



# The Association of Ancient Historians

## Newsletter



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### President's Column

Plans for the upcoming annual spring meeting, jointly sponsored by Duke University and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, are complete. The program for the meeting begins to the right of this column and is continued on p. 4. Registration, Travel and Hotel information are on pp. 5-6. The link to the online registration is at: <http://sites.google.com/site/aaah2012meeting/home>. (p. 5). The Registration form for those preferring to register by mail is on p. 6, and members are encouraged to register early. Friday's sessions will be at UNC Chapel Hill, and culminate with a special session dedicated to the late Ernst Badian and the History of the Roman Republic. Saturday's sessions will be held at Duke University, also capped by a special session on Sir Moses Finley and "The Making of an Ancient Historian". There will be a special address at the Banquet by Charlotte Roueché (King's College, London). The final session will be held Sunday morning at the Durham Marriott. Tolly Boatwright, Fred Naiden and Richard Talbert have put together a truly spectacular program and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

On other matters, note the call for applications for Grants-in-Aid from the Association's Subvention Fund on p. 7. I would like to call on members who may not as yet contributed this year to the Association's Subvention Fund to consider doing so. It is a vital part of the continued good health of our Association. Announcements about the PAAH series (a list of AAH publications appears on p. 2) and a call for applications for grants from the Scott R. Jacobs fund on p. 3. Also a call for nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer for the Business Meeting this year appears on p. 3, along with the requirements for that nomination. There are also some notes from Cindy on p. 9.

There is a special circular from Michiel Swormink-Klein at De Gruyter Publishing. De Gruyter and the Association, following up on questions from the Business meeting last year, are exploring the possibility of launching a new ancient history journal, detailed on p. 8, and have posed a few questions for the membership. There is a specific e-mail address to reply to this that will help assess the possibilities for this venture. Please note that this DOES NOT require either a financial commitment on behalf of the Association as a whole or members individually (i.e. NO mandatory subscriptions).

One notes with sadness the passing of two of our colleagues: Valerie French, of American University, and Emmet Bennett of the University of Wisconsin. Fuller notice will appear in the Spring Newsletter.

*Winthrop Lindsay Adams*



### AAH Annual Meeting 2012

#### Thursday 3 May to Sunday 6 May

**Duke University, Durham, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

#### Organizers:

Mary (Tolly) Boatwright, Duke University  
Fred Naiden, UNC Chapel Hill  
Richard Talbert, UNC Chapel Hill

#### Meeting sponsors:

Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation  
Department of Classical Studies, Duke University  
Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Department of Classics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of North Carolina Press

#### Thursday, 3 May

**6.00-7.30 pm Opening Reception**, Durham downtown residence of James Rives and John Johnston (very short walk from Durham Marriott City Center Hotel)

#### Friday, 4 May

**8.00am** Buses leave Durham Marriott for UNC-Chapel Hill (all day in Louis Round Wilson Library, Pleasants Family Assembly Room)

#### **9.00-9.15am**

Welcome by Chairs of History (Lloyd Kramer) and Classics (Cecil Wooten) UNC-Chapel Hill, and Chair of Classical Studies (Carla Antonaccio) Duke University

#### **Session 1, 9.15-10.45am: Civil Wars**

**Chair:** Tolly Boatwright (Duke University)  
Michael Snowdon (York University, Ontario), *The First Mithridatic War as a Civil War*  
Andrew Wolpert (University of Florida), *Athens Under the Shadow of the Thirty*



**Publications of the AAH** are available at substantial discounts to members.

Order directly from Regina Books, Post Office Box 280, Claremont CA 91711. Phone 909-624-8466, Fax 909-626-1345. For U.S. shipping, please add \$2.80 for first book and \$1.00 for each additional book.

#10 *Recent Directions in the Military History of the Ancient World*. Lee L. Brice and Jennifer R. Roberts, eds. (2010) member price (paper) \$17.00

#9 *Pastoral Politics: Animals, Agriculture and Society in Ancient Greece*. Timothy Howe. (2008) Member price (paper) \$10.00

#8 *Current Issues In the History of the Ancient Near East*. Mark W. Chavalas, ed. (2007) Member price (paper) \$14.00

#7 *Current Issues & The Study of Ancient History*. S. Burstein, N. Demand, I. Morris, L. Tritle. (2002) Member price (paper) \$10.00

#6 *Before Alexander: Constructing Early Macedonia*. Eugene N. Borza (2000) Member price (paper) \$10.00

