

### The Association of Ancient Historians Newsletter



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#### President's Column

Dear colleagues,

While I have your attention, let me remind you of the approaching Feb. 15 deadline for submitting panel proposals to the American Historical Association. (The AHA will not accept abstracts for individual papers.) There is never anywhere near enough ancient history at the AHA. I just received the following announcement this morning regarding the 2008 meeting of the AHA Washington, D. C. January 3-6. The website that contains information regarding the conference is:

### http://www.historians.org/annual/proposals.htm

This site offers a call for papers and also a direct link to the electronic proposal system. The AHA welcomes sessions on all aspects and time periods of history; please note that proposals do *not* have to relate to the program theme in order to be accepted. A varied and interesting array of topics is sought. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to contact Nancy Tomes at <a href="Nancy.Tomes@sunysb.edu">Nancy.Tomes@sunysb.edu</a>. And regardless of whether you have already submitted a panel or plan to submit one, if your panel is accepted please let our Secretary-Treasurer Randy Howarth know of it so that he can advise members of ancient history on the AHA program next year.

Regarding our own Association, I can't help noticing that a good number of the "regulars" who have been attending the meeting for some years are retiring. At our spring meeting in Palo Alto we commemorated the retirement of Bob Bennett; yesterday I sent the Association's good wishes to Sherill Spaar to be read out at her retirement party on December 16 in Ada, Oklahoma. Jack Cargill anticipates retiring this spring. Most of those who retire (I can't bring myself to call my age-mates "retirees") continue to come to meetings, but some have dared to decamp for other climes, mysteriously preferring locales such as England, France, Italy—I recently had a nice letter from Louis Cohn-Haft who continues to enjoy his villa—and others to what we have to offer here. (Jack, fortunately, assures me that he will simply return to his old stomping grounds in east Texas). And of course many of those whom I met at my first meeting in 1977 have been retired for quite some years now. The moral of the story is plain: now more than ever the future of the Association will be in the hands of the up and coming generations. It has always been a welcoming place for younger scholars as it once was for me, and we have tried to foster participation by graduate students and junior faculty by our annual subvention grants. I urge those of you who are eligible for these subventions (advanced graduate students and untenured faculty) to apply for them (note deadline of Feb. 15 on the form

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# Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians May 3-6, 2007 Princeton University

(Preliminary Schedule)

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 Welcoming reception

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00 First Session Exchange/Coinage/Money:

Seth Richardson, University of Chicago: "Exchange and Early Mesopotamian States" Emily Haug, University of California, Berkeley: "Empire, Coinage, and Julio-Claudian Gaul"

Jinyu Liu, DePauw University: "Inscribed Generosity: Continuity and Changes in the Fourth Century CE"
Walter Scheidel, Stanford University: "The Monetary
Economies of the Roman and Han Empires"

2:00 Second Session *Rome in the Middle Republic*Craige Champion, Syracuse University: "Historiographical Aspects of the Roman Decision for War in 264 BCE"
Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound: "Alien Knowledge, Citizen Disposition': Foreign Priests in Republican Rome" tba

4:00 Third Session *Medicine and Medical Knowledge*Leslie Dean-Jones, University of Texas, Austin: "The Itinerancy of the Ancient Physician"

Susan P. Mattern, University of Georgia: "The Case History in Antiquity: Narrative and Medical Knowledge" tha

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

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Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions, by Stanley M. Burstein, Ramsay MacMullen, Kurt A. Raaflaub, and Allen M. Ward; directed by Carol G. Thomas (1997). Member price: (paper) \$9.00 (cloth) \$17.95.

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

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

Myth becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece, by Carol G. Thomas (1993). Member price: (paper) \$9.00 (cloth) \$16.00.

*Makedonika: Essays by Eugene N. Borza*, ed. by Carol G. Thomas for the Association of Ancient Historians (1995). Member price: (paper) \$12.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

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

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

#### Other Regina titles by AAH members:

Crossroads of History: The Age of Alexander, ed. 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, by Jack Cargill (2004). Member Price: (paper) \$16.00.

