



The Association of Ancient Historians Newsletter is published three times a year by the Association of Ancient Historians and distributed free to members

President's Column

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you are enjoying a restorative and much deserved break! The past year has rightly been called *annus horribilis*. We faced social unrest, an unrepresented election, and a pandemic. We have lost colleagues, students, friends, and family members. When we met virtually in Iowa in April, we had been through a month and a half of lockdown orders and masks. Many of us did not imagine then that, months later, those would become “accessories” to our lives and outfits. In the months that have followed, we learned how to pivot from face to face classes to online breakout rooms in a day’s notice; we faced closures of libraries and archives while trying to forward our research agenda; we listened to the challenges and grief of our students and families; we juggled being teachers and parents, daughters and brothers, and partners to our beloved; we gave birth to children and to books and articles; we baked bread, organized our homes, and probably drank more than ever before. If you feel that you have not accomplished enough this year, please reconsider and show kindness and compassion to yourself and others. There is hope and so much for which to be grateful, even under the circumstances. I, for one, have a long list of people I am grateful for inside our organization, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly for their service and initiatives.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to our past president, Serena Connolly, for her impeccable service to the Association and for an efficient transition. Serena, along with many of our former presidents, has been invaluable in offering advice and help whenever it is needed. They provide the institutional memory and they are, truly, a priceless treasure for the Association. For this reason, I have asked Serena to be the formal archivist of the AAH, and she graciously accepted. In addition to organizing the archives of the Association, Serena and her team are working on a new initiative she has proposed for the 50th Anniversary of the AAH in 2024. In her own words, “the AAH@50 Digital Celebration is currently envisioned as a public-facing digital platform to house a history of the Association specifically and of our discipline more broadly.”

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AAH Annual Meeting 2021 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign May 2021

The 2021 AAH annual meeting will be hosted by **The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign May 6-8, 2021**. Because of Covid-19 the conference will take place entirely online. The organizers are Antony Augoustakis (aaugoust@illinois.edu) and Nicholas Rudman (nrudman2@illinois.edu). More information is available [here](#). Information on registration, the program, etc. will be posted as available.



NOMINATIONS FOR AAH SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Members are informed that nominations for both Secretary and Treasurer of the AAH are in order for the three-year term commencing at the Business Meeting of the 2021 Annual Meeting. A candidate becomes eligible for election when three members in good standing—each employed at separate institutions—submit written nominations to the secretary (Secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org) at least two full weeks in advance of the 2021 Meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve. Nominations by email are acceptable.

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President's column, continued

The website might contain initially a text-based institutional history of the AAH along with a contextualizing history of our field [...] and a data-driven historical analysis of our membership and their research interests [...]. Alongside these might be short-form biographies of AAH officers, past and present, as well as images of key documents from our extensive archive, such as a sample of digitized historical correspondence that discusses key initiatives and goals of the AAH over the years and sample programs from our annual meetings. A key feature of the site could be video interviews with officers and members that would constitute an oral history of the AAH and our field; a complementary visual history would draw from photographs taken at our meetings." Please contact Serena, if you have materials for this website.

I would like to thank also my fellow officers, Brian Messner (Secretary) and Scott Perry (Treasurer), for their unselfish work in taking care of the business of the Association. Thanks to Brian's meticulous updating of our membership list, Scott's careful accounting, and the Publications Committee's (Hans Mueller, past chair; David Ratzan, chair) continuous efforts, all members in good standing have now in their hands Duane Roller's handsome volume *New Directions to the Study of Ancient Geography* (PAAH v. 12) published by Eisenbrauns last summer ([Eisenbraun's website here](#)). Please let David Ratzan or any member of the Publications Committee know of any projects you would like to work on or edit.

In addition, I want to thank all committee chairs and members, both former and current, for their hard work and service to the Association. Many committee chairs single-handedly keep the efforts of the Association to provide support to all of its members going.

