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President's Column

Dear Friends,

This newsletter begins with the sad news of Randy Howarth's passing on March 18th, 2018. Randy served as Secretary-Treasurer of the AAH from 2003 to 2008. Together with his spouse Cindy Nimchuk (Secretary-Treasurer 2009-2014), Randy was an enthusiastic, dedicated, and collegial member of the Association. We will miss him terribly. Randy will be honored at the annual meeting in April, and there will be an opportunity for members to share their memories of him.

Spring is finally here, and I am looking forward to seeing many of you in a few weeks in Williamsburg. Our meeting organizer, John Donahue of William and Mary, with support from John Hyland of Christopher Newport University, is working on final arrangements for us. You will find logistical information at <http://associationofancienthistorians.org/2018meeting/>. If you have not yet registered, do so now, as there is no on-site registration. The main conference hotel, the Griffin, is now booked, but there is still space at the Woodlands Hotel and Suites. The meeting program is in this newsletter, and there is an exciting array of panel topics, including Archaeology and Epigraphy; Food, Drink and Identity in the Ancient World; and New Directions in Achaemenid Persian Studies.

Our Subvention Fund winners are Jessica Lamont, Chiara Matarese, Casey Stark, and Chris Kegerreis, who receives this year's Betty Coate award. Congratulations! Please say hello when you see them at the meeting. Thank you to all who have contributed to the Fund, which is crucial for bringing younger scholars to our Association, to the Subvention Committee for their hard work, and to Brian Messner, for his superb leadership as Chair.

Be sure to come to our business meeting (Saturday afternoon, after the last panel), when we will hold two elections: for a secretary and a treasurer. You will find the election procedures and the nominees on page 5 of the newsletter. We will also receive a formal invitation from Emory University to visit in April 2019 and will vote on that, too.

In other news, thank you to everyone who has signed up for our mentoring program, which will be underway by the meeting. I wish you all a productive year!

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AAH Annual Meeting 2018 College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA 19-21 April 2018

The 2018 AAH annual meeting will be hosted by **The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA 19-21 April 2018**. There will be a reception, banquet, and business meeting. The organizer is John Donahue (ahmeeting2018@gmail.com).

PROGRAM

NB: times and order of papers are subject to change.

Thursday, April 19, 2018

5:00-7:00 pm Opening Reception

Cohen Career Center, College of William & Mary
(Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks; conference packets available for pick up)

Friday, April 20, 2018

(All sessions take place in Matoaka Woods Hall, W&M School of Education; conference packets available for pick up)

Session 1: 8:30-10:30am

Archaeology and Epigraphy

Chair: Molly Swetnam-Burland (College of William & Mary)

“Ostraka and Ostracism,” James Sickinger, Florida State University

“Metic Populations around the Port of Athens: Pre- and Post-Kleisthenic Demographics,” Jessica Lamont, Yale University

“Why Did King Ezana of Aksum, Ethiopia, Publish Inscriptions in Greek?” Elizabeth Fisher, Randolph-Macon College

“Revisiting Women's Roles in Textile Work: New Methodologies and Inscribed Spaces,” Jonathan Perry, University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

Session 2: 11:00 am-1:00 pm Ancient Democracy

Chair: Jessica Paga (College of William & Mary)

11:00 “The Necessity of the Non-Athenian to the Athenian Democracy: The Military Importance and Institutional Origin of the Metic,” Gregory Callaghan (University of Pennsylvania)

11:30 “Demagogues in the Hellenistic Period: New Epigraphic Evidence,” Matt Simonton (Arizona State University)

12:00 “*Semper adversatus novis consiliis?* Democratic Action and the Early Roman Army,” Jessica Clark (Florida State University)

12:30 “*Voluntas Militum*: Roman Soldiers and Democratic Power in the Middle Republic,” Dominic Machado (Wake Forest University)

1:00-2:30 pm: Buffet Lunch

(Matoaka Woods Hall, W&M School of Education)