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

Polis and Polemos: Essays on Politics, War, and History in Ancient Greece in honor of Donald Kagan, ed. 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, ed. Ronald Mellor and Lawrence Tritle (1999). Member price: (paper) \$13.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

### News from the Blegen Library, American School of Classical Studies at Athens

After a three year hiatus, we have revived the practice of delivering online news from the Blegen Library. Direct your browser to the Blegen home page at: <a href="http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/blegen/">http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/blegen/</a> and follow the link to "Library News" and you'll see the current effort. To receive Blegen News by email, follow the instructions on the Blegen News page. Monthly Acquisitions lists, beginning February 2006, are also accessible there.

### News from and about colleagues

The editor solicits items of interest to members. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is March 10th.

Joseph Roisman is pleased to announce the publication of his new book, *The Rhetoric of Conspiracy in Ancient Athens* (University of California Press, 2006). The website for the book is http://www.ucpress.edu/books/pages/10601.html

The American Philosophical Society will publish W. E. Higgins's translation of Georges Le Rider's "Alexandre le Grand: Monnaie, Finances et Politique" in early 2007.

JoAnn Scurlock (Prof. of History at Elmhurst College) would like to announce the recent publication of two books: her effort with Burton Andersen, *Diagnoses in Assyrian and Babylonian Medicine* (University of Illinois Press, 2005), and now from Brill (2006), *Magico-Medical Means of Treating Ghost Induced Illnesses in Ancient Mesopotamia*.

Mark Graham is pleased to announce that his book, *News and Frontier Consciousness in the Late Roman Empire* (2006), is now available from University of Michigan Press. Information on the book may be found at <a href="http://www.press.umich.edu/titleDetailDesc.do?id=182583">http://www.press.umich.edu/titleDetailDesc.do?id=182583</a>

Don Kyle's new book, Sport and Spectacle in the Ancient World, has now appeared with Blackwell (2006).

Greg Aldrete's new book, *Floods of the Tiber in Ancient Rome*, is being published this month by Johns Hopkins University Press as part of their Ancient Society and History series. The website is: http://www.press.jhu.edu/books/title\_pages/9150.html

Robert M. Frakes (Clarion University) reports that he and Elizabeth DePalma Digeser (University of California, Santa Barbara) have co-edited a collection of essays entitled *Religious Identity in Late Antiquity*, which is now available from Edgar Kent, Inc.

Carol Thomas' contribution to the Blackwell Biography series, Alexander the Great in his World, was published this autumn.

S. Thomas Parker reports that his book, *The Roman Frontier in Central Jordan*, is now available from Harvard press.

Celia E. Schultz and Paul B. Harvey, Jr. note the arrival of their edited volume, *Religion in Republican Italy*, ("Yale Classical Studies 33"), from Cambridge this year. All ten contributions to this volume highlight epigraphic texts.

Kurt Raaflaub is pleased to note that his edited volume, *War and Peace in the Ancient World*, is now available from Blackwell (2007) as well as his collaborative effort with Josiah Ober and Robert W. Wallace, *Origins of Democracy in Ancient Greece*, with contributions by Paul Cartledge and Cynthia Farrar (University of California Press, 2007).

John Pollini, Professor of Classical Art and Archaeology at the University of Southern California, is the recipient this year of a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship (deferred until 2007-2008) and an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship. He is also serving currently as a Whitehead Professor at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

John Marincola and Carolyn Dewald are pleased to note that their edited *The Cambridge Companion to Herodotus*, was published in July 2006.

Michael Meckler is happy to report that his edited volume, *Classical Antiquity and the Politics of America:* from George Washington to George W. Bush, has now been published by Baylor University Press. This effort grew out of a AAH panel at the 2002 AHA meeting.

### Will the real Colin Wells please stand up?

Our colleague and long standing member. Colin Wells, recently retired from Trinity in San Antonio and lately of Oxford and Normandy, reports that he is *not* the author of the new book entitled, Sailing From Byzantium (Delacourt Press). There is, apparently, another entirely different Colin Wells responsible for the latter. The confusion engendered by the coincidence of names has resulted in various notes of congratulation—not to mention at least one offer of a speaking engagement—being mistakenly passed to our own Colin Wells. For further clarification concerning books Colin has not written, contact him at this email: colin.wells@wanadoo.fr Colin expresses regret at his having missed the previous two meetings of the AAH: "Retirement means an end to the routine of teaching, but it also means that one is able to accept all sorts of other responsibilities at times when teaching would have rendered them impossible." When he does lecture, Colin now does so in more congenial surroundings. He will, for example, lecture on an AIA cruise to Crete and the Adriatic next Spring. The question is, will the topic be *The Roman Empire?* Or *Sailing From* Byzantium? Colin didn't specify...

## Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians May 3-6, 2007 • Princeton University REGISTRATION FORM (Deadline April 15th, 2007)

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**Accommodations for Princeton:** We have reserved a large block of rooms at the Nassau Inn, which is in downtown Princeton and only a few hundred yards' walk from our meeting sites on campus. The Inn's website is <a href="www.nassauinn.com">www.nassauinn.com</a>, and telephone number is 609-921-7500. Members booking a room should mention the group name "Association of Ancient Historians" to receive the conference rate of \$129 per night.

We have also reserved rooms at the less expensive Holiday Inn: <a href="www.hiprinceton.com">www.hiprinceton.com</a>, telephone 609-520-1200. When booking, members should likewise mention the "Association of Ancient Historians" to receive the conference rate of \$98 per night. NB: it is not possible to walk from the Holiday Inn, which is a few miles away near Route One, and there is no public transport; members choosing to stay there will be dependent on their own cars or the hotel shuttle.

Members should realize that the Nassau Inn is the only conference hotel in Princeton. Several others are located on the Route One corridor, and while most offer rates comparable to the Inn, staying there will require the use of private transport or dependence on the hotel shuttle.

We have reserved an adequate number of rooms at the Nassau Inn, but space there is always at a premium: we strongly recommend that members make their room reservations no later than the end of January, 2007.

We hope to provide a roommate service, but details are still being worked out – we will update this paragraph when we know more. In the meantime, if you are interested in sharing a room, please let Edward Champlin know at <a href="mailto:champlin@princeton.edu">champlin@princeton.edu</a>, noting your dates, which hotel you would prefer, and any other requirements.

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Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Fourth Session Greek Cities and the Near East

Robert W. Wallace, Northwestern University: "The Speedy Rise and Fall of Electrum Coinage"

Nathanael Andrade, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Redefining Hellenism: Antiochos IV and the Greek Cities of the Seleukid Kingdom"

Andrea U. De Giorgi, Rutgers University: "On Oil and Public Doles. Management and Distribution Systems in Antioch under the Early Roman Empire"

11:00 Fifth Session Democracy and Democratic

Political Thought

Alex Watts-Tobin, Stanford University: "A Cold War Kleon" Jonathan Perry, York University: "The New Frontier': Lily Ross Taylor's *Roman Voting Assemblies* and American Democracy" Werner Riess, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: "I Curse Your Tongue, Feet, and Soul': the Charms of Athenian Democracy"

tba

2:30 Sixth Session Iconographic Evidence and History

Kathy L. Gaca, Vanderbilt University: "Warfare against Women in Greek, Macedonian, and Roman Artwork"

Marc Kleiwegt, University of Wisconsin, Madison: "Cultivating the Memory of Slavery: Trimalchio and the Slave-Market"

Leanne Bablitz, University of British Columbia: "Representing Justice: Images of the Roman Courtroom"

tba

4:30 Business Meeting

6:30 Reception and Dinner

8:30 Keynote Speaker: tba

Sunday, May 6th

9:00 Seventh Session: Open

Matt Waters, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire: "Tracking Greek-Persian Initiatives: the Case of Argos and Persia"

Bruce W. Frier, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Configuring Dowry: the Freedom to Alter Basic Property Arrangements"

Serena Connolly, Yale University: "The *Disticha Catonis* and Popular Attitudes towards Law"

Closing Remarks: tba

Brill will have an up and running first batch of 100 authors in BNJ (Brill's New Jacoby) for view at the meeting this will be featured at the Brill reception on Friday evening.

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on p. 7 of this newsletter). I also encourage those of you who have long been members of the Association but have not attended meetings to do so.

