an Augustan Principate, and never miss the electoral strife.  
 Alas the weight of imperium, would sure induce her delirium, in proof of which two examples will suffice.  
 To wit first a day, a few years ago in May, at a meeting whose name we won't mention.  
 When a guest went missing, and the promoter stopped listening, she saved us from a toxic tension.  
 To wit at a meeting up north, we relearned the import, of our beloved plenary sessions.  
 But when westerly we approached, and saw that custom near broached, Jenny's viscera began a-wrenching.  
 So, to save Jenny's mind, and our mos maiorum in kind, let us turn to others' intentions.

*R. Howarth*

## AAH Information Form

Please check all that apply

- change of address  
 New membership  
 Renewal membership  
 Regular membership (12.50 per year)  
 Regular with electronic option (7.50 per year)\*  
 Associate membership (for students only) 10.00 per year  
 Associate membership with electronic option (5.00 per year)\*

**Dues Information:** Annual Dues are currently \$12.50 a year for regular members and \$10.00 a year for Associate members (students only), Members who choose to receive the newsletter exclusively by electronic means can claim a 5.00 per year discount on renewals\*. Payments received in 2008 can cover years up to and including 2013 in addition to any back dues. The last year for which our records indicate you paid dues can be found on the first line of your mailing label. Please let us know if this or nay other member information is incorrect. Life memberships are available; please inquire. Members are automatically dropped from mailing list after three years of non-payment of dues.

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

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

Please check appropriate title: Prof. \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Other : \_\_\_\_\_ (Please specify)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Other names \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State or Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address (please print neatly!!!) \_\_\_\_\_

### From the Secretary

I am pleased to report that many members are finding the on-line payment system convenient; especially those members who are abroad. If you haven't already seen the system, it is accessible through our website

<http://associationofancienthistorians.org/index.html>

at the membership and dues button. Once in the AAH 'store,' please also note that donations to the subvention fund can also be made here as well. In other good news, we have about 75% of members' email addresses, and of these about one third have opted for receiving the newsletter in electronic format exclusively. This is already having a palliative effect on our balance sheet. I can therefore predict with some confidence the financial health of the organization for the foreseeable future, at least through the term(s) of my successor.

On a slightly less positive note, the web hosting firm for our website, has (once again) changed software making the editing of website content a little more irksome as an experience. Nevertheless, I can still recommend dot-5 hosting to members who might be considering a private website for whatever reason. On that topic, it seems that when I was not paying attention my temporary webmaster schtik became semi-official. If so, this would certainly qualify as another proof of the Peter Principle as my qualifications for the job are thin at best. This brings to mind something that unfolded in grad school. I had been trying to barter my labor as a handy-man in exchange for rent in Urbana. When pressed, I confessed to the manager that I knew nothing at all about plumbing... Nevertheless, that what was they needed and you can guess what I spent most of my time doing.

*R. Howarth*

### *The Ancient World*

has now cleared its backlog of submitted papers and is accepting new submissions for consideration. Please sent your manuscript to Prof. Martin C J Miller, %The Ancient World, PO Box 457, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415-0457.

**AJAH Discount:** Paid up members of the AAH are entitled to a \$5.00 discount on an annual subscription to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Please note that the AJAH is not an AAH organization and the Secretary has no information about it. To subscribe please contact the Gorgias Press customer service (180 Centennial Ave, Suite A, Piscataway, NJ 08854; Tel: 732-885-8900; email: [orders@gorgiaspress.com](mailto:orders@gorgiaspress.com)).

Association of Ancient Historians  
Randall S. Howarth, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mercyhurst College  
Department of History  
501 East 38th Street  
Erie PA 16546-0001 USA

**NON-PROFIT ORG.**

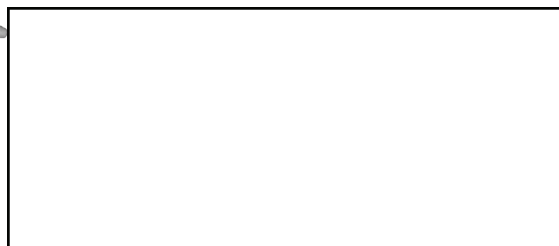
**U.S. Postage**

**PAID**

**ERIE, PA.**

**Permit No. 10**

This is the last  
year for which  
our records  
indicate you  
have paid dues. See page 9  
for renewal information.



### **AAH Contact Information**

W. Lindsay Adams, President  
Dep't of History, University of Utah  
215 South Central Campus Dr, Rm 310  
Salt Lake City UT 84112  
winthrop.adams@utah.edu

Randall S Howarth, Secretary/Treasurer  
Department of History  
Mercyhurst College  
501 East 38th Street  
Erie PA 16546-0001  
rhowarth@mercyhurst.edu  
Fax 814-824-3041

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. If you have received any e-messages from the secretary in 2008, you are already subscribed. E-mail the secretary at rhowarth@mercyhurst.edu with any questions.

---

Visit our website at...

<http://associationofancienthistorians.org/index.html>