



President's Column

Dear Colleagues,

As I am writing this column, it is the beginning of February already and a heavy blanket of snow is covering central Illinois, as was also the case on the east coast last week. Many of us are back in the classroom, whether face to face or online or some version of both, as the pandemic's Omicron variant has taken ahold of the country. The uncertainty that rules most parts of our lives these days has led me to make the hard decision of moving our annual meeting online again this year.

The meeting organizers, Denise Demetriou and her team at University of California-San Diego (UCSD), have been working hard behind the scenes for more than a year to make our spring meeting a success. In this newsletter, you will find the preliminary program for our conference. Denise has done an incredible job bringing together a diverse group of scholars and topics this year. Since we will not need to travel further than our desks for this meeting, the Subvention Grant Committee completed its work early in the fall. I would like to thank Matthew Perry for successfully chairing that committee the past few years.

Speaking of committees and service to our Association and profession, there are several positions open that need to be filled this year on every committee. You can find the list of committees on our webpage [here](#). If you are interested in serving, fill out this form (click [here](#)), or let me or Brian know via email. Your service is not *pro forma*; our committees do important work, both for the Association and the profession at-large but also for our colleagues and students.

Brian Messner, our indefatigable Secretary and Editor of our Newsletter, has been keeping all of us up-to-date with news about jobs, grants, and other opportunities via e-mail, while Pat Dintrone, our web administrator, updates our website with similar information. We do need someone to take charge of our social media accounts and spread the word of these opportunities through those venues.

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AAH Annual Meeting 2022 University of California San Diego April 28-30, 2022

The 2022 AAH annual meeting will be hosted by **The University of California San Diego**. Because of Covid-19 the conference will take place entirely online. The organizer is Denise Demetriou who can be reached at aah2022meetingucsd@gmail.com. The conference website will be available at a later time. ***Please note that the conference is currently scheduled to begin on Thursday morning which is a departure from our usual Thursday evening start time.***

NOTE: All times are Pacific Standard Time (San Diego)

The 2022 TENTATIVE Program

This is the program as of now but is subject to change. More updates will be announced in the future.

Thursday, April 28

8:00-8:15: Welcome

8:15-9:45: Panel 1: Race and the Abuses of Ancient History, John W. I. LEE (UC Santa Barbara), Chair
Not Orientalism but Patriotism: Luo Niansheng's Chinese Translation of Aeschylus' Persae in the 1930s, YUE Mengzhen (Shandong University and University College Dublin)

"The Least Appealing of the Practices that the Greeks Picked Up from Non-Greeks: Orientalism, Colonialism, and Greek Tyranny, Marcaline BOYD (University of Delaware)

Children of the Sun: Blackness as an Ethnic as Opposed to a Racial Signifier in Apollonius' Argonautica and Heliodorus' Aethiopica, Jackie MURRAY (University of Kentucky)

9:45-10:00: Break

10:00-11:30: Panel 2: Marginalized and Underrepresented Groups in Ancient History, Ed WATTS (UC San Diego), Chair

Slaves to Rome: Freedmen to the Colonies: Freedmen, Citizenship and Colonization in the Middle Republic, Evan JEWELL (Rutgers University – Camden)

The Goddess Feronia and her Cult among Italic Enslaved Communities, Gaia GIANNI (Tulane University)

Ancient Slaves as Medical Tools, Jordan COHEN (UC Riverside)

11:30-12:30: Break

12:30-14:00: Panel 3: Toward a Global Antiquity, Ted KELTING (UC San Diego), Chair

The Incense Trade and the Hellenistic World System, Stanley M. BURSTEIN (CSU, Los Angeles)

The Promise and Peril of a Global Antiquity, Jeremy A. SIMMONS (University of Maryland, College Park)

Why Wait for Columbus, Walter SCHEIDEL (Stanford University)

14:00-14:30: Break

14:30-16:00: Keynote Address/Annual Vassiliadis Lecture: Beth DIGESER (UC Santa Barbara)

16:00-17:00: Social Hour

Friday, April 29

8:00-9:30: Panel 4: Mobility and Migration I, Denise DEMETRIOU (UC San Diego), Chair

Prosperity and Anxiety in the Port of Athens, Ryan ABRECHT (University of San Diego)

Elephants and Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean: A Re-Evaluation of Alexander's Elephant Legacy, Tessa LITTLE (University at Buffalo)

