President's Column

Dear friends,

Happy New Year. I hope you have all enjoyed a restful break and are feeling refreshed and ready to embrace the opportunities that a new year brings.

I hope that your plans for travel this year will include our annual meeting, to be held at the University of Iowa on April 23-25. The preliminary program is next to this column, and logistical information can be found at https://aah20.wordpress.com/. The organizers, Sarah Bond and Rosemary Moore, have brought together thirty papers that reflect well the breadth of interests among our members. This promises to be a great meeting.

You will see in the program a panel on pedagogy, included at the suggestion of our Committee on Teaching. The Committee is currently hard at work putting together an archive of syllabi that will be available on our website. Thank you to those of you who have already contributed syllabi—they will be a valuable resource, especially for our junior members.

Rachael Goldman organized fully five AAH panels at the American Historical Association meeting earlier this month. One of these included an undergraduate speaker, and it is immensely gratifying to see the next generation’s involvement in our field. Thank you Rachael and all those who participated in the panels.

Pat Dintrone has heroically uploaded to our website an almost complete run of our newsletters, stretching back to 1974. I encourage you to visit the AAH website (or click here) to take a look at these. You will see that the first newsletter emphasizes the role of teaching in the AAH, a focus that we are now reviving. There are also updates from members, a feature that is still much appreciated. Do continue to share your accomplishments so that we may all celebrate your graduation, new job, fellowship or publication.

The President’s Column concludes on page 3.
Preliminary Friday April 24 Schedule, continued

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45-12:00: Panel #2: New Documentation in Ancient History Panel: Georgia Tsouvala (Illinois State University)
3. Chingyuan Wu (Peking University), “Of Health or Savior? Emending the Herennia Hispana Inscription”

12:00-1:30: Lunch On Your Own

1:30-3:00: Panel #3: Athenian Life and History Panel: Thomas Rose (Randolph-Macon College)
1. Phil Venticinque (University of Chicago), “Ties that Bind: Curses and Commerce in Athens and the Ancient World”
2. James Sickinger (Florida State University), “The Kerameikos Ostraka: 50 Years Later”

3:00-3:15: Break

3:15-4:30: Panel #4: Alexander and his Generals on the Frontiers Panel: Rosemary Moore (University of Iowa)

3:45-4:45: Break

4:45-6:15: Presidential Panel: A Global Antiquity: Angela Ziskowski (Coe College)
2. Stuart McCunn (Independent Scholar), “Prints of Persia: Great Walls and Sassanian Military Organization in Late Antiquity”
3. Margherita Azzari, Carmelo Pappalardo, Anna Lena (Università degli Studi di Firenze), “Military roads, trade routes and pilgrimage trails: Cartographic, documentary and archeological sources for the reconstruction of the Syro-palestinian road network and landscape in the Late Antiquity”

6:15: Procession to Open Bar and Appetizers (IMU, University of Iowa)

7:00: Conference Dinner at IMU: Keynote #2: Walter Scheidel (Stanford University), “The Ancient Historian on the Tightrope.”

Saturday, April 25: Day Three
Room: IMU Theater, Iowa Memorial Union

8:00 –8:30 am: Continental Breakfast and Registration, Day 3

8:30-9:45: Panel #6: Digital Humanities Panel: Hannah Scates Kettler (Iowa State University)
1. Rhyne King (University of Chicago), “Imperial Cooperation and Coercion: The View from Persian Mesopotamia”
3. Vanessa Gorman (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), “Did Xenophon Write the Epilogue of the Cyropaedia? Using Stylometry to Determine Authorship”

9:45-10:00: Break
Saturday, April 25: Day Three (continued)

10:00-11:30: #7: Geographies of Conflict and Warfare Panel: Lee Brice (Western Illinois University)
(1) John Hyland (Christopher Newport University), “Darius I and the Spatial Dynamics of Achaemenid Royal Campaigns”
(2) Kurt A. Raaflaub (Brown University), “Justifying Genocide? Confronting the Dark Side of Caesar’s Gallic Wars”
(3) Jessica Tilley (Florida State University), “Victory over Things: Re-interpreting Mummius’s Display of Spoils in Greece”