All best wishes for the New Year, and a special thanks to Shirley Greene, Mercyhurst College Social Sciences administrative Assistant, with whose special assistance this newsletter is distributed.

The seventh biennial **Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity Conference** will be held on the theme of "The Power of Religion in Late Antiquity" at the University of Colorado, Boulder, March 22-25, 2007. Forty five speakers from nine countries will gather to examine this theme over the course of four days. Full details, including the original call for papers, a conference program, online registration, and information on travel and lodging can be found at: <a href="www.colorado.edu/classics/events/SFVIIHome.htm">www.colorado.edu/classics/events/SFVIIHome.htm</a>. Any questions should be directed to conference organizer Noel Lenski at <a href="lenski@colorado.edu">lenski@colorado.edu</a>.

Humboldt Research Fellowship: The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (www.humboldt-foundation.de)enables early stage researchers who hold doctorates to carry out research projects in Germany. Researchers may apply to the AvH directly at any time. There are no quotas for individual countries and disciplines. The most important criteria for selection are the applicant's (international) publications to date and the quality and feasibility of the research proposal. Applicants choose their own research projects and their own German hosts. Details of the research project and the time-schedule must be agreed upon with the prospective host in advance.

Transatlantic Cooperation in Research. (TransCoop): The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation supports transatlantic research cooperation among German, American and/or Canadian scholars (Ph.D. required) in the humanities, social sciences, economics, and law by means of the TransCoop Program. Joint research initiatives can receive up to EUR 45.000 each over a three-year period. The amount granted must be matched by funds from US and/or Canadian sources. Funds can be used to finance short-term research visits, special conferences and workshops, material and equipment, printing costs, and research assistance.

### 8-WEEK INTENSIVE LATIN AND GREEK SUMMER SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK, IRELAND July 2nd – August 23rd 2007

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 Ms.Vicky Janssens at v.janssens@ucc.ie, tel.: +353 21 4903618/2359 (until the end of October 2006 and again from May 2007) or Dr. Noreen Humble (November 2006- end of April 2007) at n.humble@ucc.ie,

tel.: +353 21 4902564, Department of Classics, University College Cork, Ireland (fax: +353 21 4903277)

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS:**

### Sanctified Violence in Ancient Mediterranean Religions: Discourse, Ritual, Community

An International Conference October 6-8, 2007 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

In recent decades, the relationship between "violence" and "religion" in contemporary social and political life has increasingly become a pressing subject of public discourse. The intensification of interest in the causes of "religious violence" has stimulated research into the ways that people operating within the horizons of one religious tradition or another have historically derived—and continue to derive—prescriptions for and models of "legitimate" violence from authoritative texts, practices, and institutions. Yet, uncritical of dependence on contemporary Western conceptions of such categories as "the political," "the religious," "the ethical," or "the juridical" has too often obscured rather than illuminated the diversity and particularity of historical phenomena—both past and present—that might be classed under the rubric "religions violence."

This conference aims to contribute to a better understanding of the genealogy of "religious violence" by exploring, within a comparative framework, the diverse discourses and practices of violence that operated across the full range of ethnic, linguistic, and religious communities throughout the Graeco-Roman world from the early Roman period until the rise of Islam (circa 150 B.C.E. to 750 C.E.). Indeed, we would propose that our notion of religious violence is inextricably linked to the specific histories of intercommunal competition and, at times, outright antagonism in this formative period.

Please visit <a href="http://sanctifiedviolence.umn.edu">http://sanctifiedviolence.umn.edu</a> for further information. Inquiries may be directed to Andrew Gallia, <a href="mailto:abgallia@umn.edu">abgallia@umn.edu</a>

The Editorial Board for the APA's Committee on Ancient History is pleased to announce that Volume 03 of its Occasional Paper's series has been published at: <a href="http://www.apaclassics.org/education/CAH/CoAH-OP/index.html">http://www.apaclassics.org/education/CAH/CoAH-OP/index.html</a>

The Occasional Papers of the American Philological Association's Committee on Ancient History (OPCoAH) is the electronic journal of the Committee on Ancient History, a standing committee within the Education Division of the American Philological Association. The Committee on Ancient History comprises a diverse body of practicing ancient Mediterranean historians from all levels of the North American educational system. The Committee seeks to promote excellence in the study of ancient Mediterranean history, encourage innovative pedagogical techniques, and facilitate interaction across related disciplines and educational levels. The editorial board publishes volumes of the Occasional Papers annually, with announcements of the volume's availability distributed in appropriate electronic venues; articles accepted for inclusion in forthcoming volumes are available as online documents at the journal's website. The articles and short manuscripts published in the Occasional Papers series employ original research, critical review, and innovative methodology to promote the study of ancient Mediterranean history.