Session 3: 2:30-4:30 pm

Food, Drink, and Identity in the Ancient World

Chair: John Donahue (College of William & Mary)

2:30 “Roman *Terroir?* Local Soils, Specialties and Identities,” Margaret Clark (University of Texas)

3:00 “Grain, Salt, and Water: A Sacred Triad of Ingredients in Greco-Roman Religion,” Casey Stark (Idaho State University)

3:30 “Dining with Cleopatra: Menu for an Un-Roman Identity,” Gregory Daugherty (Randolph-Macon College)

4:00 “Cannibalism and Social Exclusion in the Ancient World,” Anise Strong (Western Michigan University)

4:30-4:45: Tea/Coffee Break

Session 4: 4:45-6:15 pm

Imperial Encounters in Ancient Anatolia

Chair: Georgia Irby (College of William & Mary)

4:45 “Becoming Lycian under the Persian Empire,” Rhyne King (University of Chicago)

5:15 “Local versus Imperial Agency in the Sacred Landscape of Karia,” Jeremy LaBuff (Northern Arizona University)

5:45 “Roman Gordion: Imperial Military Dynamics in Central Turkey (Galatia),” Andrew Goldman (Gonzaga University)

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Session 5: 8:30-10:30 am Travel in Ancient History

Chair: William Hutton (College of William & Mary)

8:30 “The Imaginary Travels of the Hellenistic Explorer Patrokles,” Mary Frances Williams (San Mateo, CA)

9:00 “*Pothos, Ponos, and Areté*: The Origin of Alexander the Great’s ‘Longing to Explore’” Chris Kegerreis (University of California, Santa Barbara)

9:30 “From Civil Strife to Roman Peace: An Ancient Traveler’s View of the Augustan Monuments on the Via Flaminia,” Eric Kondratieff (Western Kentucky University)

10:00 “Visiting Babylon: Rhetorical Education and Travel under the Roman Empire,” J.E. Lendon (University of Virginia)

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

Session 6: 11:00 am -1:00 pm

Colonialism and Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Chair: Barbette Spaeth (College of William & Mary)

11:00 “Hellenizing Barbarians or Romanizing the World? The Worship of Artemis of Ephesos in Iberia and Gaul,” Denise Demetriou (University of California, San Diego)

11:30 “Modeling Transcultural Distribution within the West Sicilian Ritual Economy, 650-344 BCE,” Andrew Ward (New York University)

12:00 “Religion and a Thracian Shatter Zone: Diachronic Perspectives,” Denver Graninger (University of California, Riverside)

12:30 “Persephone, the Pythagoreans, and the Politics of Accommodation,” David Toye (Northeast State Community College)

1:00–2:30 pm: Box Lunch

Session 7: 2:30-4:30 pm

New Directions in Achaemenid Persian Studies

Chair: John Hyland (Christopher Newport University)

2:30 “Viewing Achaemenid ‘Violence’—Towards a Persian Perspective,” Melissa Benson (University College London)

3:00 “What about Slaves in Achaemenid Iran?” Chiara Matarese (Christian-Albrechts-Universität)

3:30 “The Betrayal(s) of Orontas and the Rebellion of Cyrus the Younger,” Jeffrey Rop (University of Minnesota, Duluth)

4:00 “The Persian Approach to Diplomacy: The ‘Gold Diplomacy’ in Greco-Persian Relations,” Eduard Rung (Kazan Federal University)

4:30-5:30 pm Business Meeting

(W&M School of Education)

7:00-10:00 pm Banquet (Matoaka Woods Hall, W&M School of Education)

Keynote Speaker: “What Defeat Does,” Prof. Elizabeth Meyer (University of Virginia)

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Our committees have been working hard this year—you will find their members' names on our website. Service on a committee offers a great way to become more involved in our Association and to contribute to it, while also providing an excellent opportunity to get to know more members. If you are interested in serving—and there will be some spots opening up at the end of the year—then send me an email.

