



President's Column

Dear Colleagues,

In two weeks, we will hold our Annual Meeting in person after three years! I am super excited for this meeting and look forward to seeing you all again. Florida State University and the organizers in the Classics Department will welcome us on April 20, 2022. Please do not forget to register for the conference as soon as possible at FSU's website here: <https://aah2023.com>. Other good information about transportation, hotels, etc. can be found there as well. The online registration has been extended to April 17th. The program is top rate, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the program committee for that work on behalf of the Association. In addition, I would like to extend once again my gratitude to the organizing committee.

I encourage you, also, to renew your membership with the AAH [here](#). It is inexpensive to be a member of the AAH, compared to other professional organizations, and we do offer different levels of membership based on one's employment status. Membership fees and donations go to supporting travel to the Annual Meeting, paying for the Association's publications, and other expenses (Zoom license, awards, etc.). All officers and committees volunteer their work and time to the Association and are not remunerated.

This is an election year for our Association; we will be voting to elect the President. The incumbent is willing to stand for re-election and has the supporting nominations. Any new nominations or proposals need to be brought to the secretary's attention and be circulated to the membership at least two weeks before the meeting. Please send any such proposals to Brian Messner at secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org today.

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AAH Annual Meeting 2023 Florida State University, Tallahassee FL April 20-22, 2023

The 2023 Annual Meeting will take place in person in Tallahassee, FL, with a virtual option for attending lectures and panels. The conference includes the traditional opening reception and closing banquet, as well as the AAH Business Meeting. The organizers are Jessica H. Clark and James Sickinger, Florida State University, and Philip Kaplan, University of North Florida; more information may be found at <https://aah2023.com/> and questions may be directed to 2023AAH@gmail.com. **In person registration is open until April 7, virtual registration remains open until Monday, April 17.**

Program

Note: The program information was current at the time of this newsletter. The program is subject to change.

All times are Eastern Daylight Time

Thursday, April 20, 2023

- 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Public Lecture (sponsored by the Langford Family Endowment and the Department of Classics, Florida State University): [Prof. Seth Bernard](#) (University of Toronto), "Environmental Change and Human Responses in Republican Italy: Problems of Scale" (Dodd Hall Auditorium)
- 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Opening Reception ([Heritage Museum, Dodd Hall](#))

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Annual Meeting Information, continued

Friday, April 21, 2023

- 8:00 a.m.: Registration and breakfast
- 8:15: Opening Remarks
- 8:30-11 Panel 1: Competition and Revision in the Commemoration of Ancient Wars (Chair, Jessica Clark, FSU)
 - 1. “War Cenotaphs and the Female Citizen: Civic Ideology in the Early Classical Polis,” Itamar Levin, Brown University
 - 2. “The Blindness of Epizelus: Medism and Memory after the Persian Wars,” Alex Gottesman, Temple University
 - 3. “Revisionism in Thucydides and the Rejection of *Kleos*,” Jennifer Roberts, City University of New York
- Break
- 4. “Turning Victory into Defeat: Catonian Strategies in Undermining Military Honors,” Noah Segal, University of Minnesota
- 5. “The Battle after the War: Public Ceremony and Claims of Dominance between Rome and Parthia under Nero,” Timothy Clark, Boston University
- Break
- 11:10-12:00 Panel 2: The Materials of Ancient History, Part 1 (Chair: Amy Dill, FSU)
 - 1. “The Changing Algorithmic Form in Babylonian Astronomy,” E.L. Meszaros, Brown University
 - 2. “Constructing the past in Lycian Araxa: Militarism, Civic Discourse, and Regional Identity,” Chiara Battisti, Princeton University
- Lunch 12:00-2:15 PM
 - During the lunch break, highlights from FSU Libraries Special Collections (including cuneiform tablets, papyri, ostraka, manuscripts, and Coptic textiles) will be displayed for browsing at the Claude Pepper Library in the Claude Pepper Center (636 West Call Street). The Pepper Center is located a short walk from the conference venue, as is FSU’s Museum of Fine Arts (<https://mofa.fsu.edu/>).
- 2:15-3:30 Panel 3: Punishment and Incarceration (Chair, Andrea DeGiorgi, FSU)
 - 1. “Anything but Gentle: Implicit torture in Thucydides 6.53.2 and 6.53.3-59,” Keren Freidenreich, City University of New York
 - 2. “I Come to Bury Caesars: Imperial Corpse Abuse from Augustus to Severus,” Nathaniel Katz, University of Arizona
 - 3. “Doryphorianus the Late Roman Judge and Prisoner in the Tullianum,” Craig Caldwell III, Appalachian State University
- Break
- 3:45-5:00 Panel 4: Ancient Responses to Environmental Change (Chair, Philip Kaplan, FSU)
 - 1. “A Climate of Violence? Patterns of War and Climate Change in the Seleucid Period,” Deirdre Klokow, University of Southern California
 - 2. “What went wrong with Hadrian’s Dikes? A (Micro-)geopolitical Reading of the Lake Kopais Region in the First to Second Centuries CE,” Zimo Liang, Peking University
 - 3. “Meandering Thoughts: The River Maeander and the Development of Geological Thought in Classical Antiquity,” James Taylor, Colby College
- 5:15-6:30 Keynote Address: [Prof. Cynthia Bannon](#) (Indiana University), “Upstream, Downstream: Roman Water Law on the Apalachicola”