The editorial board of the *Occasional Papers* welcomes contributions from professional educators of all ranks. The content of submissions should reflect the educational mission of the Committee; submissions lacking some aspect of pedagogy in association with ancient Mediterranean history (generally reflecting the development of societies in those areas about the Mediterranean basin and its peripheral regions before ca. AD 500) will not be accepted. Authors should bear in mind the electronic formats of the final publication when considering issues of stylistic and graphic presentations. Though English is preferred, the editors will consider submissions in any of the major instructional languages of North America. Submissions are peer—reviewed anonymously.

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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 4th-6th 2006 at Princeton in New Jersey.\* Applicants are not required to present papers. From 2004 through 2006, the AAH awarded a total of \$2975.00 to thirteen 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, 2007 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. Graduate student applicants must be advanced and actively seeking a degree in Ancient History. The AAH welcomes all individuals to regular membership and attendance at AAH events. The subvention account is separate from the AAH general fund and is funded entirely by earmarked donations.

<sup>\*</sup>Please see conference details at this website: (http://www.princeton.edu/~classics/conferences/2007/aah/).

### John Francis Oates: 1934-2006

John F. Oates was a distinguished papyrologist and a fine and much-loved teacher. John grew up in Holyoke, Massachusetts and did both his undergraduate and graduate work at Yale. He spent most of his professional life in the Classical Studies Department at Duke University, a department which he chaired from 1971-1980.

His scholarly career, despite its length and variety, demonstrated a remarkable consistency of vision: he worked constantly to organize the study of papyrology and make it accessible to a wider world. John Oates was the co-founder (also a past president) of the American Society of Papyrologists. He collaborated on the *Checklist of Editions* (first *of Greek Papyri and Ostraca*, but by its fifth edition *of Greek, Latin, Demotic and Coptic Papyri, Ostraca and Tablets*). He and William Willis, with the help of Duke University Libraries, the Packard Humanities Institute, and the Perseus Project, created the *Duke Data Bank of Documentary Papyri*, in order to provide easy access to the Greek documentary papyri catalogued in his earlier work. He also played a critical role in the creation of *The Duke Papyrus Archive*, the first on-line catalogue of digitized papyri, an early component of *Advanced Papyrological Information System*. Although he had retired from classroom teaching, John was still co-director of the *Data Bank* at the time of his death.

While John Oates' scholarship focused on one specialized aspect of classical antiquity, his teaching interests displayed considerable breadth and he directed dissertations dealing with many aspects of antiquity. Several generations of students benefited from the warmth, good humor, and common sense he brought to his classes and to scholarly pursuits. John leaves behind his wife Rosemary Oates, four children and numerous grandchildren. John supported the "amicitia papyrolgorum" of his chosen specialty and we will all miss his amicitia.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Carney, Clemson University.

### **Herbert Bloch 1911-2006**

Herbert Bloch, Emeritus, of Harvard University, died on September 6, 2006, in Cambridge. A native of Germany, Bloch studied Ancient History, Classical Philology, and Archaeology at the University of Berlin (1930-1933), which he left for Rome. Bloch received his doctoral degree in Roman History in 1935 and the Diploma di perfezionamento in 1937 from the University of Rome, where he was a student of Arnaldo Momigliano. Bloch's command of ancient history, Italian, and German resulted in one particularly memorable experience in 1938. When Adolf Hitler, as chancellor, paid a state visit to Rome in March of that year, he made a stop at the reconstructed *Ara Pacis* for which, at the special request of the organizers, Bloch had provided a special German translation. Bloch said that he had to choose between helping the country that had taken him in or refusing out of dislike for the country that had driven him out.