Now is also a good time to let colleagues at your institution know about the Association. According to our Constitution, "Ancient History, for the purpose of this Association, shall be defined as the history of the ancient Mediterranean world and the history of other countries in their relations with it." We warmly welcome all those working in and interested in ancient history, including archaeologists and scholars of the Ancient Near East.

This is the final newsletter compiled by Denise Demetriou as Secretary-Treasurer. Over the past year I have valued immensely her advice and support. Thank you, Denise, for your service to the AAH.

I wish everyone a successful end to the school year. This is a busy time for everyone, but a joyous one too, with graduations and new beginnings for many. Let us celebrate our graduates' achievements and also reflect on the contributions we all make—as faculty, friends and family—to their success.

Best wishes,

Serena Connolly

In Memoriam

Randall Howarth

A tribute for Randy Howarth (AAH Secretary-Treasurer 2003-2008), who died on March 18, 2018, will be sent to members via email.

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David Crockett Hood

Professor David Crockett Hood died on January 11, 2018 at the age of 80 after a long struggle with prostate cancer. Dave occupied a special place among ancient historians in Southern California. After completing his B.A. degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara, he received his Ph.D. in 1966 from the University of Southern California with a thesis on *Plutarch and the Persians* directed by Thomas W. Africa.

Dave joined the history faculty at California State University, Long Beach in 1966 where he taught continuously until his retirement in 2017. Dave thought of himself as a scholar-teacher. Although he published a number of reviews and a volume in the Heath Problems in European Civilization series, *The Rise of Rome: How to Explain It* (1970), teaching was his first love. He compiled an incredible record of never taking a day of sick leave or a sabbatical during his half a century of teaching. During those decades he mentored numerous undergraduate and graduate students, sending many on to Ph.D. programs, led archaeological tours of Italy, Greece, and Egypt during winter break, and organized summer book clubs for his students that met at his home, accompanied by his famous gourmet meals.

Somehow, he also found time to serve the community outside the university. Appropriately, for a descendant of Davy Crockett, he loved nature, and so between 1975 and 1988 he developed management plans for numerous national parks and monuments in California, including Yosemite and Sequoia, and Kings Canyon National Parks, and Joshua Tree National Monument. Ancient historians knew Dave best, however, as the organizer of meetings of the Friends of Ancient History for thirty-four years from 1983 to 2017, that brought together faculty and graduate students from Santa Barbara to San Diego to hear and discuss papers in a convivial environment enlivened by Dave's wit and seemingly endless puns.

Stanley Burstein



News From and About Colleagues

The editor solicits items of interest to members. Publications, honors received, dissertations defended, etc., are all appropriate for this section. Letters to the membership on subjects of general concern to members and/or our organization are welcome. Submissions are subject to editing.

Many congratulations to Nina Rivera-Nunez who has complete an M.A. in Ancient Classical History from American Military University.

Michael Meckler (Epigraphy Center, Ohio State) just completed a two-year term as president of the Celtic Studies Association of North America, a term which ended at the organization's annual meeting, held this year in March at UCLA. He still has two more years on the organization's executive committee as immediate past president.

Amelia Brown is pleased to announce the publication of her monograph, *Corinth in Late Antiquity: A Greek Roman and Christian City* (London: IB Tauris, 2018). Drawing on evidence from ancient literary sources, extensive archaeological excavations, and historical records, Amelia R. Brown surveys the period of urban transformation that characterized Corinth from the second to the sixth centuries BCE, from the old Forum (Agora) and temples to new churches and fortifications. Influenced by the methodological advances of urban studies, Brown demonstrates the many ways Corinthians responded to internal and external pressures by building, demolishing and repurposing urban public space, thus transforming Corinthian society, civic identity and urban infrastructure. In a departure from isolated textual and archaeological studies, she connects this process to broader changes in metropolitan life, contributing to the present understanding of urban experience in the late antique Mediterranean.

