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President's Column

Dear friends,

Welcome to a new academic year. To those among you beginning the year in new appointments, congratulations and good luck during these first weeks.

Cynthia Patterson and Judith Evans Grubbs of Emory University did a magnificent job of hosting us in April in Atlanta. The panels and keynotes reflected well the wide range of our members' research interests and also—just as importantly—the variety of institutions and positions in which we work. In this newsletter you will see the Call for Papers from the University of Iowa's Sarah Bond and Rosemary Moore, who have invited us to Iowa City in April 2020.

You will also find details of AAH-sponsored panels at the January meeting of the AHA, to be held in New York City. Thank you to Rachael Goldman for her continued service as our liaison to the AHA.

Finally, you will see the formal notice of an election to be held next April for the next President of the AAH. If you are interested in running, contact Brian Messner, our indefatigable Secretary, who has details of the process. I will also be delighted to speak with you.

I wish you a productive year in everything you do and look forward to seeing or being in touch with many of you.

Warmest wishes,

Serena Crawley



AAH Annual Meeting 2020 University of Iowa, Iowa City 23-25 April 2020

The 2020 AAH annual meeting will be hosted by **The University of Iowa, Iowa City, April 23-25, 2020**. The organizers are Sarah Bond and Rosemary Moore. There will be a closing banquet and the AAH Business Meeting on Saturday.

[Call for Papers: AAH 2020 in Iowa City](#)

Abstracts Due December 2, 2019
to the [Online Submission Form](#).

Conference Website: <https://aah20.wordpress.com/>

Please join us in Iowa City, Iowa for the 2020 AAH Annual Meeting, to be held April 23-25, 2020. The theme this year is "A Global Antiquity." Our keynote speakers are Jinyu Liu (DePauw University) and Walter Scheidel (Stanford University). Registration (\$95) includes a reception on Thursday evening as well as a banquet to conclude the conference on Saturday night. Online registration information will be posted on the conference website by December of 2019.

Conference information continues on the next page.

All of our sessions will be held on campus at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA. A block of rooms has been reserved for AAH participants, panel presiders, and attendees at [The Graduate Hotel in Iowa City](#), a short walk from campus along the pedestrian mall. To make reservations call 319 337 4058. The AAH rate is \$109 per night plus taxes and fees. This rate is guaranteed through Feb. 23, 2020. Plan to travel to Iowa City by car or fly into Cedar Rapids Airport (CID) if planning flights.

The deadline for the receipt of paper proposals is December 2, 2019. Please consult the panel topics below and then submit a 300-word abstract and short bibliography of 3-5 sources reflecting the state of the question to [the conference submission form](#).

Papers are welcome on the following topics:

Long Distance Trade in Antiquity

Panel Presider: Jinyu Liu (DePauw University)

Ancient Food

Panel Presider: Jordan Rosenblum (UW-Madison)

Athenian Life and History

Panel Presider: Thomas C. Rose (Randolph-Macon College)

Alexander and his Generals on the Frontiers

Panel Presider: Rosemary Moore (University of Iowa)

A Global Late Antiquity

Panel Presider: Sarah Bond (University of Iowa)

Disease, Disaster, and Environmental Histories

Panel Presider: Brenda Longfellow (University of Iowa)

Geographies of Conflict and Warfare

Panel Presider: Lee Brice (Western Illinois University)

New Documentation Panel: Epigraphy, Numismatics, and Papyri

Panel Presider: Georgia Tsouvala (Illinois State University)

Race, Ethnicity, and Outreach in Ancient History

Panel Presider: Nandini Pandey (UW-Madison)

Ancient History and Pedagogy

Panel Presider: Angela Ziskowski (Coe College)

Digital Humanities and Ancient History (DH Panel)

Panel Presider: Hannah Scates Kettler (Iowa State University)

Contact: Sarah Bond (sarah-bond@uiowa.edu) and Rosemary Moore (rosemary-moore@uiowa.edu) with any questions. Registration will open in December of 2019 and paper applicants will be notified by January 2020.

