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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Colleagues,

"Beholden" is an ancient word well fitted to convey my gratitude, on your behalf, to all those who responded so generously to create a subvention fund to assist beginning scholars to attend the annual meeting. Many, still anonymous, colleagues pursuing the association's goal of furthering the understanding of the deep past, will be truly beholden.

The response means that we can begin funding this year. Details are given separately (p. 4). However, we have NOT YET achieved the target. According to my reckoning, if every current member who has not yet made a donation were to give just \$7.00, the goal would become an accomplished fact.

I'll push a bit harder. Our vital, fascinating field is endangered. Some of our own colleagues in departments of history loudly debate the value of replacing a retiring historian of the ancient world when they could add instead to more current, thus "important" fields of historical inquiry. Every year I write several letters in support of programs threatened with severe cuts or complete termination; those letters fly to Australia, Europe, Canada and many parts of the United States. Below my signature, I add "current president of the Association of Ancient Historians" for there is strength in numbers brought together by common intent.

The subvention fund will continue, even enlarge, our solidarity into the future. Our annual meeting--exceptional among professional meetings, I think--is an ideal time to introduce future colleagues to our enterprise.

SPRING MEETING PLANS

The Association of Ancient Historians will hold its annual Spring Meeting at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Accommodations and meals will be provided at the Allerton Mansion Conference Center and at the Best Western in nearby Monticello, IL.



The meeting will begin with registration and an evening reception on Thursday, April 30. Four paper sessions are planned, two on Friday and two on Saturday. The annual banquet will be on Friday evening. For those choosing to stay over Saturday night, entertainment will be provided Saturday evening and brunch will be provided on Sunday morning.

ATTENTION, YOUNGER SCHOLARS: A special session is planned for graduate students and those who have recently received the PhD to present papers. Papers should be limited to about 15 minutes and topics are open. *Please submit proposals to Dr. Mitchell at the address below.*

Other sessions will include:

1. From *provincia* to province
2. Great families, great houses, great gardens, great wealth
3. Asia Minor (organized by John Eadie)

For more information, please contact Richard Mitchell, Department of History, 309 Gregory Hall, 810 South Wright Street, Urbana, IL 61801.

Professor Mitchell can also be reached via e-mail at rmitchll@uiuc.edu or by FAX at 217-333-2297.

And, on the topic of meetings: some of you will be in Seattle for the AHA meeting in January. I would like to plan a "gathering". Two earlier versions of "gatherings" have not been successful. For a third attempt, let me ask anyone planning to attend to send a note; email is best (carolt@u.wash-ington.edu) but ordinary mail is fine and I'll respond with a "plan."

With best wishes for the end of one year and the start of the new,
Carol

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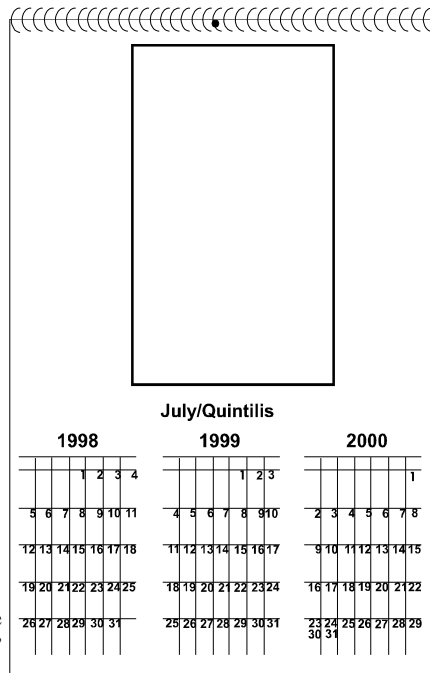
Regina Books offers the following discounts to AAH members:

Title	Regular Price*	Member Price*
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*Plus shipping of \$2.50 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book.

Shades of Antiquity

This 3-year calendar (1998-2000), with its series of drawings of ancient art objects by Wallace Mead, is an excellent way to celebrate the end of another millennium. Copies can be purchased from Regina Books (see address above), at \$9.95/calendar. Profits will be donated to the AAH through the generosity of the artist.



Calendar Size approximately 17" x 11"

REPORT ON THE ELECTRONIC RESOURCES SURVEY

At the annual meeting last May the members were surveyed to determine their preferences in electronic resources usage and how the Association might better help them with their information needs. While the sample size was small (40 responses), the information collected still provides some information that can likely be generalized to the rest of the membership.