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Annual Meeting Information, continued**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

- 8:00 a.m.: Breakfast
- 8:15-10:00 Panel 5: The Feminist Turn in Ancient Military History (organized by the AAH Diversity Committee; Chair: Zachary Herz, University of Colorado)
 - 1. “Buried Hoards of Women’s History: Ancient Women in Moments of Military Crisis,” Anise Strong, Western Michigan University
 - 2. “Agrippina Major: A Case Study for Elite Women in the *castra*,” Lee L. Brice, Western Illinois University, and Georgia Tsouvala, Illinois State University
 - 3. “Surviving Rome: Women and War in Tacitus’ *Histories*,” Caitlin Gillespie, Brandeis University
 - 4. “Shorthand Girls and Secret Missives: Women’s Contributions to Late Roman Intelligence Operations,” Kathryn Langenfeld, Clemson University
- Break
- 10:15-12:00 Panel 6: Law, Religion, and Politics (Chair: James Sickinger, FSU)
 - 1. “Sacred Law as Codified Local Knowledge in Archaic Greece,” Eric Driscoll, Harvard University
 - 2. “A Sacred Law from Kallatis and the Exclusion of Women from a Bacchic Association,” Dobrinka Chiekova, The College of New Jersey
 - 3. “‘Ballot Questions’ and Voter Comprehension in the Late Republic,” Christopher Erdman, University of California, Santa Barbara
 - 4. “*Constitutio Sacra*: Citation, Anonymity, and Power in the *Digest*,” Zachary Herz, University of Colorado
- 12-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-3:10 Panel 7: Beyond Enslavement: Navigating Emancipation in Antiquity (Chair: Trevor Luke, FSU)
 - 1. “The Purpose of Manumission and Emancipation in Egypt, New Kingdom – Late Period,” Ella Karev, University of Chicago
 - 2. “Impossible Choices: Manumission and Motherhood in Greek Epigraphic Sources,” Sarah Brucia Breitenfeld, Davidson College
 - 3. “Access to the Law and Roman Freedpersons: A Legal Capabilities Approach,” Alex Cushing, Loyola University
 - 4. “Beyond the Stone Archive: Critical Fabulation and Stories of Emancipation,” Gaia Gianni, Ohio State University
- Break
- 3:20-4:15 Panel 8: The Materials of Ancient History, Part 2 (Chair, Amy Dill, FSU)
 - 1. “Military Prowess, Status, and Identity in 5th-4th centuries BCE Apulia,” Bice Peruzzi, Rutgers University
 - 2. “Ancient Naval Ram Casting Project (2021-present),” Stephen DeCasien, Texas A&M University
- 4:15-5:15 p.m.: Business Meeting (in-person only)
- 7:00-10:00 Closing Banquet
The banquet will be held in the Turnbull Conference Center; transportation will be available between the conference hotels and the Conference Center before and after the event.

The [conference hotels](#) are each located approximately half a mile from the main conference venue, and transportation will be available for those who wish it. The Doubletree Hotel is offering attendees a conference rate of \$129/night; currently, that is only available Thursday through Sunday, but may be extended to include Wednesday by calling the hotel directly. The Doubletree is located in Tallahassee’s downtown area, close to the Capital and local restaurants and historic sites. The Indigo, a smaller and more modern hotel, is offering a rate of \$179/night (available Wednesday through Sunday); it is located close to FSU’s campus, the stadium, and an area with shops and restaurants. If your travel plans allow, we encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible – the hotels will fill up!

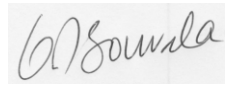
Additional information about [travel to Tallahassee](#) is available on the website, and information about local attractions and further lodging options will be up soon. If you would like recommendations for childcare or other local services, or have any questions about the conference program or logistics, please contact the organizers at 2023AAH@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you to Tallahassee!