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## NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

Walter Scheidel's latest book, *Escape from Rome: The Failure of Empire and the Road to Prosperity*, will be published by Princeton University Press in October. Pre-publication information can be found [here](#).

Jeremy McInerney announces his book, *Ancient Greece: A New History* (Thames and Hudson) with complete information [here](#).

Kathryn Waterfield is pleased to announce that her article, "Penteconters and the Fleet of Polycrates," has been published in *The Ancient History Bulletin*, Volume 33:1-2 (2019).

Stanley M. Burstein has published an article, "Werner Jaeger Comes to Chicago," *International Journal of the Classical Tradition*, 26 (2019), 319-332.

Jeffrey Rop is pleased to report the publication of *Greek Military Service in the Ancient Near East, 401-330 BCE* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019). More information [here](#).

Timothy Doran is pleased to announce that he received tenure at Cal State Los Angeles in the spring.

Mireille Corbier ([corbier@msh-paris.fr](mailto:corbier@msh-paris.fr)), directeur de *L'Année épigraphique*, fait savoir que *L'Année épigraphique 2016* (2036 notices et 1206 pages dont 214 pages d'index) a été publiée en août 2019 et est disponible. Les commandes doivent être adressées aux Presses Universitaires de France ([revues@humensis.com](mailto:revues@humensis.com)).

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Michele Salzman announces that she is now chair of the Department of History at the University of California Riverside.

Chris Baron reports that the fourth volume of the Brill series "Historiography of Rome and its Empire" has now appeared: *Cassius Dio and the Late Roman Republic*, edited by Josiah Osgood and Christopher Baron. More information [here](#).

Jeanne Reames announces the publication of her 2 part fictional story of young Alexander the Great from Riptide Publishers, *Dancing with the Lion*. Information on part 1 [here](#). Part 2 to be published on Oct. 21, information [here](#)

John Pollini is notifying members of an upcoming Symposium on Iconoclasm: *The Destruction of Religious Material Cultural in the Old World and New World*. Three speakers in this symposium will focus on monotheism's destruction of the traditional polytheistic religious cultures of Rome, Pre-Columbian Mexico, and India. For more information, contact John Pollini, [pollini@usc.edu](mailto:pollini@usc.edu). October 28, 2019, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.

Sadly, the AAH has recently learned of the passing of James S. Ruebel (Ball State) in 2016 and Norman Doenges (Dartmouth) in 2018.



## AAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Nominations for AAH President**

Members are informed that nominations for President of the AAH are in order for the three-year term commencing at the Business Meeting of the 2020 Annual Meeting. A candidate becomes eligible for election when three members in good standing—each employed at separate institutions—submit written nominations to the secretary ([Secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org](mailto:Secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org)) at least two full weeks in advance of the 2020 Meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve. Nominations by email are acceptable.



### **A Note on Memberships**

The Secretary wishes to inform members of two changes in membership policy. First, beginning in January 2020, the AAH will carry members in arrears for only one year instead of two years. Second, also beginning in January 2020, the AAH will notify all members annually of their membership status. Now that we have new database capabilities we can inform each of you when your membership will expire so that you can plan accordingly. If you have questions please contact Brian Messner at [Secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org](mailto:Secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org).



### **Subvention Grants, a note from Matthew Perry, Subvention Chair**

#### **What Are Subvention Grants?**

The Association of Ancient Historians awards subvention grants to graduate students and junior faculty who are interested in attending our yearly conferences. Our goal is to help more members be present at our annual meeting and to encourage more colleagues to join what is truly a unique association of Ancient History professionals. Applicants for subvention grants must be members of the AAH but are not required to present papers at the annual meeting. There is a poster on page 7 to help spread subvention information.

#### **Donate to the Subvention Fund!**

The account used to underwrite subvention grants is separate from the AAH general fund and is supported only by earmarked donations. In other words, we rely on the generosity of AAH members in order to support our junior colleagues. If you are interested in making a donation, you can use the PayPal link on the association website (<http://associationofancienthistorians.org/grants.html>) or mail a check to the AAH Treasurer, Scott Perry ([Treasurer@associationofancienthistorians.org](mailto:Treasurer@associationofancienthistorians.org)). All donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated!