In terms of current usage, the survey respondents are overwhelmingly using the new electronic resources. Almost all (38 of 40) indicate that they have e-mail. About 75% of them use their computers to browse the World Wide Web. Of that 75%, about 50% are regular users of the Web, logging on 4 or more times a week. 16% are light users (1-3 times a week), and 34% are occasional users (1-3 times/month).

Some possible uses of the Web were surveyed. Members showed a strong interest in beginning an Ancient History discussion group (88% of respondent indicated an interest).

The idea of receiving the AAH Newsletter electronically generated more mixed reviews: only 36% thought that an e-mail version of the newsletter would adequately replace the paper copy, while 37% thought that a Web version of the newsletter would be able to replace the paper copy. The costs of putting the newsletter out either via e-mail or via the Web (comprised of the costs of creating and maintaining an electronic version and the need to create separate electronic and paper mailing lists) would probably not be repaid by the savings in postage.

When asked what they would like to

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CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

•**The 19th International Congress of Historical Sciences** will meet in Oslo, Norway, August 6-13, 2000. This Congress surveys new trends and developments within historical disciplines and offers scholars from all over the world an opportunity to exchange ideas. For more information, visit their home page at <http://www.hf.uio.no/hi/prosjekter/verdenskongressen> or write to The 19th International Congress of Historical Sciences, Department of History, P.O. Box 1008 Blindern, N-0315 Oslo, Norway.

•**The American Historical Association** encourages AAH members to submit proposals for their 1999 Conference in Washington DC. Proposals are sought especially for the theme of Diasporas and Migrations in History. Please contact John Voll at (202) 687-0288 / vollj@gusun.georgetown.edu or Gary Kulik, Library and Academic Programs, Winterthur Museum / gkulik@chopin.udel.edu for more information.

•**Ball State University** is hosting two lectures on the theme "Historic Landmarks Which Influenced the Art of Cyprus." On March 17 Dr. Robert Fagles will present "Reading from *The Odyssey*," and on March 24 Dr. Peter Edbury will speak on "Cultural Implications of the Frankish Conquest of Cyprus (1191). For more information contact John Koumoulides at (765) 285-8711.

•**The Dorot Foundation** is sponsoring an international symposium on "*The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Future of the Past in the 21st Century*" to be held at the New York Public Library, Main Branch, April 21-22, 1998. Five major themes will serve as the foci of the sessions of the two-day symposium. The themes include Archaeology and Politics; International Antiquities Trade; Decipherment of Ancient Texts; Archaeological Interpretation for the General Public; and the Impact of Antiquity on Modern Society. For complete program and details about schedule and accommodations, contact Program Coordinator Debra Kellstedt at the Dorot Foundation, tel. 401-351-8866, fax 401-351-4975, or e-mail

OPPORTUNITIES IN NUMISMATICS

The American Numismatic Society announces a variety of study and fellowship opportunities.

The 46th **Graduate Seminar in Numismatics** (June 17-August 15, 1998). Designed to familiarize students with numismatic methodology and scholarship, this seminar is an intensive program of study including lectures and conferences by specialists, preparation and oral delivery of a paper on a topic of the student's choice, and actual contact with related coinages. Applications accepted from students with at least one year of graduate work in classical studies, history, economic history, or related disciplines and from junior faculty with an advanced degree in one of these fields. Stipend of \$2000 available to citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. and Canada.

ANS Graduate Fellowship. \$3500 awarded to a graduate student in humanities or social science who has attended an earlier ANS Graduate Seminar and who has completed the doctoral general examinations and is writing a dissertation during the academic year 1998/9 on a topic in which numismatics plays a significant part.

Frances M. Schwartz Fellowship to support the study of numismatic and museum methodology at the ANS. Applicants must hold the BA or equivalent. Stipend varies with term of tenure (normally an academic year), not to exceed \$2000.

Donald Groves Fund to promote publication in the field of early American numismatics (material no later than 1800). Funding is available for travel, research, and publication costs.

Fellowship in Roman Studies provides a fellowship of up to \$5000 to promote the use of ANS collections and library in connection with studies of the Roman world. The fellowship supports extended residence in New York and work in the Society's cabinet and library in support of a substantive research project. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or affiliated with a North American institution of higher learning, demonstrate academic competence, and submit a detailed proposal. This work may or may not be in pursuit of a higher degree; preference is given to those seeking advanced degrees.