#5 *Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions*. Stanley M. Burstein, Ramsay MacMullen, Kurt A. Raaflaub and Allen M. Ward (1997)  
Member price (paper) \$10.00

#4 *Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece*. Carol G. Thomas. (1993) Member price (paper) \$10.00

*The Coming of the Greeks*. James T. Hooker (1999) Member price (paper) \$10.00

*Makedonika: Essays by Eugene N. Borza*. Carol G. Thomas, ed. (1995) Member price (paper) \$15.00

*Directory of Ancient Historians In the United States*. 2d. ed. Comp. Konrad Kinzl (1999) Member price (paper) \$9.00

\* *Handbook For Ancient History Classes, A*. Jack Cargill. (1997) \$10.50 **\*Out of Print**

\* *A Guide to Graduate Programs in Ancient History*. Comp. Michael Arnush **\*Out of Print**

\*\*\*\*\*Other Regina titles by AAH members\*\*\*\*\*

*Polis And Polemos: Essays On Politics, War, And History In Ancient Greece In Honor Of Donald Kagan*. Charles D. Hamilton And Peter Krentz, Eds. (1997) 368pp (\$24.95) Member Price \$17.00

*Text & Tradition: Studies In Greek History And Historiography In Honor Of Mortimer Chambers*. (1999) Pap. (\$19.95) Member Price \$15.00

*Feelings In History: Ancient & Modern*. Ramsay MacMullen. (2003) 208pp. Cloth (\$24.95) Member Price \$20.00

*Crossroads Of History: The Age Of Alexander*. Waldemar Heckel And Lawrence A. Tritle, Eds. (2004) 285pp. Pap. (\$24.95) Member Price \$17.00

*Alexander's Empire: Formulation To Decay*. Waldemar Heckel, Lawrence Tritle, Pat Wheatley, eds. (2007) 310pp. Pap. (\$24.95) Member price \$17.00

*Roman Agrarian History: In its Relation to Roman Public & Civil Law*. Max Weber, trans. by Richard I. Frank. (2008) 258pp. Pap. (\$24.95) Member price \$17.00

*Alexander and His Successors: Essays From the Antipodes*. Pat Wheatley and Robert Hannah, eds. (2009) 396pp. Pap. (\$24.95) Member price \$17.00

*Macedonian Legacies: Studies In Ancient Macedonian History And Culture In Honor Of Eugene N. Borza*. Timothy Howe & Jeanne Reames, eds. (2009) 310pp. (\$24.95) Member price \$17.00

*A Historian's Palette: Studies in Greek and Roman History* by Thomas W. Africa. Frank L. Vatai, comp. (2010) 440pp. Paper. Member price \$25.00

## News from and about colleagues

*The editor solicits items of interest to members. Notices of publications, honors received, dissertations defended, etc., are all appropriate for this section. In addition, letters to the membership on subjects of general concern to members and/or our organization are solicited and will be printed, space permitting. All submissions are subject to editing for length.*



### In memoriam

**Valerie French:** Valerie French, Associate Professor of History at American University, died suddenly at her home in Washington, DC on December 8, 2011, at the age of 70. A pioneer in the study of women and children in the ancient past, she single-handedly sustained the study of ancient history at AU, and was a pillar of the Washington, DC Society of Archaeological Institute of America. Recipient of numerous teaching awards, she also served in a variety of administrative positions. (a full notice will appear in the Spring newsletter)



Further notes from and about colleagues will appear in the Spring newsletter.



Please note that nominations are in order for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the AAH for the three-year term commencing at the end of the Business Meeting of the 2012 Annual Meeting. The incumbent is eligible for reelection, has indicated she is willing to serve, and has received the requisite nominations. A candidate becomes eligible for election when three members in good standing—each employed at separate institutions—submit written nominations to the current Secretary two full weeks in advance of the 2012 Meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve.



The publications committee is pleased to report that sales of the PAAH volumes 9 and 10 continue to be brisk. Members wishing to adopt PAAH volumes as textbooks should contact Richard Burns at Regina directly (p. 2) to let him know in advance how many copies you expect to need. We expect to announce several new developments at the May meeting in Chapel Hill. The publications committee reminds members that we are seeking suggestions for future PAAH volumes and you do not have to edit a volume just because you suggest we undertake it. Please contact Lee Brice (ll-brice@wiu.edu) or Lindsay Adams (winthrop.adams@utah.edu) with suggestions.