**Rachel Goldman** is pleased to announce the ancient history panels at the AHA Annual meeting in NYC 2020. Panels include 1) Teaching and Pedagogical Reform in Ancient History at the Community College; 2) Ancient History and Its Historians; 3) Numismatics and Ancient History: New Approaches and Directions; 4) Ancient Global History: New Approaches to the Hellenistic Age; 5) Women, Religion, Privilege and Godhood. Please contact Rachael Goldman at [rbg21@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:rbg21@scarletmail.rutgers.edu) with any questions.



### **Mentoring Committee**

The AAH Mentoring Committee would like to remind all members to apply for our Mentoring program! Serving as a mentor or mentee is a great way to meet new members of our community, and build relationships that will last a (professional) lifetime. If you would be interested in joining the program, please fill out one of the following two applications ([2020 Mentee Application](#), [2020 Mentor Application](#)) by **March 30, 2020**: If you have any questions please e-mail Zach Herz at [mentorship@associationofancienthistorians.org](mailto:mentorship@associationofancienthistorians.org).



### **The Committee on Teaching**

The AAH Committee on Teaching is seeking submissions for a website with models of syllabi. Please consider submitting a syllabus for inclusion! You can submit a syllabus or several [here](#). In particular, the Committee is still looking for syllabi for the following sorts of courses:

- world history
- history of the Ancient Mediterranean and/or Near East
- Hellenistic history
- Roman history

N.B. You do not need to be a senior scholar to submit a syllabus. If you have questions or comments please reach out to [teaching@associationofancienthistorians.org](mailto:teaching@associationofancienthistorians.org).

Thank you to those who already sent in submissions!



### AAH Membership Dues

Please remember to renew your AAH membership dues. It is possible to pay in advance for up to five years. Considering the costs of many other associations focused on history, we are still the best bargain out there!

Payment can be made online though **PayPal** on the AAH website <http://www.associationofancienthistorians.org/> or by traditional mail (see the dues form at the end of the Newsletter).

| Membership                                    | Dues effective January 1, 2015 |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Regular Electronic                            | <b>\$11.00</b>                 |
| Associate Electronic ( <i>students only</i> ) | <b>\$7.00</b>                  |
| Regular Postal                                | <b>\$16.00</b>                 |
| Associate Postal ( <i>students only</i> )     | <b>\$12.00</b>                 |
| Life ( <i>retired members over 60 only</i> )  | <b>\$160.00</b>                |
| Institutional                                 | <b>\$32.00</b>                 |

#### Please mail dues to:

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For questions or information about membership, dues, or other financial matters, please contact Scott Perry at [Treasurer@AssociationofAncientHistorians.org](mailto:Treasurer@AssociationofAncientHistorians.org). The AAH Secretary Brian Messner can be contacted at [Secretary@AssociationofAncientHistorians.org](mailto:Secretary@AssociationofAncientHistorians.org).



**Reminder:** Please remember to designate the AAH as your charity of choice at Amazon Smile and shop though the Amazon Smile website. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> to do so. (Everything else at Amazon's website stays the same, including your account.) A percentage of your Amazon orders will support the AAH!



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The American Academy in Rome invites applications for the 2020 **Rome Prize**. For over a century, the American Academy in Rome has awarded the Rome Prize to support innovative work in the arts and humanities. Thirty fellowships, which are either five or eleven months in length, include a stipend, room and board, and individual work space at the Academy's eleven-acre campus in Rome. Rome Prizes are awarded in many disciplines including ancient studies. The application deadline is **November 1, 2019**. Please visit [aarome.org/apply](http://aarome.org/apply) for the guidelines and begin your application.



## CALLS FOR PAPERS

**The ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies** announces several 2020 conferences with further details at: <https://www.aramsociety.org/conferences/forthcoming-conference/>

The Fifty-First International Conference on the history and the cultural heritage of the Aramaeans B.C.: History, Literature, and Archaeology, to be held at the Oriental Institute, the University of Oxford, on 20th – 22nd July, 2020.