11:30-12:30: Lunch on your own

12:30-2:00 pm: AAH Business Meeting (all members please plan to attend)

2:00-3:15 pm: #8: Pedagogy and Outreach Panel: Nandini Pandey (UW-Madison)
(1) Jeremy LaBuff (Northern Arizona University), “The Rewards and Challenges of a More Inclusive Instruction of Antiquity”
(2) Ryan Abrecht (University of San Diego), “Teaching Ancient History Through Historical Fiction”
(3) Isabel Köster (UC-Boulder), “Teaching Gender and Ethnicity in the Roman World with Bernardine Evaristo’s The Emperor’s Babe”

3:15-3:30: Break

3:30-4:45: #9: Disease, Disaster, and Environmental Histories Panel: Brenda Longfellow (University of Iowa)
(1) Mark K. Gradoni (University of Maryland), “Plague and the End of Antiquity: A Reassessment”
(2) Morgan King (College of St. Benedict / Saint John’s University), “They Feared Eternal Night”: Re-evaluating the Eruption of Etna in 44 BCE”
(3) Colin P. Elliott (Indiana University), “Climate Change and Coin Debasement in Roman Egypt”

4:45: Closing Remarks and Thanks (Moore and Bond)

5:00 pm: Exodus

Contact Sarah Bond (sarah-bond@uiowa.edu) and Rosemary Moore (rosemary-moore@uiowa.edu) with any questions. Registration is now open: https://aah20.wordpress.com/aah-2020-registration/

President’s column, continued

Our membership numbers continue to be strong, but it would be great to bring in more of our colleagues. Please spread the word about the AAH in your department, especially to graduate students and junior faculty, and also to colleagues in nearby institutions. I have heard it said many times that AAH membership is especially beneficial to folks who may be the only ancient historian—indeed the only historian—in their institution.

Finally, there will be an election at the Iowa meeting for the next AAH President, and thus far we have one nominee. If you are interested in running, do take a look at the notice in this newsletter.

Best wishes for a happy and productive 2020,

Serena
NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

Eliza Gettel received her PhD in ancient history from Harvard University in November with a dissertation entitled Between Federation and Empire: The koina of the imperial Greek mainland, 1st to 3rd century CE. She is excited to be starting as an Assistant Professor of History at Villanova University this spring.


Antonio Crisà sends word of his new position in the Department of Archaeology at the Ghent University, as well as his ERC project “Cultural Heritage in Danger: Archaeology and Communities in Sicily during the Second World War (1940–45).”


Stanley Burstein (CSULA) delivered a keynote address entitled "The African Encounter with Greece: The Case of Kush" on November 10 at the 2019 meeting of The Classical Association of South Africa at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies.

Peter Green, now ninety-five and not so mobile as he was, but still composs mentis and busy with his historical commentary on Herodotus, looks forward with enthusiasm to the AAH coming to Iowa City, and would welcome meetings with former colleagues and students, and other old friends, as well as fellow-Herodoteans, during the conference.

Judith Hallett sends word of several items: She has just been elected as a Forum Delegate with the MLA, she has published “Expanding Our Professional Embrace: The American Philological Association/Society for Classical Studies 1970–2019” TAPA, Volume 149, Number 2 Supplement, 2019, pp. S-61-S-87, the publication of “The Legacy of the Drunken Duchess: Grace Harriet Macurdy, Barbara McManus and Classics at Vassar College, 1893-1946” as well as the publication of the inaugural issue of History of Classical Scholarship, a new Open Access journal exclusively devoted to the history of the studies on the Greek and Roman world at http://www.hcsjournal.org/. She delivered “Female Agency and Autonomy and the Ius Trium Liberorum: Revisiting the Women of Augustus’ Household” at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of New England. She also received the 2019 “Award for Leadership” from the Women’s Classical Conference. Finally, she will deliver a keynote address at the Women in Antiquity Conference, September 18-19, 2020 in London.

