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### President's Column

Dear friends,

This newsletter comes at a moment of great upheaval for all of us, with our teaching moved online, our administrative responsibilities disrupted, and our research plans up-ended. Those of us with young families find ourselves homeschooling, while continuing to do our jobs; very many of our members are worried about their health and that of those closest to them. What a year.

I am immensely grateful to Sarah Bond and Rosemary Moore of the University of Iowa for their work in moving our annual meeting online. The decision to hold a virtual meeting was not taken lightly: as we all know, much of the collegiality and many of the benefits of this Association come from the several days we spend together each year, listening to papers and catching up with each other's professional and personal lives. To be sure, an online conference cannot replicate the camaraderie we enjoy at our regular meetings. But it will allow our presenters to share their work, an opportunity that is crucial for graduate students and junior faculty. We will hold our business meeting, and I am happy to report that there is software to facilitate motions, votes, acclamations, and all that we regularly do in those meetings.

Sarah and Rosemary had spent several years planning the meeting at Iowa. To take on an online conference now and at such short notice is a major undertaking, and I hope we can all find ways to support them in the run-up to and during the meeting. One the best things you can do is to attend!

This is my final President's Column. I am delighted that I am concluding my term with new Committees on Teaching and Mentoring in place to help re-engage us in our support of each other's teaching and career advancement. A new PAAH volume is forthcoming, thanks to the efforts of the Publications Committee, and the Diversity Committee created by my predecessor Lee Brice continues to do enormously valuable work for us. Finally, a recent membership campaign has brought us new members. If this is your first newsletter, welcome!  
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### AAH Annual Meeting 2020 University of Iowa, Iowa City 23-25 April 2020

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, as previously announced, the conference is moving online. It will be hosted on the same dates. Due to the swiftly changing nature of the pandemic situation, please refer to the conference website where organizers Sarah Bond and Rosemary Moore are posting the latest information.  
<https://aah20.wordpress.com>

If you have questions, please consult the website first. If you cannot find what you need, please contact Rosemary Moore ([rosemary-moore@uiowa.edu](mailto:rosemary-moore@uiowa.edu)) at the University of Iowa.

Please note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic this is a shortened version of the newsletter, and because printing is currently unavailable it can be distributed only electronically. Our apologies to any inconvenience this causes to our postal members. Printed copies will be distributed with the Fall, 2020 newsletter.

### Motions at the Business Meeting

Members are reminded that any business items must be received by the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting; the deadline is April 9. If you have questions or a motion please contact Brian Messner, Secretary at [secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org](mailto:secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org).

In these last three years, I have benefited from the wisdom and support of the Committee Chairs, past Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers, and especially my fellow Officers, Denise Demetriou (immediate past Secretary-Treasurer), Brian Messner (Secretary), and Scott Perry (Treasurer). Thank you for all that you have done—I am deeply grateful. We are all fortunate to have such dedicated and delightful individuals in our midst. This spring, we are being encouraged to practice social distancing within our communities. But let's use the technology available to us to check in with each other, offer support however we can, and keep up our spirits. I look forward to "seeing" many of you via Zoom in April.

Wishing you all good health,

Serena



## NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

Duane Roller, editor, is very pleased to announce to the membership that the latest volume in the PAAH series, *New Directions in the Study of Ancient Geography*, is in production and will hopefully be available later this spring or early this summer as conditions permit. All members in good standing will receive a copy as part of their AAH membership.

Donald Lateiner reports that his chapter on "Silences in Aristophanes" has just been published by de Gruyter in a volume edited by Efi Papadodima: *Faces of Silence in Ancient Greek Literature*. Visit: <https://www.degruyter.com/view/product/559670> for more information. Also, he is editing with Judith Hallett and Corey Brennan a volume of approximately eleven essays entitled *Women Classicists*. The collection grew out of a 2018 University of Maryland conference on the same subject held when Judith Hallett retired from teaching.

Brendan Nagle announces the publication of *A Brief History of Ancient Rome*. (Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY: Sloan Publishing), 2020.

Richard Talbert is pleased to share that two of his books are now available in paperback (making the second one in particular much more affordable): *Roman Portable Sundials: The Empire in Your Hand* (Oxford UP, 2017), and *Challenges of Mapping the Classical World* (Routledge, 2019).

Benjamin Straumann sends word that he received an ERC Consolidator Grant (nearly 2 million Euros for five years (2020-2025)) for a project on Cicero's conception of justice. The project will be situated at the University of Zurich and will require hiring several post-docs and doctoral students later this year. More information at: <https://www.media.uzh.ch/en/Press-Releases/2019/ERC-Consolidator-Grants.html>

Nikolaus Overtoom is the new Assistant Professor in Ancient History at Washington State University and Oxford University Press is publishing his first monograph, *Reign of Arrows: The Rise of the Parthian Empire in the Hellenistic Middle East*, on April 15, 2020. Pre-orders with a promo code for a 30% discount (code: AAFLYG6) are available here: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/reign-of-arrows-9780190888329?cc=us&lang=en&>.

Duane W. Roller's *Empire of the Black Sea: The Rise and Fall of the Mithridatic World* is in final production at Oxford and will appear in April.

Michael Gagarin wishes to notify the membership of the publication of *Democratic Law in Classical Athens* (Univ. of Texas Press, 2020).

Judith P. Hallett shares that she has a chapter in *A Cultural History of Marriage in Antiquity*, ed. Karen Hersch (Bloomsbury Academic, 2019), that she is the recipient of an American Classical League Merita Award 2020, and that she has a chapter in *Maternal Conceptions in Classical Literature and Philosophy*, ed. Alison Sharrok and Alison Keith (University of Toronto Press, 2020).



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