President's column, continued

To close, this year we have a new partnership with the Mommsen Society, the equivalent of the AAH, SCS, and AIA in Germany. We are planning an annual event to be held in mid-October. I encourage you to submit your abstracts and C.V. to me and my counterpart, Werner Reiß, by May 15. More information is included in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all in Tallahassee!

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NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

Denis Brault announces the publication of his new novel, *Journey Into Antiquity* (Flowerpublish), the story of a retired Classics professor and his grandson who embark on a virtual journey into the Greco-Roman world of mythology and history. More information is [here](#).

Richard Talbert has just published *World and Hour in Roman Minds: Exploratory Essays* (Oxford University Press). More information is [here](#).

Nick Cross has accepted a position as an Assistant Professor of Ancient Mediterranean History at the United States Naval Academy (starting fall 2023).



AAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presidential Update

Members were informed in the Winter Newsletter that current president Georgia Tsouvala's term is ending at the April Annual Meeting, so nominations were solicited. President Tsouvala received more than the requisite number of nominations for a second term, and no other members were nominated. Therefore, following the AAH constitution, President Tsouvala will be declared president for a second term. Because the AAH constitution limits officers to two terms, the office of president will be open at the Annual Meeting in 2026.

Secretary and Treasurer Update

Looking ahead to 2024, both Secretary Brian Messner and Treasurer Scott Perry will conclude their second terms, and following the AAH constitution, they will be ineligible for a third term. Members are encouraged to consider volunteering for a three-year term to serve the AAH in these important offices.

AAH Membership Dues

Please remember to renew your AAH membership dues; dues cover each calendar year. 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 and change of information form at the end of the Newsletter).

Membership	Dues
Regular	\$15.00
Associate (<i>students and contingent faculty only</i>)	\$7.00
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.



Donate to the Travel Subvention Fund!

The account used to underwrite travel subvention grants for graduate students and junior faculty 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 [here](#) or mail a check (write "Travel Subvention" on the memo line) to the AAH Treasurer, Scott Perry, Department of History SMC C263, University of South Florida—Sarasota-Manatee, 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243. All donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated!

Donate to the new Publication Subvention Fund!

The Borza estate donated \$5,000 to the Association for the creation of a publication subvention fund. We rely on your generosity to make this subvention possible. If you are interested in donating to this fund, you can use the PayPal link on the association website [here](#), or mail a check (write "Publication Subvention" on the memo line) to the AAH Treasurer, Scott Perry, Department of History SMC C263, University of South Florida—Sarasota-Manatee, 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243. All donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated!



LECTURESHIP

The University of Minnesota announces the 2023 Lauritsen Lecture, given annually in honor of AAH member Fred Lauritsen. This year's talk, "Feasts Fit for Pharaohs: Food and Drink in Ancient Egypt," will be given by Dr. Salima Ikram - Distinguished University Professor & Egyptology Unit Head at American University in Cairo. The event will take place on the 18th of April at 4 PM in 1210 Heller, as well as through a Zoom Webinar. If you are interested in attending online, please register your interest through [this link](#), and join us for the [the seminar here](#). The event is cosponsored by the Department History, the Center for Premodern Studies, and the Department of Classical & Near Eastern Religions and Cultures. More information is [here](#).



CALL FOR PAPERS

The AAH is proud to announce our new venture with The Mommsen Society, and the inaugural CFP.

THE MOMMSEN SOCIETY AND THE ASSOCIATION OF ANCIENT HISTORIANS

ANNUAL JOINT LECTURE SERIES: Call for Papers for the 2023 Inaugural Lectures

The AAH and the Mommsen Society welcome half-page abstracts for their inaugural joint lecture series to take place annually in the second half of October. A representative of the Mommsen Society and a representative of the AAH will each give a 20–30 minute talk. Both presentations will be in English. The event will take place virtually. Each paper will be followed by a 15-minute discussion.

Three AAH officers and three Mommsen Society board members will function as the selection and organizing committee for this event. The papers to be presented will be chosen by the selection committee in a joint virtual meeting in mid-June. Successful candidates will be notified no later than June 30, 2023. Half-page abstracts and CVs are due by May 15, 2023 to gtsouva@ilstu.edu and werner.riess@uni-hamburg.de.

Members are encouraged to share this CFP.



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](#). To contact the Publications Committee, please email 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 [donations page](#), and mark the \$15 as an unrestricted donation.





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- Regular membership (\$15.00 per year)
- Associate membership [students and contingent faculty only] (\$7.00 per year)
- Life Membership [*retired members over 60 only*] (\$200.00)
- Institutional Membership (\$40.00)

Payment enclosed: \$ _____ (limited to five years in advance)

Additional donation: \$ _____ Is this additional donation designated for the travel or for the publication subvention fund?

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