Benjamin Straumann's book *Crisis and Constitutionalism: Roman Political Thought from the Fall of the Republic to the Age of Revolution* (Oxford University Press, 2016) won the István Hont Book Prize, awarded by the Institute of Intellectual History at the University of St Andrews. The book was just reissued in paperback.

Andrew G. Scott's *Emperors and Usurpers: An Historical Commentary on Cassius Dio's Roman History, Books 79(78)-80(80) (A.D. 217-229)* will be published in April 2018 by Oxford University Press.

Dr. Barbara Mendoza, ancient art historian, Egyptologist, and Art History Instructor in the Art Department at Santa Monica College, has recently published a manuscript for ABC-CLIO/Greenwood (Oct. 2017) entitled *Artifacts from Ancient Egypt*, as part of their Daily Life through Artifacts series. Her book promotes "object-based" research of 45 specific and authentic ancient Egyptian artifacts and art works.

Seth Richardson and Clifford Ando have co-edited *Ancient States and Infrastructural Power: Europe, Asia, and America*. The volume appeared in 2017 as part of the University of Pennsylvania Series "Empire and After."

Walter Scheidel's latest edited volume, *The Science of Roman History: Biology, Climate, and the Future of the Past*, has just been published by Princeton University Press.

Walter Ward has edited a book, *The Socio-Economic History and Material Culture of the Roman and Byzantine Near East: Essays in Honor of S. Thomas Parker*, which came out at the end of 2017 and was published by Gorgias Press. <https://www.gorgiaspress.com/the-socio-economic-history-and-material-culture-of-the-roman-and-byzantine-near-east>

Peter Green's new translation of Homer's *Odyssey* will be published on March 28 by The University of California Press.

Women and Classical Scholarship is an international colloquium celebrating the retirement of Judith P. Hallett, Friday, April 27, 2018. The one-day international colloquium on women and classical scholarship will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park on Friday, April 27, 2018, to honor the retirement of Judith P. Hallett. The speakers will include Eric Adler (Maryland), T. Corey Brennan (Rutgers), Sandra Messenger Cypess (Maryland), Sheila K. Dickison (Florida), Jane Donawerth (Maryland), Arthur Eckstein (Maryland), Jacqueline Fabre-Serris (Lille), Henriette Harich-Schwarzbauer (Basel), Donald Lateiner (Ohio Wesleyan), Amy Richlin (UCLA), Diana Robin (New Mexico) and John Weisweiler (Maryland). A detailed program will be posted nearer the date. All inquiries should be sent to Gail Russell gruss@umd.edu.



AAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for AAH Secretary and Treasurer

Members are reminded that nominations for two officers, a Secretary and a Treasurer of the AAH, are in order, each for a three-year term commencing at the Business Meeting of the 2018 Annual Meeting. Secretary and Treasurer are now separate positions. A candidate becomes eligible for election when three members in good standing (i.e., paid up)—each employed at separate institutions—submit written nominations to the secretary (aahsectreas@gmail.com) two full weeks in advance of the 2018 Meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve. Nominations by email are acceptable. Brian Messner has received the requisite number of nominations for the office of Secretary. Scott Perry has received the requisite number of nominations for the office of Treasurer. Both nominees have agreed to run.



AAH Announcement: Any member who wants to introduce a motion at the Business Meeting must email the Secretary, Denise Demetriou (aahsectreas@gmail.com) at **least two weeks** in advance of the meeting, **by 5 April 2018**.



AAH Membership Dues: Please remember to renew your AAH membership dues. The Secretary-Treasurer sent you a reminder in January if your membership is due for renewal. It is possible to pay in advance for up to five years. Considering the costs of many other associations focused on history, we are still the best bargain out there!