**The Scott R. Jacobs Scholarship Fund** at the Tanner Humanities Center of the University of Utah announces the establishment of subvention grants for doctoral students and junior faculty, designed to encourage research travel and scholarship on Alexander the Great, as well as on his contexts and legacy. The Jacobs Fund solicits proposals involving support for: research travel; giving papers at scholarly conferences; whole sessions at established conferences; and conferences dedicated to Alexander the Great and the subjects mentioned. Consideration of proposals for 2012 will be semiannual, with deadlines of **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and **November 1<sup>st</sup>** to better accommodate quicker funding of individual proposals. Persons interested should submit Proposals, Budget and short CVs in Microsoft Word documents electronically to Winthrop Lindsay Adams at [winthrop.adams@utah.edu](mailto:winthrop.adams@utah.edu) or on disc sent to the following address: W.L. Adams; Department of History (room 310); 215 So Central Campus Drive; University of Utah; Salt Lake, City, UT 84112-0400.

Anise Strong (Western Michigan University), *Cicero, the Common Man, and Civil Wars in Late Republican Rhetoric*

Respondent: Wayne Lee (UNC-Chapel Hill)

**Session 2, 11.15am-12.45pm: HGIS (Historical Geographic Information Systems): Questions, Applications**

**Chair:** Sandra Blakely (Emory University)  
Walter Scheidel (Stanford University), *The Shape of the Roman World*

Sorin Matei, Nicholas Rauh, Eric Kansa (Purdue University), *A New Approach to Reporting Archaeological Surveys: Rough Cilicia, Visible Past and Open Context*

Adam Rabinowitz (University of Texas, Austin), *Maps, Mashups and Metadata: Geotemporal Visualization and the Ancient Mediterranean*

Respondent: Brian Turner (Portland State University, Oregon)

**12.45pm Box lunch**

**Session 3, 1.45-2.40pm: Reflectance Transformation Imaging for Ancient Historians**

**Chair:** Richard Talbert (UNC-Chapel Hill)  
Daryn Lehoux (Queen's University, Kingston)

**Session 4, 3.00-4.30pm: Ernst Badian and the History of the Roman Republic**

**Chair:** Richard Talbert (UNC-Chapel Hill)  
T. Corey Brennan (Rutgers University and American Academy in Rome), *Badian's Methodological Maxims [via Skype]*  
Jerzy Linderski (UNC-Chapel Hill), *Ink and Blood: On the Style of Writing History*

**5.00pm** Buses leave UNC-Chapel Hill for Durham Marriott

**Saturday, 5 May**

(morning and afternoon at Duke East Campus, Richard White Lecture Hall. Easy walking distance from Durham Marriott; free shuttle also available)

**Session 5, 9.15-10.45am: Religious Change in the Roman Empire**

**Chair:** Joshua Sosin (Duke University)  
Ryan Wei (York University, Ontario), *Towards a Concept of the Popular: A Comparative Approach to Syncretism and Religiosity in the Roman World*  
Jeffrey Stevens (UCLA), *The Cult of Nemesis: From a Goddess of Wrath to a Guardian of Civic*

*Virtue*

Roberta Stewart (Dartmouth College), *Continuity, Change, and Roman Imperial Coins*

Respondent: James Rives (UNC-Chapel Hill)

**Session 6, 11.15am-12.45pm: The History of 'Books' and Reading in Greco-Roman Antiquity**

**Chair:** Clare Woods (Duke University)  
Judson Herrman (Allegheny College), *Demosthenes' Philippics: A Fourth-Century Book?*

Daniel Sarefield (Fitchburg State University), *The Roman Origins of Book Burning*

Duane Roller (The Ohio State University), *Books Not Read: The Loss of Strabo's Geography*

Respondent: William Johnson (Duke University)

**Session 7, 2.00-3.30pm: Moses Finley (Born 1912) in America: The Making of an Ancient Historian**

**Chair:** Carol Thomas (University of Washington, Seattle)

Daniel Tompkins (Temple University), *The World of Moses Finkelstein: The Year 1939 in M.I. Finley's Development as a Historian*

Fred Naiden (UNC-Chapel Hill), *Finley's War Years*

Edward Harris (Durham University, U.K.), *Finley and the Horoi: Revisiting 'Studies in Land and Credit,' Finley's First Book*

Respondent: Brent Shaw (Princeton University)

**4.00-5.00pm Association Business Meeting**

**7.00pm Banquet at Durham Marriott City Center**

**Speaker:** Charlotte Roueché (King's College, London), The American Society for Archaeological Research in Asia Minor

**Sunday, 6 May (at Durham Marriott)**

**8.30am Breakfast** for all registered participants

**Session 8, 9.30-11.00am Greek Historiography and Attic Comedy**

**Chair:** Edith Foster (Ashland University)  
Donald Lateiner (Ohio Wesleyan University), *Strategic Insults in Fifth-Century Comedy and Historiography*