Information and application forms for all of the above are available from the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY 10032. All applications are due **March 1, 1998**.

"File Not Found

The requested URL /~clio/aah/aah.html was not found on this server."

If you tried to get to the AAH Home Page in early October, you may have gotten a message similar to this one. Unfortunately, just as the September newsletter went out, the home page had to be taken down for maintenance and reformatting.

The new, improved AAH Home Page is back! Please visit us soon at our new address:
weber.u.washington.edu/~clio/aah/

Thank you to the members who wrote expressing concern about our "lost" page—we are glad to know that you value it.

And we would like to thank Shawn Ross, a graduate student at the University of Washington, for rewriting and maintaining our home page.



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see on the Web page, members overwhelmingly agreed that they would **SURVEY**

like an on-line directory of scholars/members. As regular readers of the Web page know, Konrad Kinzl is working on just such a project. The names and addresses of many AAH members are currently available at <http://weber.u.washington.edu/~clio/aaah/> and those who are not listed are invited to submit their listings at that address.

The second-most popular request was for bibliographies/notices of recent books. Such information could take the form of links to existing bibliographies or the creation of AAH's own bibliographies. The latter course would, naturally, require the cooperation of members of the AAH who were willing to create and/or update such lists. If anyone would be interested in participating in such a project, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer.



Faculty Exchange Available

Charles Hamilton, Professor of Ancient History and Classics at San Diego State University, wishes to arrange an exchange with a colleague at an institution in the Northeast, preferably in southern New England (but a wider geographical scope is possible) for the academic year 1998-99 or subsequent years. SDSU has an arrangement whereby a faculty member teaches at a host institution while receiving salary, benefits, etc. from the home institution. Many other institutions have similar options. SDSU is on a 15 week long semester system (AY 1998-99 approx. Sept. 1, 1998 to May 30, 1999; 5 week break Dec.-Jan.) and the teaching load is three 3-unit courses per term. If anyone is interested in spending a year in sunny southern California, teaching Ancient History and/or Classics, please contact me at 619-594-5177 or via email at: chamilto@mail.sdsu.edu.

GRANTS-IN AID AVAILABLE FOR ATTENDING THE ANNUAL AAH MEETING

Thanks to the continued generosity of our anonymous benefactor, it will be possible to begin financial support to younger members who wish to attend the annual meeting at the University of Illinois this coming May. Three awards of \$165.00 each are available. Applications are sought from individuals who are already members; senior members are encouraged to bring this announcement to the attention of graduate students or junior colleagues who are potential members. The procedure for application is as follows:

- 1 Applicants must be graduate students pursuing degrees in ancient history or faculty holding initial (untenured) positions.
- 2 Applications should contain a curriculum vitae, brief letter stating the applicant's interest in attending the meeting, and one letter of support.
- 3 The deadline for receipt of all materials is **FEBRUARY 15, 1998**. Results will be announced by mid-March in order to give awardees adequate time to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

The three indicated items should be sent to the three members of the selection committee:

Prof. Eugene Borza
3602 River Dr. South
Fargo, ND 58104

Prof. Janice Gabbert
Dept. of Classics
Wright State University
Dayton, OH 45435

Prof. Patricia Dintrone
Dept. of History
San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Colorado State University seeks to fill a tenure-track assistant professorship in Ancient History beginning 8/15/98, to teach upper division Ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome, and lower-division Western or World history surveys. Normal teaching load is 5 courses per year. Qualifications: PhD in ancient history in hand by August 1998, evidence of scholarly potential, evidence of teaching experience and quality. Salary dependent upon qualifications. Send c.v., placement file, recommendations, published articles or dissertation chapter, and list of graduate courses to Chair, Ancient Historian Search Committee, Dept. of History, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1776. CSU is an EEO/AA employer.

University of Missouri-Columbia seeks a tenure-track assistant professor with specialization in history of Ancient Greece and/or the Greek-speaking world, classical or Hellenistic periods, to teach undergraduate and graduate courses on Ancient Greece and a one-semester basic survey in Ancient History. Normal teaching load is 2 courses per semester. Qualifications: PhD completed by summer 1998, evidence of excellence in research and teaching. Send vita, and descriptions of research, publications, and teaching experience, along with three letters of reference to Professor Lawrence Okamura, History Department, 101 Read Hall, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211. Do not send articles or dissertation chapters. The University of Missouri-Columbia is an EEO/AA employer.

