



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 and friends,

Late last week, we received the sad news that one of our long-term AAH members, and a distinguished historian, Kurt A. Raaflaub, died in his sleep on Tuesday afternoon as a result of a fall earlier that day. Kurt was a regular member at our conferences even after his retirement from Brown in 2009. A prolific scholar, he received the 2004 James Henry Breasted Prize from the American Historical Association for his book *The Discovery of Freedom in Ancient Greece*. Kurt touched many lives; many colleagues and students profited greatly from his scholarship, mentoring, and friendship. The AAH sends our collective heartfelt condolences to his wife, Dr. Deborah Boedeker, and her family, as well as to his friends, colleagues, and students. A memorial service will be held in Providence at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to Brown University or the Nature Conservancy in Rhode Island. Condolences may be left at monahandrabblesherman.com. Requiescas in pace, Kurte!

It has become an August tradition every year to host a teaching workshop organized by Eliza Gettel, the talented chair of the AAH Teaching Committee. This year, the teaching committee partnered up with the mentoring committee and put together a Zoom panel geared to the academic job market in ancient history. It was an apropos and well-timed topic that addressed questions about applying to both History and Classics departments in the U.S. and Canada. I would like to thank the organizers and the panelists (Leanne Bablitz, Dominic Macado, and John Haberstroh), for a very successful and well-attended, by all accounts, event. Incidentally, I am heartened by the job market this year, as there have been several positions advertised already for Greek and Roman history. Good luck to all the applicants and search committees!

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AAH Annual Meeting 2024 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA April 18-21, 2024

The 2024 Annual Meeting will take place in person in Cambridge, MA. The conference includes the traditional opening reception and closing banquet, as well as the AAH Business Meeting. The organizers are Emma Dench and Paul Kosmin. More information may be found at aah2024.org and questions may be directed to 2024AAH@fas.harvard.edu. All sessions will be plenary and in-person. Speakers should be members of the AAH.

The AAH 50th anniversary offers an exciting opportunity to look to the future of our discipline and to think about its onward development. Accordingly, in addition to open panels on any aspect of ancient history, including pedagogy, we welcome abstracts related to the following themes:

Call for Papers

- **God, History, and the Anthropocene**
(looking at the scale and texture of the questions we ask about antiquity, prompted particularly by “deep history”, environmental change, and ancient and modern notions of the role of the divine, fate, or other superhuman powers in history)
- **Complex Origins: Racial Formations in the Ancient World**
(looking at intense recent reappraisals of origins, race, and identity, prompted by advances in the questions asked of and answered by DNA studies, renewed urgency of questions about race in ancient societies, and dynamic rethinking of population movements)

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Annual Meeting Information, continued

- **The Exploited: Questions**

(building on established scholarly traditions of investigating the '99%', whether via Marxist frameworks of exploitation, focus on 'daily life' and 'popular culture', or the intentional recovery of 'silent' groups, what are the particular challenges and opportunities offered by newer methodologies and approaches?)

- **Beyond the Mediterranean?**

(as ancient historians increasingly seek to move beyond defining our field as 'Greek-and-Roman' or even 'Mediterranean', what are the opportunities and challenges offered by scaling-up geographically, expanding chronologically, and/or thinking comparatively?)

- **Focal Points and Blind Spots**

(how, why, and where do ancient historians' questions cluster, and how best might we stimulate and disrupt these processes?)

We invite abstracts for papers of 15-20 minutes in length. Please send anonymous abstracts of no more than 500 words to 2024AAH@fas.harvard.edu. The deadline for abstract submission is **December 1, 2023**. Please direct any questions to the same email address.

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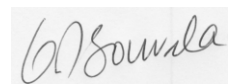
Our next AAH event is the 2023 Inaugural Mommsen Society-AAH Joint Lecture Series, which will take place online on Friday, October 20th at 9 a.m. PST/11 a.m. CST/12 p.m. EST/6 p.m. German time. Dr. Prof. Christoph Lundgreen (TU Dresden) and Dr. Ella Karev (University of Chicago) will be the inaugural speakers. The lectures will take place via Zoom and will be in English. If you would like to attend, please write to Brian Messner at secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org to register and receive a link for the event. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

I would like to bring your attention to the 2024 AAH Meeting on April 18-21 to be held at Harvard University in Boston, where the constitution of our Association was passed fifty years ago. Sincere thanks to Dean Emma Dench and Paul Kosmin for making the arrangements and organizing our 50th Anniversary Meeting. The call for papers is included in this Newsletter and the deadline for abstracts is **December 1, 2023**. Please send anonymous abstracts of no more than 500 words to 2024AAH@fas.harvard.edu. Presenters and participants are encouraged to update or sign up for membership to the Association [here](#).

