President’s Column

Let me begin by wishing you all the best of the New Year at the beginning of this spring term. It looks to be an exciting year, and in line with that I want to start off by calling the Association’s attention to our annual meeting, which will take place at the University of British Columbia from May 14th to 16th. The preliminary program for the conference begins to the right of this column, and continues on page 5 of the Newsletter. Leanne Bablitz reminds U.S. citizens to BRING YOUR PASSPORTS! The registration form for the AAH meeting appears on page 4 of the Newsletter, and the online connection for BOTH the Canadian Classical Association and the AAH conferences appear at www.cnrs.conferences.arts.ubc.ca.

There is a special one-day registration available for the CAC sessions on May 14th for those AAH members who are interested. The deadline for the registration is March 31st. There also notes on accommodations in this Newsletter appearing on pages 5 & 7.

In connection with the conference, I would like to remind not only graduate students and junior faculty members of the Association, but also senior members who have students in those categories, that applications for grants-in-aid from our Subvention Fund are solicited. These underwrite travel expenses to the annual meeting. Details for this are available on page 6 of this Newsletter. I would like to remind the members that this is a vital function of our organization and donations are always welcome.

I would also draw the members’ attention to the call for nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer at the bottom of page 3. Randy Howarth is finishing his second term as Secretary-Treasurer, and is constitutionally barred from running again—ALAS, for he has done yeoman service in a job that is challenging, and a vital service to the Association. Along those lines, among the challenges that Randy has performed so well has been an accretion in the Secretary’s duties for work on our webpage and electronic communication. In order to prevent this from becoming a permanent extra burden on the duties of the Secretary, it has been suggested that we create an appointed position of “Web Coordinator.” This person would have the duties of maintaining the AAH webpage, AAHlist communications, and the electronic distribution of the Newsletter. Once the new Directory is created, the maintenance of that would be added to this. There is precedent for this, as a number of willing members have performed this duties, or parts of them, voluntarily in the past. The plan is to have someone serve in this capacity for a specific term, three years (renewable), and for the service provided to the Association, to cover the travel expenses to the annual meeting to report on the status of our communications. I would like to solicit applications from any and all members interested in this possibility to serve the Association. Please send your inquiries to the Secretary.

W. Lindsay Adams
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#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***************


News from and about colleagues


Mark Golden’s *Greek Sport and Social Status* (Fordyce W. Mitchel Memorial Lecture Series) should now be available from University of Texas Press.

Ralph Sealey sent in this note: Noriko Sawada, who studied in the University of California at Berkeley 1993-1997 and is now Associate Professor in Shizuoka University, published this year *The Last Glory of Athens*, a study of Athenian politics 338-322. It is the first book written in Japanese about the period of Demosthenes.

Hagith Savan notes the appearance (finally) of his *Palestine in Late Antiquity in 2008* (Oxford UP)

Craig Cooper’s edited volume, *Epigraphy and Greek Historians*, is now available from the University of Toronto Press (2008).


Published in July 2008 is Richard Talbert and Richard Unger (eds.), *Cartography in Antiquity and the Middle Ages: Fresh Perspectives, New Methods* (Brill, Leiden).


Hearty congratulations to John Matthews whose book, *The Journey of Theophanes: Travel, Business and Daily Life in the Roman East* (Yale University Press 2006), was awarded the 2007 James Henry Breasted Prize of the American Historical Association for "the best book in English in any field of history prior to CE 1000".


New Ph.D.’s!! Amelia Brown is pleased to announce her receipt of the PhD from U.C. Berkeley's Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology in Fall 2008. Her dissertation (supervised by Professor Susanna Elm) is entitled "The City of Corinth and Urbanism in Late Antique Greece." She is currently a Member of the American School in Athens and seeking a position. Richard Carrier, received his PhD in October 2008, Columbia University (New York, NY). His dissertation (supervised by Professor W.V.Harris) is entitled "Attitudes Toward the Natural Philosopher in the Early Roman Empire (100 B.C. to 313 A.D.)."

Members are reminded that nominations for Secretary of the AAH are in order for the three year term commencing May 17th, 2009. A candidate becomes eligible when three members in good standing— all employed at separate institutions—submit written nominations to the secretary two weeks in advance of the 2009 meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve. The incumbent is not eligible for re-election. The Secretary invites inquiries.
Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians
May 14-16, 2009 – University of British Columbia

REGISTRATION

Name (Title: Dr., Ms., Mrs., Mr.):____________________________________________

Mailing address:__________________________________________________________

City: _______________________ Prov/State:_________  Postal Code/Zip __________

Institution (for name tag):_________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________

Telephone: (      )__________________  Fax: (      )____________________

PAYMENT INFORMATION

□ Registration $75 (includes continental breakfasts on Friday and Saturday)
□ Student Registration $40 (includes continental breakfasts on Friday and Saturday)
□ Banquet Ticket $50 (for registered participants) – main course will be B.C. salmon
□ Extra Banquet Ticket(s) $60 ____ (number, if more than 1 extra)
□ One-day Registration for May 14th panels of Classical Association of Canada Annual Meeting $25 – if you wish to attend more of the CAC conference please register for the entire conference at www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca.
□ Late Registration $90 (after March 31st)

Total payment: _________ (CAN/US funds at parity)

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Mail this completed form with your cheque to:
Dr. Leanne Bablitz
Attn: I'm coming!
CNERS, BUCH C227 - 1866 Main Mall
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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: March 31st, 2009
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 go-
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 subvention committee of the AAH awarded $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 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.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca. ).
Logistics and Accomodations

Accommodations: A block of rooms have been set aside at the University Conference Centre. We have booked two room styles with prices ranging from $49/per night to $139/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 water-taxi or sky train, you can get to all of the Greater Vancouver Lower Mainland. 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.