Lee L. Brice is pleased to announce publication of New Approaches to Greek and Roman Warfare (Wiley-Blackwell, 2020). It is a collection of essays on new ways of exploring and explaining military history, some of which are by members of the AAH. The book is available electronically now and will be hardcopy shortly Please see https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/book/10.1002/9781119248514 for more information.

Long time member Frank Frost (UC Santa Barbara, emeritus) celebrates his 90th birthday and announces the publication of his fourth novel, The Grottos of Barigoule, about the 16th century Vaudois persecution and its modern aftermath.

AAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mentoring Committee
The Mentoring Committee has two announcements. First, we would love to remind AAH members that we are still accepting mentor/mentee applications for 2020! The applications are available here: 2020 AAH Mentee Application, 2020
AAH Mentor Application. The deadline for both applications is March 30, 2020: we plan to notify all applicants of their pairings soon after. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to e-mail aahmentoring@gmail.com.

Second, for those who are already receiving mentoring through the AAH Mentoring Program, we would like to encourage you to nominate mentors for the Randall Howarth Prize for Excellence in Mentoring. Nominees will have demonstrated their excellence in mentoring by their commitment to the mentoring program, their helpful advice, and their cordiality. Mentees who have had rewarding relationships with their mentors should submit their nomination to aahmentoring@gmail.com by March 31, 2020. Please include a brief description of your reasons for nominating your mentor along with your nomination, and let us know if you will be attending the Annual Meeting.

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) at least two full weeks in advance of the 2020 Meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve. Nominations by email are acceptable.

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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.

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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). All donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated!

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Rachel Goldman sends this note: Happy New Year! It was great to hold five full attended sessions on Ancient Numismatics, The Ancient Global Session that dealt with Alexander III, Teaching the Ancient World at a 2 Year College, Women and Religion, and Different Ways of Presenting Ancient Historiography. The AHA will be hosted in Seattle 2021. If anyone is interested in getting a session together, we would be delighted to entertain your topics. Already there is interest in a session on Ancient Walls, Ancient Law and the Economy, and 2 Teaching Workshops. We aim to have a mix
of panels and workshops. Anyone entertaining a submission of a panel and panelists should reach out to me by May 10, 2020 at racgoldm@kean.edu

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 through PayPal on the AAH website http://www.associationofancienthistorians.org/ or by traditional mail (see the dues form at the end of the Newsletter).

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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. The AAH Secretary Brian Messner can be contacted at 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 at Rome (https://www.aarome.org/) and the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (https://www.ascsa.edu.gr/) both have a number of overseas study opportunities posted to their websites.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Art Historian, pre-c. 1500 art, tenure-track  The College of Visual Arts and Design at the University of North Texas invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor of Art History, with a specialization in pre-c.1500 art. The successful candidate will teach graduate and undergraduate art history courses to majors and non-majors. Art History faculty may receive support for their research through a variety of institutional research grants and travel funding. The standard annual teaching load is a 2|2 at the rank of assistant professor. Additional responsibilities include advising students, both undergraduate and graduate, service to the college and university, professional development, and continued enhancement of the art history program, which is housed in a Carnegie Tier One Research University. The ideal candidate will complement the faculty’s strengths in global art, architecture, and design history. Applications will be reviewed beginning January 27, 2020. For additional information and to apply, please see http://jobs.untsystem.edu/postings/33035.
CALLS FOR PAPERS

The US Section of the International Plutarch Society announces a call for papers for its 2021 panel, to be held at the annual meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, January 7-10, 2021, in Chicago. The panel, entitled The Discourse of Leadership in the Greco-Roman World, seeks to examine the boundaries, intersections, and enduring impact of the robust discourse of leadership in Greek and Roman literature and material culture. The organizers invite papers that address how the concept of leadership is expressed in Greek and Latin terminology; how different authors define leadership, both good and bad; how genre influences the presentation of leaders; how authors fit leaders who do not look like them (i.e. women, foreigners, slaves, etc.) into a broader concept of leadership; and consider both the positive and problematic impact of ancient ideas about leadership on later thinkers and leaders, including those of today. For a full description and instructions for submitting an abstract, please visit the IPS website (http://ips.ploutarchos.org/2020/01/cfp-panel-of-ips-at-society-for.html). Abstracts are due March 1, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Duane Roller, editor, is very pleased to announce to the membership that the latest volume in the PAAH series, New Directions in the Study of Ancient Geography, is in production and will appear shortly. All members in good standing will receive a copy as part of their AAH membership.