At our 2021 Annual Meeting in May at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), which will take place virtually again due to the pandemic, we are to vote on the Diversity Committee's (Liv Yarrow, chair) proposal on professional conduct circulated at the last Annual Meeting (a copy will be circulated before the next meeting). Please review the language and send us your thoughts in advance of this vote. The other members of the Diversity Committee are John Lee, Matt Simonton, and Dominic Machado. Liv and I strongly encourage you to get involved with the initiatives of this committee. It is a challenging committee for which to volunteer, but the outcomes of its discussions and initiatives are most fulfilling. We need new ideas and continuous energy to (re)evaluate our organization's history, our field's narratives, and our professional role in matters of societal justice, ethics, and equity.

In mid-August, our Committee on Teaching (Eliza Gettel and Jeffrey Rop, co-chairs) held a successful on-line workshop on Pedagogy During the Pandemic. I would like to thank all the panelists and participants for supporting those efforts. You might be interested also in the Syllabi Database the Teaching Committee has put together; you can enrich this database for our field by donating your syllabi. Thanks also to Matthew Perry and the Subvention Grant Committee, and to Zachary Hertz and the Mentorship Committee, as well as to all of you who participate in the mentoring program either as mentors or mentees. Many thanks to Pat Dintrone (Technology) for maintaining our webpage, and to Andrea Gatzke (Social Media) for moving forward with the establishment of our social media presence. Since April, we have added 1,400 followers to our Facebook page alone!

Finally, I want to draw your attention to four opportunities for philanthropy this year that target disadvantaged colleagues and students in our field. If you would like more information on or would like to contribute to:

-the AAH Meeting Subvention Grants, please click [here](#).

-the SCS & WCC Covid-19 Relief Fund, please click [here](#).

-the Sportula microgrants for students, please click [here](#).

-the ASCSA William Sanders Scarborough Fellowship, please click [here](#).

May this be a Happier and Healthier New Year for all!
Georgia



NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

We are sad to announce the passing of Mortimer Chambers and of Peter Karavites.

Andrea F. Gatzke and Lee L. Brice announce the publication of their edited volume, *People and Institutions in the Roman Empire* (Brill 2020). Collected in memory of Garrett G. Fagan (d. 2017), the volume includes eleven chapters, most of which are by AAH members, addressing current aspects of Roman History that were of interest to Garrett including historiography, Roman law, military, gladiators, violence, bathing, and Roman society. Brill information [here](#).

Mireille Corbier (corbier@msh-paris.fr), director of *L'Année épigraphique*, announces that *L'Année épigraphique 2017* (containing 1764 entries, and 1107 pages, including 246 pages of index) was published in August 2020, and is now available. Orders should be sent to Presses Universitaires de France at revues@humensis.com.

Edward Anson, Frances Pownall, Monica D'Agostini announce that they have edited a book honoring Beth Carney, *Affective Relations & Personal Bonds in Hellenistic Age: Studies in Honor of Elizabeth D. Carney* from Oxbow Books, 2020. Details are [here](#).

Edward Anson also announces the publication of *Philip II, the Father of Alexander the Great* by Bloomsbury Academic. More information is [here](#).

Edward Harris notifies members that he, Edmund Stewart and David Lewis have edited a volume on *Skilled Labour and Professionalism in Ancient Greece and Rome* from Cambridge University Press. Details are [here](#), with a discount code (SLPAGR20) good until July 2021.

William Owens has published *The Representation of Slavery in the Greek Novel: Resistance and Appropriation* from Routledge. More information is [here](#).

Kenneth Atkinson has published *Empress Galla Placidia and the Fall of the Roman Empire* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2020). Details available [here](#).

Lee Brice notifies members that *New Approaches to Greek and Roman Warfare* is now available online [here](#).

Don Nardo announces the publication of *Greek Mythology* (San Diego: Reference Point Press, 2020), which is an educational volume for high school students. It is one of over 500 books Don has written for school age audiences.

Frances Pownell, Waldemar Heckel, Johannes Heinrichs, and Sabine Müller wish to inform members of the publication of *Lexicon of Argead Macedonia* from Langer-Blomqvist. More information is [here](#).

Tara Sewell-Lasater informs members that her dissertation, "Becoming Kleopatra: Ptolemaic Royal Marriage, Incest, and the Path to Female Rule" is now available online [here](#).

Franco De Angelis notifies members of an edited volume, *A Companion to Greeks Across the Ancient World (Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World)* (Hoboken, NJ and Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, 2020). Fuller details can be found [here](#).