Payment can be made online though PayPal on the AAH website, <http://www.associationofancienthistorians.org/>, or by traditional mail:

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

Please mail dues to:

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Thank you to all who have donated to the AAH subvention fund! The fund is supported entirely by member donations and helps junior faculty and graduate students defray the cost of attending the annual meeting. Many who have received Subvention Grants have become lifelong members of the Association. Please consider donating if you have not done so.



Reminder: Please remember to designate the AAH as your charity of choice at Amazon Smile and shop though the Amazon Smile website. Go to www.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!



CONFERENCES

On October 25-26, 2018 the Center for the Ancient Mediterranean at Columbia University will host a conference in memory of Alan Cameron open to the public. The speakers are Averil Cameron, Kate Cooper, Raffaella Cribiore, Anthony Cutler, Jas Elsner, Jean-Luc Fournet, Arianna Gullo, Gavin Kelly, Michael Kulikowski, Rita Lizzi Testa, Charlotte Roueché, Michele Salzman, and Edward Watts. For further information see <http://www.centanemed.org/>

ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN REVOLUTIONS

**A Conference to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of AHMA at UC Berkeley
September 6 to September 8, 2018**

The Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology (AHMA) was a revolutionary initiative. It brought together a number of previously segregated fields, disciplines, and methods in an attempt to produce a broader, deeper, and more richly textured vision of Mediterranean antiquity. The program was designed to bridge two persistent gaps in particular: between the disciplines of History (text) and Archaeology (material culture), on the one hand, and between the civilizations of Greece and Rome and those of the Near East and Egypt, on the other. As the first interdisciplinary program of its kind in the world—long before “interdisciplinarity” had become an academic buzzword—AHMA helped to set an ambitious agenda that has transformed the study of the ancient Mediterranean world.

1968 was also, of course, a year of revolution—at Berkeley, throughout the United States, and around the world. Given the timing of this important anniversary, we have organized a conference devoted to the problem of revolutions in antiquity. We do not seek to make a political statement—to appropriate a revolutionary past for the aims of a present that might (but perhaps ought not) be conceived as revolutionary; nor, conversely, do we seek to examine “revolutionary” change in antiquity through the lens of contemporary politics. We aim rather to explore the factors that contributed to significant and long-lasting change in the ancient Mediterranean, in political and economic life, as well as in the structures of human settlement, human knowledge, and cultural production. We are also interested in understanding the ways in which gradual, incremental change intersected with sudden and massive shifts, and in unpacking the complex relationship between evolution and revolution.

In accordance with these aims we have arranged a series of panels, following a keynote address by Nicholas Purcell (Camden Professor Ancient History, University of Oxford), organized neither by region nor by period, but rather in terms of different domains of change: cultural, political, religious, legal, intellectual/scientific, artistic, urban, and economic. By juxtaposing such modalities of change across time and space, we hope to identify and explain some of the wider frameworks within which both evolutionary and revolutionary change took place in the ancient Mediterranean world as a whole.

A full program will be available at <http://ahma.berkeley.edu/ahma.berkeley.edu/events/Revolutions>
Questions may be sent to Carlos Noreña (norena@berkeley.edu)

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Arrington, Nathan (Princeton University)
Boehm, Ryan (Tulane University)
Bryan, Betsy (Johns Hopkins University)
Cooney, Kara (UCLA)
Eberle, Lisa (Tübingen University)
Elm, Susanna (UC Berkeley)
Feldman, Marian (Johns Hopkins University)
Forsdyke, Sara (University of Michigan)
Hallett, Christopher (UC Berkeley)
Humfress, Caroline (St. Andrews University)
Kaye, Noah (Michigan State University)
Maas, Michael (Rice University)
Magness, Jodi (University of North Carolina)
McInerney, Jeremy (University of Pennsylvania)
Morris, Ellen (Columbia University)
Purcell, Nicholas (University of Oxford)

Quinn, Josephine (University of Oxford)
Reed, Annette (New York University)
Russell, Amy (Durham University)
Shaw, Brent (Princeton University)
Terrenato, Nicola (University of Michigan)
Van Alfen, Peter (American Numismatic Society)



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

THE SPACELAW PROJECT

The SpaceLaw Project (Law, Governance, and Space: Questioning the Foundations of the Republican Tradition, spacelaw.fi), funded by the European Research Council, is hiring:

1. two post-docs for three years, and
2. two doctoral students for four years

to investigate the spaces of Roman Republicanism at the University of Helsinki! Historians, archaeologists, legal historians, Roman lawyers and the like are strongly encouraged to apply.