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

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.

Jeremy LaBuff alerts members that “Contingencies: A Journal of Global Pedagogy” is now soliciting submissions for its first issue. The journal’s mission is to provide a space for humanistic discussion of new practical and theoretical models for curriculum, pedagogy, and disciplinarity in a global context, and welcomes submissions from all disciplines. To be considered for our first issue (to be published Fall 2020), please submit by February 21, 2020, to contingencies-journal@nyu.edu after filling out this form. For further information, please visit our call for papers at https://wp.nyu.edu/contingenciesjournal/ and the form is at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHh2xG2opA8HYzrWFLFsReiUHXBrjZYV-6ew7sZByT4U0XtA/viewform

The Witness to Ancient History book series published by Johns Hopkins University Press invites proposals from potential authors. Our goal is to provide books for undergraduates and general readers that, in a brief and engaging format, are informative and authoritative. Each book focuses on a single pivotal historical event, describing it and explaining its consequences or significance. The books are short (about 50–60,000 words) and focused, suitable as an assignment for a week’s reading in a college course. The series covers all of ancient history through Late Antiquity and the entire Mediterranean basin and surrounding regions. For information on submissions, contact Series Editor, Greg Aldrete (aldreteg@uwgb.edu). For current series books, see: https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/series/witness-ancient-history.

De Gruyter announces the publication of volume LXXXIV (2015) of International Bibliography of Historical Sciences (Berlin, De Gruyter, 2020). Annually published since 1930, IBHS is an international bibliography of the most important historical monographs and periodical articles published throughout the world, and consider history from the earliest to the most recent times. The works are arranged systematically according to period, region or historical discipline, and within this classification alphabetically. The bibliography contains a geographical index and indexes of persons and authors.

Volume 2 of “Animals in Ancient Material Culture” is now ready for submissions. Please see the volume’s website for more information: https://www.mdpi.com/journal/arts/special_issues/animals_ancient_material_cultures_2

Call for Submissions: Journal of the Numismatic Association of Australia Special Issue: “Teaching with Numismatics” Deadline for Abstracts: February 29, 2020 with abstract length of 250-300+ words. Comments and Selection Notices Sent: c. March 31, finished Papers Due: October 15 (firm). Co-Editors: Lee L. Brice, ll-brice@wiu.edu, (all initial enquiries) and Gil Davis, gil.davis@mq.edu.au

Coins and money are useful teaching tools. Not only do they provide students access to artefacts from a broad array of history and cultures, they also connect with many different academic topics. In addition to their obvious use in teaching numismatics, instructors from diverse fields including ancient history, anthropology, archaeology, architecture, art, art history, economics, material science, metallurgy, military history, museum studies, sociology, visual culture and more have used coins in assignments and in the classroom. Efforts to share assignments and publish pedagogical articles focused on using coins have met with inconsistent results. In an effort to disseminate these studies more widely the Journal of the Numismatic Association of Australia will publish a special issue devoted to “Teaching with Numismatics.” We seek abstracts for articles (or completed articles) devoted to teaching with coins and money. The coins and money employed in the assignments or activities discussed in the article may be from any period or culture. Selections will be made from the abstracts submitted on time. Submissions from outside Australia are welcome and encouraged. All abstracts and articles will need to be in English. All submissions will be peer-reviewed. The issue will be published before the 2021 International Numismatic Congress, in Warsaw.
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 under the “Meetings” tab.

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

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John Jay College
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The subvention account is separate from the AAH general fund and is funded entirely by earmarked donations.
### Membership Information Form

Please check all that apply:

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