Donald Lateiner sends word that he will give the 2021 Clack lecture for the Classical Association of the Atlantic States meeting in New Brunswick, NJ on October 15, 2021. The topic will be Epizelos' Battlefield Experience (Hdt. 6.117) at Marathon and how Herodotus' treatment of his subject's reported blindness and vision may help us understand his narrative technique.

Tyson Putthoff informs colleagues of a new book, *Gods and Humans in the Ancient Near East* (Cambridge University Press, 2020). The book is offered at a discount until October 2021 with the code GHANE2020, click [here](#)

Georgia Tsouvala announces the publication of a co-edited (with Jeffrey Beneker) volume, *The Discourse of Marriage in the Greco-Roman World* (The University of Wisconsin Press, 2020). The book is available through Amazon as well as through the publisher [here](#).

The fully updated fifth edition of Robert B. Kebric's internationally successful *Roman People*, featuring full-color photos and maps; greater emphasis on women, gladiators, and charioteers; Hollywood's portrayal of Rome; Roman Spain; and the latest information on Mt. Vesuvius' destruction of Pompeii has been published in Cognella Academic Publishing's Antiquity's Series.



AAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mentoring Committee

The AAH Mentoring Committee would like to remind all of our members to fill out our Mentoring survey! Especially in this *nightmare year,* we think it is important to offer our members the chance to build connections within the ancient history community and help out a younger generation of scholars in unprecedentedly difficult times. The deadline (for both mentors and mentees) is **April 4, 2021**: if you would be interested in participating, please fill out our [application to serve as a mentor](#) or an [application to be assigned a mentor](#). If you have any questions, you can reach out to aahmentoring@gmail.com, or to the Committee's chair, Zach Herz, at zachary.herz@colorado.edu. Have a great day!



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Publication of the recent PAAH volume sparked interest in previous AAH works. Several PAAH volumes are now available free as pdf downloads at the AAH website [here](#). Serena Connolly also has copies of *The Legacy of Ernst Badian* edited by Carol Thomas available. Members are welcome to contact Serena at serena.connolly@gmail.com to receive a copy. The cost is \$15 which helps to defer the mailing cost. Payment can be made by mail to AAH treasurer Scott Perry (address below) or on the PayPal link on the membership page ([here](#)), and mark the \$15 as an unrestricted donation.



The Subvention Committee

Because the 2021 conference will be online and free to associate members no subvention grants will be awarded this year.

Donate to the Subvention Fund!

The account used to underwrite subvention grants is separate from the AAH general fund and is supported only by earmarked donations. In other words, we rely on the generosity of AAH members in order to support our junior colleagues. If you are interested in making a donation, you can use the PayPal link on the association website (<http://associationofancienthistorians.org/grants.html>) or mail a check to the AAH Treasurer, Scott Perry (Treasurer@associationofancienthistorians.org). All donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated!



AAH Membership Dues

Please remember to renew your AAH membership dues. 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! Members are notified of their membership status at the beginning of each year.

Payment can be made online though **PayPal** on the AAH website [here](#) or by traditional mail (see the dues form at the end of the Newsletter).

| Membership | Dues effective May 1, 2020 |
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| Regular Electronic | \$15.00 |
| Associate Electronic (<i>students and contingent faculty only</i>) | \$7.00 |
| Regular Postal | \$20.00 |
| Associate Postal (<i>students and contingent faculty only</i>) | \$12.00 |
| Life (<i>retired members over 60 only</i>) | \$200.00 |
| Institutional | \$40.00 |

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For questions or information about dues, or other financial matters, please contact Scott Perry at Treasurer@AssociationofAncientHistorians.org. Members uncertain if they are current with their dues or with other member address updates can contact Brian Messner at Secretary@AssociationofAncientHistorians.org.



Reminder: Please remember to designate the AAH as your charity of choice at **Amazon Smile** and shop through the Amazon Smile website. Go to <https://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!



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The American Academy at Rome (<https://www.aarome.org/>) and the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (<https://www.ascsa.edu.gr/>) both have a number of overseas study opportunities posted to their websites.