Here are the ads (with a more detailed description of the project):

<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/open-positions/postdoctoral-researchers-spaces-of-roman-republicanism>

<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/open-positions/doctoral-students-spaces-of-roman-republicanism>

The deadline is **April 15, 2018**. Feel free to spread the word!

**THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES**

[The Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies](http://www.isaw.nyu.edu), offers scholars the opportunity to pursue their own research (for a semester or an academic year) as part of a community of scholars focused on intellectual inquiry. See <http://isaw.nyu.edu/visiting-scholars>



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PhD SCHOLARSHIPS IN GREEK HISTORY

Department of Ancient History, Macquarie University, Sydney

We invite applications from prospective PhD candidates to apply for one of three Greek History Scholarship in the Department of Ancient History at Macquarie University in any one or more of the following areas:

- Classical and Hellenistic Greek History
- Alexander the Great and his Era
- Hellenistic Athens
- Greek Oratory

We have three scholarships to offer:

2 x scholarship for commencement in 2018, suitable candidates will need to commence the PhD by 15 December 2018

1 x scholarship for commencement in 2019, suitable candidates will need to commence the PhD by 15 December 2019

Allocation Numbers

2018142, 2018143 for 2018 commencement

2018144 for 2019 commencement

Closing Date

Nos. 2018142 & 2018143 - 31 May 2018

No. 2018144 – 31 May 2019

Successful applicants will work on their PhD theses in the Department of Ancient History, which has more than 40 full-time permanent academic staff and a graduate community of over 100 students, and they will engage with the wider interest in Ancient History in Sydney (for example in schools, museums, and other universities).

Students can enroll exclusively at Macquarie University or under the Cotutelle model, where a PhD student enrolls at both Macquarie University and an international university (with supervisors in both universities with his/her thesis examined in both institutions leading to qualifications from each university).

Holders of these scholarships will be supervised by [Professor Ian Worthington](#). Contact email: Ian.worthington@mq.edu.au

Please contact Professor Worthington, outlining your previous and current studies and research area/plans for the PhD.

This scholarship is available to eligible candidates to undertake a direct entry 3-year PhD program.

The scholarship is comprised of a Tuition Fee Offset and a Living Allowance Stipend. The value and tenure of the scholarship is a “MQRES” full-time stipend rate of \$27,082 per annum (in 2018 tax exempt for up to 3 years - indexed annually).

Applicants will need to complete a **HDR Candidature and Scholarship Application Form** via the [Online Application System](#) and arrange for two academic referee reports to be submitted to the Higher Degree Research Office. Further information can be found on the [How to Apply](#) page.

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants are expected to have a record of excellent academic performance and, preferably, additional relevant research experience and/or peer-reviewed research activity in line with the University’s scholarship rating guidelines. Refer to the [Rating Scholarship Applicants](#) section for more information about these guidelines.

Macquarie University will advise the successful applicant of entitlements at the time of scholarship offer.

Please quote the allocation number on your application.



CALLS FOR PAPERS

THE THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL MEETING OF SHIFTING FRONTIERS IN LATE ANTIQUITY “Communal Responses to Local Disaster: Economic, Environmental, Political, and Religious” March 14-17, 2019, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California

The Society for Late Antiquity is pleased to announce the thirteenth biennial meeting of Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, to be held at Claremont McKenna College, in Claremont, California. Specialists in art and archaeology, literature and philology, history and religious studies, working on topics from the 3rd to the 8th century CE, are invited to submit paper proposals. Scholars with any related interest are invited to attend.