9:30-9:45: Break

9:45-11:15: Panel 5: Mobility and Migration II, Denver GRANINGER (UC Riverside), Chair

Migration, Citizenship, and Hegemony in Roman Italy, Will BROADHEAD (MIT)

Procurators on the Move: Mobility and Imperial Administrators in the High Empire, Rafail ZOULIS (Yale University)

11:15-12:15: Break

12:15-13:45: Panel 6: Ecology, Resources, and Environmental History, Michele SALZMAN (UC Riverside), Chair

Volcanoes, Rivers, and Wars: Seleucid Responses to Short-Term Climate Shocks, Deirdre KLOKOW (University of Southern California)

Recording or Erasing Catastrophe: The Hidden Natural Disaster Narrative in Tacitus' Annales, Maxwell SHILLER (University of Southern California)

The Horrific Puzzle of the Plague of Cyprian: A Proposed Solution to a 1,773-Year-Old Mystery, Mark ORSAG and Amanda MCKINNEY (Doane University)

13:45-14:00: Break

14:00-15:30: Panel 7: Ancient Religion: A Useful Category? Mira BALBERG (UC San Diego), Chair
Religion and Identity and Early Byzantium, Sviatoslav DMITRIEV (Ball State University)

Manumissio in Ecclesia and Sovereignty in the Late Antique Church, Brittany JOYCE (University of Michigan)

Human Clay: Anatomical Votives, Embodiment, and Religious Community, Calloway SCOTT (University of Cincinnati)

15:30-16:00: Break

16:00-17:30 Keynote Address/Annual Ranglas Lecture, *Pluriversal History: Towards a “Many Worlds” Vision of the Past*, by Greg ANDERSON (OSU)

17:30-18:30 Social Hour

Saturday, April 30

8:00-10:30: Panel 8: Teaching Ancient History Around the World, Walter PENROSE (SDSU), Chair

Teaching Classics Comparatively, ZHANG Wei (Fudan University)

Teaching and Researching Feminist History: A Comparative Study, Shalini SHAH (University of Delhi)

Classics in the Colonies, Emily POELINA-HUNTER (La Trobe University, Melbourne)

Teaching and Practicing Classics in the Context of Linguicide and Social and Environmental Crisis in Mexico, Claudio SÁNCHEZ EHRENFELD (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

“But That Has Nothing to Do with Us”: *Disputes over Ancient History in the Brazilian Curriculum*, Juliana BASTOS MARQUES (Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro)

10:30-12:00: Business Meeting

12:00: Closing Remarks

President’s Column, continued.

Most of our younger colleagues and students use social media on a daily basis and it is important to get the word out of the work we are doing on those platforms as well.

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the chairs and members of our committees without whom the business of the Association would not get done. In particular, I would like to thank Liv Yarrow, John Lee, and Dominic Machado (chair and members of the Diversity Committee respectively), Zachary Herz (chair of the Mentoring Committee), and Andrea Gatzke (Chair of the Social Media and Technology Committee) for their hard work and service the past few years. Finally, I would like to welcome Zach Herz as the new chair of the Diversity Committee and Leanne Bablitz as the chair of the Mentoring Committee.

Best wishes for a healthy and productive 2022!





NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

John W.I. Lee announces the publication of *The First Black Archaeologist: A Life of John Wesley Gilbert*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022. This book is now available and John wanted to share that any royalties he may receive will go to support Paine College and the William Sanders Scarborough Fund of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. More information is [here](#).

Alexander O. Boulton announces the publication of his book, *Democracy and Empire, The Athenian Invasion of Sicily, 415-413 BCE*. More Information is [here](#).

Stephen Hodkinson and Chrysanthi Gallou (eds.), *Luxury and Wealth in Sparta and the Peloponnese*. Swansea: Classical Press of Wales, December 2021. More information is [here](#)

Karen Carr has submitted a first for the AAH newsletter: a podcast link! Karen announces a podcast she did for The Partial Historians: An Ancient Roman History Podcast on Women and Money in the ancient world. The link is [here](#).

Thomas E. Strunk, Associate Professor of Classics at Xavier University, has published his second book, *The Fall of the Roman Republic: Lessons for the American People* (Anthem Press, 2022). Details on the book can be found [here](#).

Werner Riess announces: Kaja Harter-Uibopuu und Werner Riess (Eds.), *Symposion 2019. Vorträge zur griechischen und hellenistischen Rechtsgeschichte (Hamburg, 26.-28. August 2019)*, Wien 2021. The text can be viewed [here](#).