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 by Duane Roller, *New Directions to the Study of Ancient Geography* was published by Eisenbrauns last summer and is available through their website (<https://www.eisenbrauns.org/books/titles/978-1-7340031-1-6.html>). A list of previous volumes is available on the AAH website. To contact the Committee, send an email to publications@associationofancienthistorians.org.



The *Ancient History Bulletin* is currently accepting submissions. *AHB* is a peer-reviewed digital journal that promotes scholarly discussion in Ancient History and ancillary fields (such as epigraphy, papyrology, and numismatics). For over 30 years *AHB* has combined high standards with a timely review and editorial process, publishing articles and notes on the history of the ancient world from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity. Although contributors are encouraged to submit articles in English, submissions in French, German, Italian, and Spanish are welcome. <https://ancienthistorybulletin.org/>



The Journal of Ancient History continues to invite submissions of articles. We are committed to a speedy process from submission to publication while maintaining high standards of peer-review. Please see our website for submission information: <http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/jah>.



The Witness to Ancient History book series published by Johns Hopkins University Press invites proposals from potential authors. Our goal is to provide books for undergraduates and general readers that, in a brief and engaging format, are informative and authoritative. Each book focuses on a single pivotal historical event, describing it and explaining its consequences or significance. The books are short (about 50–60,000 words) and focused, suitable as an assignment for a week's reading in a college course. The series covers all of ancient history through Late Antiquity and the entire Mediterranean basin and surrounding regions. For information on submissions, contact Series Editor, Greg Aldrete (aldreteg@uwgb.edu). For current series books, see: <https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/series/witness-ancient-history>.



Stanley Burstein offers this remembrance of Mortimer Chambers:



Mortimer H. Chambers, Jr. (January 9, 1927-December 14, 2020)

Mortimer H. Chambers, Jr. died on December 14, 2020, at the age of 93 following a brief illness. Although most of his life was spent in Los Angeles, Mort was originally a Michigander. The change began in the 1940s. After serving briefly in the US Army toward the end of WW II, Mort received his BA in Latin at Harvard, followed by an MA from Oxford made possible by a Rhodes scholarship, and a PhD in Classics from Harvard earned in 1954 with a thesis on *Studies in the Veracity of Thucydides* directed by Sterling Dow.

After brief stints as an instructor at Harvard and an assistant professor at the University of Chicago, Mort came to UCLA in 1958, where he taught for half a century. Throughout his long career he was a scholar-teacher. His specialty was the history and historiography of classical Athens. Mort's work was marked by thorough mastery of his subject and impeccable craftsmanship, so it is not surprising that his extensive bibliography includes classic articles on the "Themistocles Decree"; standard Teubner editions of the *Hellenica Oxyrhynchia* and Aristotle's *Constitution of Athens*; a fundamental monograph, *Aristotle's History of Athenian Democracy* that he co-authored with James Day; and his magisterial commentary *Aristoteles, Staat der Athener*. Finally, at a time in his career when most scholars would rest on their laurels, Mort produced important works in an entirely new field, the history of classical scholarship, including a model monograph on the life and times of the Greek historian Georg Busolt and important articles on Wilamowitz, Eduard Meyer, Felix Jacoby, Heinrich Schliemann, Francis Cornford, and Werner Jaeger.

Mort was also a master teacher. His lower division Western Civilization and upper division classes in Greek history regularly enrolled hundreds of students, attracted by his dynamic lectures and his legendary re-enactment of Hippocleides dancing away his marriage. His teaching also spilled over into his writing. The pamphlets on Greek history he wrote for the American Historical Association introduced a generation of teachers to the best of contemporary classical scholarship while his co-authored western civilization textbook, *The Western Experience*, went through ten editions. His teaching did not stop at the classroom door, however. His office was always open and the timid freshman asking for help in locating a translation of an obscure text, the senior working on his honor's thesis, and the graduate student struggling with his thesis could all expect a warm welcome and generous help. Mort was also a friendly presence at meetings of the Southern California Friends of Ancient History, welcoming young faculty and graduate students new to the area. He is survived by his beloved wife Catherine and his daughters, Pam and Julie; his son Blake predeceased him.

Stanley M. Burstein



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 Life Membership [*retired members over 60 only*] (\$200.00)
 Institutional Membership (\$40.00)

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