In 1939 he emigrated to the United States and from 1941 to 1982 he taught at Harvard University. His teaching and research interests involved Greek and Roman historiography, Latin epigraphy, Roman archaeology (especially architecture), medieval history, and Medieval Latin literature. He was a Guggenheim Fellow, Fulbright Fellow, member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, Syndic of Harvard University Press, Senior Fellow of the Society of Fellows, and Trustee of the Loeb Classical Library. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Philosophical Society, Pontificia Accademia Romana di Archeologia, German Archaeological Institute, Zentraldirektion of the Monumenta Germaniae Historica, and Finnish Academy of Science and Letters. In 1999 he was distinguished by the Premio "Cultori di Roma."

Although this enumeration of Bloch's career gives a glimpse of achievements and values, it fails to capture his physical presence. A tall and lean man, Bloch had an Old World courtliness and courtesy; a captivatingly resonant, deep voice; a modesty and kindliness; and a genuine interest in the activities of others that endeared him to those who knew him. Herbert Bloch is survived by his twins, Anne Bloch, of Arlington, and Mary Alice (Nini) Bloch, of Bedford, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted, Jan M. Ziolkowski, Harvard University (edited for length)

### Lynne Snyder Abel 1949-2006

Lynne Snyder Abel died peacefully November 29th at her lakeside home near Cornell University as a result of complications of multiple myeloma. A long time member of the AAH, Lynne began and ended her academic life at Cornell . She met her future husband and life partner there at a freshman dance in 1958. Lynne went on to earn a PhD in Classics from Stanford University in 1974. Her dissertation entitled *Proskrisis*, later published, was concerned with ancient Greek constitutions. She returned to Cornell shortly thereafter holding positions in the University administration and in the Classics Department for the next 30 years. After retiring as Associate Dean for Undergraduate education in 2003, she returned to full time work in the Classics department of Cornell. However, her return to teaching was at soon interrupted by illness and then cut short by its relapse in November. She is survived by her husband, two children and two grandchildren.

This notice was excerpted by the editor from a full obituary written by John and Brigetta Abel, et al., and published in the *Ithaca Journal*, December 4, 2006.

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### **AAH Information Form**

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### Position available!! The Department of Archaeology and Ancient History of Ghent University

Ghent will soon appoint a doctor-assistant in the field of Roman History, to begin 1 June 2007 at the earliest. The appointment will be for three to six years, with after three years a possibility to apply for a Fellowship of the Flanders Research Foundation, for an additional three to six years, depending on the appointee's scholarly achievement. A PhD in ancient history is required. A relevant publication record and teaching experience are strongly recommended. Further specialization in the field of political and institutional history is a plus.

The successful candidate will be expected to conduct research teaching in the field of Roman history, the understanding that research activities must account for at least 70 % of the appointee's academic responsibilities. This means that teaching loads will be accordingly limited to (the equivalent of) one class per semester. Additional information is available from Dr. Koenraad Verboven on (0032) 9 264 39 89; fax (0032) 9 264 41 73 or Koen.Verboven@UGent.be Remuneration package: 40,703.44 euro to 63,453.21 euro depending on the appointee's previous academic record.

Dutch is the language of instruction at Ghent University.

**Notes from the Secretary:** The latest PAAH volume, *The Ancient Near East*, will be mailed shortly. Please check the date next to your name on the address label. In order that you do not miss your free copy, please be in touch right away if this date is any number lower than 2006.

I ask members to seriously consider receiving the newsletter exclusively in electronic format. The PDF file is easily printed from your own computer if you prefer a hard copy. For several issues, I have been sending our newsletter by both electronic transmission and by U.S. Mail. If you have been receiving an electronic version—I send it to all those members whose email address I have on file—and you find this form satisfactory, please email the secretary and request "e-only." This will have the individual effect of saving our organization about \$2.50 per year per member but cumulatively, it will allow us to devote more resources to our publication series and help forestall the necessity of raising dues any time soon. With several PAAH volumes bunched up in the pipeline, the financial operating cushion we currently enjoy will quickly disappear.

Once again, I thank the members for their kind encouragement and support. RSH

**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.

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