Call For Papers NOTE EARLY DEADLINE (2 February)

Identity in Ancient Mediterranean Religions

The Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions (SAMR) invites abstracts for its panel session at the Anaheim meeting of the APA in 2010. The objective of the panel is to bring together scholars from a variety of disciplines to consider the relationship between identity and religion in the ancient Mediterranean world.

The subject of identity has received much scholarly attention in the past few decades. Papers might cover such subjects as: the function of religion in forming, maintaining, dissolving, and recreating personal, gender, ethnic, social and cultural identity; the problem of the separation of religious identity from other forms of collective identity in antiquity; the representation and enactment of religious identity; and the issue of hybridization engendered by the spread of religious practices and beliefs throughout the Mediterranean region. Speakers must be members in good standing of the APA and of SAMR to participate in the panel.

500-600 words abstracts for 15-20 minute papers should be submitted to Eric Orlin at eorlin@ups.edu. Abstracts should contain a title and a word count, but should not have any information regarding the identity of the submitter. For further information about abstract format, please see the APA Program Guide. All abstracts for papers will be reviewed anonymously. The deadline for submission of abstracts is February 2, 2009. For further information, please contact Barvette Spaeth, College of William and Mary, (baspae@wm.edu) or Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound, (eorlin@ups.edu).
The Department of Classics offers an intensive 8-week summer school for beginners with parallel courses in Latin and Greek. The courses are primarily aimed at postgraduate students in diverse disciplines who need to acquire a knowledge of either of the languages for further study and research, and at teachers whose schools would like to reintroduce Latin and Greek into their curriculum.

In each language 6 weeks will be spent completing the basic grammar and a further 2 weeks will be spent reading simple, unadapted texts. For further information and an application form see our website:

http://www.ucc.ie/acad/classics/summ_sch.html

or contact Vicky Janssens, Department of Classics, University College Cork, Ireland, tel.: +353 21 4903618/2359, fax: +353 21 4903277, email: v.janssens@ucc.ie

Two archaeological field school experiences are available this May and June, 2008 in Palmyra and Apamea, Syria directed by Dr. Cynthia Finlayson of Brigham Young University. The excavation of a new building discovered in 2008 will be ongoing in Palmyra during May in search of the missing Temple of Atargatis and Shrines of Malakbel and Aglibol. During June of 2009, excavations will continue at the Great Roman Theatre at Apamea, Syria. The largest known theatre in the Roman East and the second largest theatre in the Roman Empire after that of Pompeii’s in Rome. Contact Dr. Cynthia Finlayson at: calderfin@aol.com or call her office at 801-422-5628 for more information. Each trip is estimated to cost $4,500.00, round trip airfare; room and board included.

Position available: Editor, Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome

The American Academy in Rome seeks qualified applicants for the position of Editor of the Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome (MAAR) for the period 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2013. During the first year of the appointment, the successful candidate will serve as Associate Editor, working with the current Editor, Vernon Hyde Minor. The Editor of MAAR serves ex-officio as a member of the Publications Committee of the Academy’s Board of Trustees, which recommends policies for and oversees the scholarly publications of the Academy. The ideal candidate for this position will be an experienced scholar with broad knowledge of the fields represented in the AAR, and experience in publication. The Academy’s objective is to complete and publish each volume of the MAAR so as to be able to make it available to a portion of our constituency at each Annual Meeting the AIA-APA in January. The Academy requests that the Editor’s home institution provide the necessary support staff and other resources.

For additional information on the Academy and its publications program, please refer to www.aarome.org/pubs.htm

Application deadline is 15 March 2009. Applications, which should consist of a curriculum vitae and a letter of intent, should be sent to:

Search Committee - Editor
American Academy in Rome
7 East 60 Street
New York, NY 10022

Members of the Search Committee include Elaine K. Gazda, chair, Carmela V. Franklin, Vernon Minor and Adele Chatfield-Taylor.
Notes from the Secretary:

It’s the time of year for the secretary to update member information. If you receive this in hard copy, please check the date next to your name on the mailing label. This is the last year for which our records indicate your dues as having been paid. If I am in error, please advise. Otherwise, note the renewal form above. If you receive your newsletter by email only, I will send you an email message once a year to let you know where you stand. I am happy to report the AAH website portal for member remissions is working well; about one third of our receipts are now remitted via that porthole. 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. On that subject, donations to the subvention fund are up this year. This is a good sign for the future vitality of the AAH. One indication of the dividends yielded by the subvention is the program of papers planned for the 2009 meeting. At least six of the presenters are junior faculty who received the award sometime in the past. The dividend to us is their repeated attendance. That they should return (some several times) is an indication of the dividends that the AAH itself provides to members. Tax time is coming; be generous. And do please make your junior colleagues and graduate students aware of the subvention.

R. Howarth

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

Photos opposite and below from the Princeton meeting, 2007

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 2009 can cover years up to and including 2014 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 any 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.

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.
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. 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.

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