The 2019 meeting will examine the impact of disasters on late-antique communities, including their susceptibility to disaster, the means by which they coped, and factors that increased resilience and facilitated recovery from disasters. In order to foster the thematic breadth and interdisciplinary perspective for which Shifting Frontiers is known, we invite papers concerned with the full range of traumatic events, and also long-term processes, that could distress communities: economic, environmental, political, and religious. The aim of this conference is to move beyond the descriptive and stimulate analytical and theoretical approaches to understanding how distressed communities behaved in the short and long term. Local communities developed daily and seasonal rhythms to mitigate vulnerabilities and fragility. The dread of disaster shaped the late-antique psyche and, in some ways, the cultural landscape of communities. And disasters of various kinds had a wide range of impacts, depending upon severity and the nature of communal resilience. We encourage papers to consider the extent to which the economic, cultural, political, or religious resources of communities (or their lack) determined levels of susceptibility, impact, response or resilience. To what extent do late-antique sources acknowledge vulnerability and fragility? What mechanisms created durability and resilience? What were the emotional and intellectual responses to disaster? Does an awareness of the psychological impact of fragility and disaster alter our interpretation of various forms of evidence in Late Antiquity?

We are also very pleased to announce that the keynote lectures this year will be given by Kyle Harper (University of Oklahoma) and Laura Nasrallah (Harvard University). Conference details may be found at <https://www.cmc.edu/history/shifting-frontiers-in-late-antiquity>

Potential topics include:

- Economic trauma and its impact (fiscal, commercial, etc.)
- Environmental distress and disaster relief (volcanos, earthquakes, tsunamis, etc.)
- Attitudes toward the environment owing to fragility and the potential for disaster
- Alimentary and agricultural disasters (famine, drought, interrupted shipping)
- Urban disasters (fires, rioting, siege)
- Military disasters on the battlefield
- Philosophical and ethical notions of mortality, inevitability, and causation connected to disaster
- Rhetorical exploitation and literary responses to, or explorations of disaster
- Philological footprints in language and idiom related to disaster
- Representations of, and psychological responses to, disaster in art
- Archaeological and architectural evidence of disasters
- Religious explanations of disaster, and liturgical and cultic responses
- Differentiation between sudden, cataclysmic, and long-term, slow moving disasters
- The memory of specific events

Proposals for 20-minute presentations should clearly explain the relationship of the paper to the conference theme, describe the evidence to be examined, and offer tentative conclusions. **Abstracts of no more than 500 words (not including optional bibliography) should be submitted by October 1, 2018.** Please submit abstracts as a Word document attached to an email sent to both Shane Bjornlie (sbjornlie@cmc.edu) and Michelle Berenfeld (michelle.berenfeld@pitzer.edu). Please do not embed proposals in the text of the email. The conference steering committee will review all proposals, starting October 1, with accepted papers receiving notification by November 15. Due to budgetary constraints, bursaries for expenses will not be available, although conference registration fees will be waived for participants presenting papers and for the chairs of sessions. Registration for all other participants will be \$100 US.

Conference schedule:

- Initial call for papers: March 1, 2018
- Abstracts due: **October 1, 2018**
- Notification of participants: November 15, 2018
- Program published on website; with conference instructions and open registration: December 1, 2018
- Conference convenes: March 14, 2019

Principal conference organizer: Shane Bjornlie (Claremont McKenna College)

Conference steering committee: Michelle Berenfeld (Pitzer College), Cavan Concannon (University of Southern California), Beth Digeser (UC Santa Barbara), Nicola Denzey Lewis (Claremont Graduate University), Michele Salzman (UC Riverside), Edward Watts (UC San Diego) and Ken Wolf (Pomona College).



PUBLICATIONS

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

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