Fred Lauritsen sends word of the annual Lauritsen Lecture at the University of Minnesota. The speaker Susanna Elm's topic is "*Manliness and Imperial Representation: Pacatus' Panegyric on the Emperor Theodosius.*" The talk will be at 3:30 on March 3 in the Best Buy Auditorium on the fourth floor of Northrop on the East Bank of the University of Minnesota campus. It will be both face to face and broadcast. To register, please use this [link](#).

Duane W. Roller announces the publication of *Three Ancient Geographical Treatises in Translation: Hanno, the King Nikomedes Periodos, and Avienus*. Routledge, 2022. More details are [here](#).



AAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mentorship Committee

The AAH Mentoring Committee would like to extend an invitation to our members to build connections within the ancient history community and help out a younger generation of scholars in these difficult times. Become a mentor and/or request a mentor! The deadline (for both mentors and mentees) is **April 8, 2022**. If you are interested in participating, please watch the AAH website for updated application forms in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, you can reach out to aahmentoring@gmail.com or to the committee's chair, Leanne Bablitz at leanne.bablitz@ubc.ca. The committee looks forward to facilitating these new relationships!

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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.

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Donate to the Subvention Fund!

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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



PUBLICATIONS

The AAH Publications Committee invites suggestions for new volumes of the 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, *New Directions to the Study of Ancient Geography* by Duane Roller was published by Eisenbrauns and is available for purchase through their website [here](#). To contact the Publications Committee, send an email to David Ratzan at publications@associationofancienthistorians.org.



A list of previous PAAH volumes is available on the AAH website. Several PAAH volumes are now available free as pdf downloads [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 for \$15 which defers the mailing cost for the volume. Payment can be made by mail to AAH treasurer Scott Perry (address above) or on the PayPal link on the [membership page](#), and mark the \$15 as an unrestricted donation.



The *Ancient History Bulletin* (<https://ancienthistorybulletin.org/>) 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.



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In Memoriam Donald Kagan 1932-2021

The quirky and charismatic Donald Kagan emigrated to this country as a toddler from Lithuania with his widowed mother, and after graduating from Brooklyn College he received an MA from Brown and a PhD from The Ohio State University. He enjoyed telling how while a graduate student in Ohio he had an interview for a teaching position at a local Lutheran college, an interview that included a meeting with the president. After looking at Don curiously for a few moments, the president said, "May I ask, young man, what is your religious persuasion?" Figuring he might as well go for broke, Don replied, "Certainly, sir. I'm an atheist, sir, and my parents are Jewish." The president thought for another moment. "Do you have anything against Lutherans?" he asked. "No, sir," Don replied truthfully. He got the job.

He went on to teach at Penn State, Cornell and Yale, from which he retired in 2013. It did not take long for Don to become an institution at Yale, where I first met him as a transfer student in 1969, the year we both arrived. It would be an understatement to say that he was an inspiring teacher. His classes were always packed. Every lecture in History 20a, Greek History, which I took as an undergraduate and for which I served repeatedly as a section leader as a graduate student, was a performance, but there was none of the narcissistic showman in Don; he was just naturally entertaining.

Although I was an eager reader of Don's *magnum opus*, his four-volume history of the Peloponnesian War, Don and I disagreed about almost everything, from the role of Corinth in the outbreak of that war to the relative merits of the fourth and fifth centuries in Athens to the superiority of western civilization to the presidency of Ronald Reagan and the utility of war in resolving conflicts to the appropriateness of Black Studies and the relations between the sexes. Where we found common ground was in our love of baseball; in our passionate atheism; and most of all in our shared commitment to free speech, an unpopular position at Yale in 1974 when student protestors shut down an appearance by William Shockley, who had come to be known for his bizarre views on the racial superiority of whites: I remember vividly the horror and astonishment among my students when I indicated that, repugnant as Shockley's ideas were, I thoroughly supported Don's position that the students were in the wrong.

Don was preceded in death by his beloved wife Myrna, also a historian. His thinking continues to influence U. S. foreign policy through the activities of those of his students who went into government and through his sons, Robert and Frederick. Don was not the most gregarious of people, and conference-going was most definitely not his thing. This saddens me, meaning as it does that most of the people reading my words will never have had the pleasure of seeing his smile or hearing his boisterous laugh. It is this smile and this laugh that I remember in thinking back on our time together, and not the many ideological impasses that set us apart.

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