Tel-Aviv University, Department of History, seeks to fill a tenure-track position in Ancient History, preference given to a specialist in Greek History. PhD required; rank and salary open. Teaching includes undergraduate and graduate courses in Greek and Roman History. Candidate will be expected to begin teaching in Hebrew after two years residence. Send dossier and letters of reference from 3 senior scholars to Prof. Miriam Eliav-Feldon, Chair, Dept. of History, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv 69978.

AAH INFORMATION FORM

Check boxes that apply:

Change of address (or use the on-line form at <http://rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/cbaweb/UPO/aah/update.html>)

New or renewal membership

New member: Regular (\$5/year) Associate (\$3/year*)

(*Associate membership is available only to students, retired professors, and non-residents of the U.S. or Canada)

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Additional donation enclosed: \$_____. (For meeting subvention fund Yes No)

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Last name: _____ Other names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Other Postal Code _____ Country (non-North America) _____

Is This Your Last Issue of the Newsletter?

If the top line of your mailing label says 1995, then that is the last year for which you paid dues. Your membership will lapse next month and your name will be removed from the mailing list. Payment of dues for 1996, 1997, and 1998 by the end of January will enable you to remain an active member of AAH.

If your mailing label says 1996 or 1997, then your 1998 dues (and any arrears) are due in January.

The AAH is planning an exciting year for 1998, including the conference at the University of Illinois. Please update your membership by sending your dues to the return address on this newsletter.



Correction: I am reminded that the AAH's non-profit status was achieved through the joint efforts of President Carol Thomas and highly skilled accountant William Rutledge. It was their achievement of this goal that allowed Diana Delia to begin mailing the newsletter at lower postage rates as well as enabling us to accept tax-deductible donations.

The current Secretary-Treasurer thanks all of the above for their efforts, which have made her job much easier.

NEW SCHOLAR ACTIVITIES

- **Matthew Waters** defended his dissertation, *A Survey of Neo-Elamite History* (directed by Erle Leichty) and received his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. He is currently a visiting assistant Professor at the University of Delaware.
- **Randall Howarth**, who recently completed his dissertation, *Rome and the Latins: A New Model*, at the University of Illinois, has accepted a position in Ancient and Medieval History at Cleveland State University.
- **Martha Jenks** and **Cindy Nimchuck** participated in the American Numismatic Society Summer Graduate Seminar. Ms. Jenks worked on "The Coinage of Theodebert I of Metz" and Ms. Nimchuck researched "The Lion and Bull Coinage of Lydia: A Study of the Croesids."
- **Steven L. Tuck** completed his dissertation on *Creating Roman Imperial Identity and Authority: The Role of Roman Imperial Harbor Monuments* in December at the University of Michigan under the direction of Sue Alcock. He has accepted a position at the University of Evansville.
- **Philip Freeman** has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Classics at Washington University (not the University of Washington, as previously reported).

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PERSONALIA

- **Judith Evans Grubbs** received an NEH Fellowship for College Teachers to develop a sourcebook on “Women and the Law in the Roman Empire.”
- **Richard Stoneman** has been appointed as an Honorary Fellow, University of Exeter.
- **Stanley Burstein** has been awarded the President’s Distinguished Professor Award at California State University, Los Angeles.

PAAH 5 IS AVAILABLE!

Copies of PAAH 5, *Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions*, were mailed to members in November. Additional copies (for a library or class, for example) are available from Regina Books, Post Office Box 280, Claremont, CA. 91711.

NEW BOOKS

Daniel Snell published *Life in the Ancient Near East* (Yale University Press), which was chosen as an alternate selection by the History Book Club.

Nicholas F. Jones published *Ancient Greece: State and Society* (Prentice Hall).

Richard Stoneman published *Alexander the Great* (Lancaster Pamphlet Series, Routledge) and a revision of his translation of Pindar in the Everyman Series.

Jan Gabbert published *Antigonus II Gonatus: A Political Biography* (Routledge).

William E. Dunstan published *The Ancient Near East* (Harcourt Brace).

Peter Green published *The Argonautika of Apollonios Rhodios* (Univ. Calif. Press)

AJAH DISCOUNT

Paid-up members of the AAH are also entitled to a 20% discount on an annual subscription to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Write to AJAH, Dept. of History, Robinson Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138. (Note: AJAH is not an AAH publication and the Secretary-Treasurer has no information about it; please direct all questions to the editors of AJAH.)



February 15

is the deadline for items for the Spring Newsletter. Remember: the Newsletter depends upon information provided by members.