Mark Mash (Independent scholar), *Herodotus and the Ethiopian King: Humor, Ethnography, and Empire*

Jeffrey Rusten (Cornell University), *Historical Interests in the Ancient Commentaries on Old Comedy*

Respondent: Emily Baragwanath (UNC-Chapel Hill)

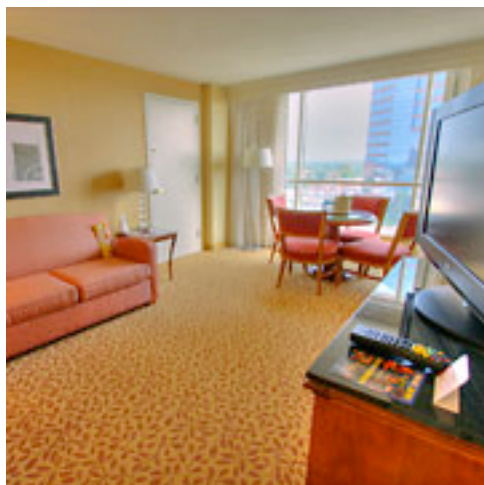
## Travel and Hotel Information

### Meeting registration website (including links to registration, meeting program, and hotel accommodations):

<https://sites.google.com/site/aah2012meeting/home>

### Accommodations:

The AAH has secured rooms at a reasonable conference rate in the Durham Marriott City Center. The rate is \$95.00 per night (single or double occupancy) plus 13% tax. This property is located in the heart of historic downtown Durham. The Durham Marriott City Center is connected to the 44,000 square foot Durham Convention Center and adjacent to the beautifully restored Carolina Theatre and minutes away from Duke University.



The hotel is located at 201 Foster Street • Durham, North Carolina 27701 U.S.A.

To book a reservation at the conference rate, use the link on the conference registration website or this URL

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rducv-durham-marriott-city-center/?toDate=5/6/12&groupCode=ahaahaa&fromDate=5/3/12&app=resvlink>

To reach the hotel:

*By car:* Follow the driving directions supplied by the hotel (see hotel website)

*By bus:* The Durham Station Transportation Center [515 W. Pettigrew Street • Durham NC 27701 • (919) 485-RIDE] for Greyhound and Megabus is very close to the hotel [n.b. the Megabus stop is “Raleigh/Durham”].

*By train:* Durham’s Amtrak Station [601 West Main Street • Durham, NC 27701] is very close to the hotel.

*By air:* fly to Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU). You can find information on ground transportation here. For the short onward journey to the hotel, SuperShuttle is available (book to “Marriott Convention Center”), also the usual taxi services, car rental, etc. SuperShuttle offers a substantial discount when two or more travelers make a joint booking.

**Visitor's Information and Maps** for the following can be found on the registration website:

State of North Carolina Official Tourism Site  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Visitor's Information  
UNC-CH Campus Maps  
Duke University Visitor's Information  
Duke Campus Maps  
Chapel Hill Visitor's Information  
Durham Visitor's Information

### Additional Ground Transportation

Chapel Hill Transit - offers free bus service in Chapel Hill and Carrboro NC.

Durham Area Transit Authority - buses in the city of Durham.

**Restaurants:** links can be found on the registration website to the following:

Restaurants in Chapel Hill and Carrboro  
Restaurants in Durham

A restaurant guide specially prepared for this meeting by James Rives will be circulated in April.

**REGISTRATION**

Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians

May 3-6, 2012,

at Duke University, Durham, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Registration includes the opening reception on Thursday evening, box lunch on Friday, the banquet on Saturday evening, and breakfast on Sunday morning, as well as refreshments during sessions.

\* Required

Name (and title) \* first name, last name, and title(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \* \_\_\_\_\_

City\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/state\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code/Zip\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Country\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \* for your name tag \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \* for correspondence \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \* \_\_\_\_\_

Payment information \*

- Early Registration - \$75.00 (by April 2, 2012)
- Late Registration - \$100 (after April 2, 2012)
- Student Early Registration - \$50 (by April 2, 2012)
- Student Late Registration - \$65 (after April 2, 2012)
- Extra Banquet Ticket(s) - \$45 each

Total Payment \* from the above section. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do YOU want vegetarian meals? \*

- Yes    No

If you are purchasing extra banquet tickets, how many of these are vegetarian meals? \*

- Zero            One            Two            Three

**Payment:** Please make checks (in U.S. Dollars) payable to "Richard Talbert / AAH" and mail them to:

Prof. Richard Talbert  
History Department  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
CB# 3195; Hamilton Hall  
Chapel Hill NC 27599-3195 USA

email: aah12meeting@gmail.com

**Colleagues: Please post and/or advise appropriate candidates of this opportunity.**

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

at Duke University, Durham, NC and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC.