The Fifty-Second International Conference on the theme of The Decapolis: History and Archaeology, to be held at Oxford University, 27th – 29th July, 2020.

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ARAM also announces that their website ([www.aramsociety.org](http://www.aramsociety.org)) is now in the process of being updated by their website manager to celebrate its thirtieth anniversary, and will be fully up-to-date by mid-September.



### **Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions**

“Sailing with the Gods: Religion and Maritime Mobility in the Ancient World,” Malta, June 17-21, 2020.

Ritual practices dedicated to maritime success appear across a wide span of human cultural history, from the Mediterranean to the North Sea, Southeast Asia across the Pacific to the west coast of the Americas. Culturally-constructed seafaring rituals respond to the combination of risk and profit endemic in even short voyages, informing water-borne contact across cultural boundaries, the construction of vessels, navigational skills and their ancestral creators, and mnemonic and naming strategies for the shoreline and the skies. Mythic and ritual responses are accordingly complex, ranging from apotropaia to the divine authorization of civic structures, shipboard shrines and functional epithets. This international conference seeks to bring together scholars from across a range of disciplines and historical periods, from prehistoric to the seventh century CE, to address critical questions in method and theory relevant to religion in the context of maritime mobility. Detailed information available at the Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions, <https://samreligions.org> Deadline for abstracts: January 1, 2020.



## PUBLICATIONS

The AAH Publications Committee invites suggestions for new volumes of PAAH. (Please note that a suggestion for a volume does not bring with it the obligation to be its editor!) The *Publications of the Association of Ancient Historians* surveys scholarship in various areas of Ancient History. The primary audience is members of the AAH, but our volumes have also been adopted as textbooks. The most recent volume, *Traders in the Ancient Mediterranean* (ed. Timothy Howe), is available through Amazon in print and as an e-book, and a list of previous volumes is available on the AAH website. To contact the Committee, send an email to [publications@associationofancienthistorians.org](mailto:publications@associationofancienthistorians.org)



The **Ancient History Bulletin** is currently accepting submissions. AHB is a peer-reviewed digital journal that promotes scholarly discussion in Ancient History and ancillary fields (such as epigraphy, papyrology, and numismatics). For over 30 years AHB has combined high standards with a timely review and editorial process, publishing articles and notes on the history of the ancient world from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity. Although contributors are encouraged to submit articles in English, submissions in French, German, Italian, and Spanish are welcome. <https://ancienthistorybulletin.org/>



**The Journal of Ancient History** continues to invite submissions of articles. We are committed to a speedy process from submission to publication while maintaining high standards of peer-review. Please see our website for submission information: <http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/jah>.



**Attention Graduate Students and Junior Faculty  
of Ancient Greek, Roman, and Near Eastern History**

***The Association of Ancient Historians*  
invites applications  
for conference and travel grants-in-aid**

for the annual meeting of the AAH at the  
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
April 23-25, 2020

*Applicants must be AAH members but are not required to present papers.*

The Association of Ancient Historians was founded with two essential objectives. The first of these is to foster a regular forum for scholarly interaction among historians of the ancient world, and secondly, to do so in a manner that emphasizes collegiality and social interaction.

We invite you to experience the convivial atmosphere of our annual meeting. The AAH welcomes all individuals to membership and attendance at AAH events!

Complete Application Details are at:

[www.associationofancienthistorians.org](http://www.associationofancienthistorians.org) under the “Meetings” tab.



Questions or Applications (due January 31, 2020) to:

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The subvention account is separate from the AAH general fund and is funded entirely by earmarked donations.

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## Membership Information Form

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- Regular Electronic membership (\$11.00 per year)  
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 Regular Postal membership (\$16.00 per year)  
 Associate Postal membership [students only] (\$12.00 per year)  
 Life Membership [*retired members over 60 only*] (\$160.00)  
 Institutional Membership (\$32.00)

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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