Applicants are not required to present papers.

From 2004 through 2011, the AAH awarded a total of \$8875.00 to  
35 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 **February 10, 2012** to:

Dr. Cindy Nimchuk

History Department, Mailbox 165

Mercyhurst College

501 East 38th Street

Erie, PA 16546-0001

All applicants for the subvention must be members of the AAH at the time of their application and state in the letter why they want to attend the meeting. Letters of recommendation should establish a lack of alternative funding. Graduate student applicants must be advanced and actively seeking a degree in Ancient History. The AAH welcomes all individuals to membership and attendance at AAH events. The subvention account is separate from the AAH general fund and is funded entirely by earmarked donations.



De Gruyter and the Association of Ancient Historians are exploring the idea of starting a new journal uniquely devoted to the study of ancient history. The journal would aim to provide a forum for scholarship covering all aspects of ancient history and culture from the Archaic Period to Late Antiquity (roughly the ninth century BCE through the sixth century CE). The journal would publish peer-reviewed articles concerning the history and historiography (ancient and modern) of the ancient Mediterranean world and of neighboring civilizations in their relations with it. The journal will be explicitly open to submissions in disciplines closely related to ancient history, including epigraphy, numismatics, religion and law. It is also envisioned that the journal will contain a review essay section for long comparative reviews of recent publications on a certain topic as well as feature official communications of the Association of Ancient Historians.

The inception and success of a new AAH-affiliated ancient history journal will depend on your approval and support of the idea as members and as potential authors and subscribers. We would therefore like to put the following four questions to you and would greatly appreciate your feedback:

1. Do you support the idea of a new ancient history journal affiliated to the AAH?
2. Would you be willing to submit your work to the journal?
3. Would you, as a member, be willing to pay \$25 for an annual subscription to the journal? [N.B., this will NOT be part of the AAH dues, but a voluntary subscription]
4. Would you recommend your academic institution to subscribe to the new journal?

Please reply by emailing your response to [jah@degruyter.com](mailto:jah@degruyter.com).

Additional comments are welcome.





## Membership Information Form

Please check all that apply:

- Change of address
- New membership
- Renewal memberships
  
- Regular Postal membership (\$12.50 per year)
- Regular Electronic membership (\$7.50 per year)
- Associate Postal membership [students only] (\$10.00 per year)
- Associate Electronic membership [students only] (\$5.00 per year)

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) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal / Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (please print neatly!!): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Affiliation (faculty/staff/students): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues Information:** Annual Dues are currently \$12.50 per year for Regular postal members, \$7.50 per year for Regular Electronic members, \$10.00 per year for Associate Postal members (students only), and \$5.00 per year for Associate Electronic members (students only). Payment can be made up to 5 years in advance. Payments received in 2012 can cover years up to and including 2016 in addition to any back dues. Please let us know if this or any other member information is incorrect. Life memberships are available; please inquire. Members are automatically dropped from the mailing list after three years of non-payment of dues.

### Notes from the Secretary's Pen

My apologies for the lateness of the newsletter. As many of you know, I have been undergoing treatment for cancer, and the effects have sidetracked my life.

Thank you again for all your good wishes!

The many notices I have received will be in the Spring newsletter, so stay tuned for updates on colleagues, courses, and calls for papers. Also check our website for current information on conferences.

This newsletter primarily provides information on our upcoming annual meeting, hosted by Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Check pp. 1 & 4 for the program, p. 5 for the

accommodations information, and p. 6 for a mail-in registration form.

Note that the date for the subvention applications is now February 10<sup>th</sup>! Please encourage junior faculty and graduate students to apply (p. 7).

Please also take the time to consider the survey on a new Ancient History journal (p. 8).

Cheers  
*Gindy Nimchuk*

**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 Prof. T. Corey Brennan, Department of Classics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1414. Phone: 732-932-9493; fax: 732-932-9246. Website: [www.ajah.org](http://www.ajah.org). Please note that the *AJAH* is not an AAH organization and the Secretary has no information about it.