Please consider donating to the Travel Subvention and/or the Borza Publishing Subvention funds. Any amount, however small, helps with travel or publication expenses of our members. If you are a graduate student, contingent or junior faculty, subvention funding is available through application to the AAH Travel Subvention Fund [here](#). Applicants must be members of the AAH but need not be presenting a paper at the meeting to apply for a grant.

In conclusion, I want to thank our outstanding officers, Brian Messner and J. Scott Perry for all the work they do behind and in front of the scenes. I am honored to be serving again as AAH President, and the two of them make my job easy. Above all else I want to thank every committee chair, every volunteer, and every member for what they bring to the table to make the AAH what it is. You are the heart and soul of the Association. I hope you had a good and productive summer, and I wish you all an easy and successful semester!

Respectfully,
Georgia



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NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

John Donahue and Lee Brice announce the forthcoming publication of their co-edited volume *Brill's Companion to Diet and Logistics in Greek and Roman Warfare* (Brill, 2023). The volume will be out in late November, just in time for Christmas. Several AAH members have also contributed to the volume. More information is [here](#).

Lee Brice announces the forthcoming publication of three volumes in his Brill series, "Warfare in the Ancient Mediterranean World": *Warfare in the Bronze Age Aegean* by Lynne Kvapil and Kim Shelton (more information [here](#)); *Ancient Greek and Roman Warfare on Film* by Konstantinos Nikoloutsos (more information [here](#)); and *Diet and Logistics in Greek and Roman Warfare*. All three volumes will be out later this autumn. Please ask your library to order them. We continue to seek volume proposals for the series.

Lee Brice announces the publication of a new monograph and a forthcoming monograph in his Brill Historiography Series, *Research Perspectives: Ancient History*. Roel Konijnendijk's book *Between Miltiades and Moltke: Early German Studies in Greek Military History*, is out now (more information [here](#)). John Lombardini's book, *Plato's Political Thought*, will be out in December. We continue to seek authors interested in publishing short monographs on historiography of diverse topics.

Mireille Corbier (corbier@msh-paris.fr), director of *L'Année épigraphique*, announces that *L'Année épigraphique 2020* (containing 1720 entries, and 1043 pages, including 234 pages of index) was published in August, 2023, and is now available. Orders should be sent to Presses Universitaires de France at revues@humensis.com.

Richard Talbert notifies members of the passing of E. Mary Smallwood, aged 103, on 4 September. She was known for her work on the early Roman Empire and on Jewish-Roman relations.

Linda Jones Hall announces the publication of *The Poems of Optatian: Puzzling out the Past in the Time of Constantine the Great*. London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2024. More information is [here](#).

Duane W. Roller appeared on Irish television in a program about Cleopatra Selene, and on the History Channel in a program about Cleopatra VII.

Denise Demetriou sends word of the publication of *Phoenicians among Others: Why Migrants Mattered in the Ancient Mediterranean*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023. More information is [here](#).

David R. Edwards announces the publication of *In the Court of the Gentiles: Narrative, Exemplarity, and Scriptural Adaptation in the Court-Tales of Flavius Josephus*. Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplements 209. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2023. DOI 10.1163/9789004549067. More information is [here](#).

Mark Orsag notifies colleagues that themes from papers he and Amanda McKinney delivered at previous AAH meetings have now been published in April 2023 by Palgrave-Macmillan. *Interdisciplinary Insights from the Plague of Cyprian: Pathology, Epidemiology, Ecology and History* | SpringerLink. More information is [here](#).



AAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 AAH Awards

At our first in-person AAH meeting since the pandemic broke out, at Florida State University last April, we were able to celebrate the contributions of two renowned scholars in our field, Stanley M. Burstein and Ramsay MacMullen, both of whom received the 2023 Distinguished Service Award. Stan Burstein is known to all of us for his exceptional contributions to world history and, specifically on the contacts of the ancient Greeks with the peoples of Egypt, Nubia,

and the Black Sea. Stan inspired thousands of students and mentored numerous colleagues during his long and esteemed teaching career for which he received several awards and honors. Stanley Burstein is the longest serving officer of the Association to date, having served with distinction as Secretary-Treasurer (1982-1988) and as President (1990-1993). Ramsay MacMullen (who was nominated before his death on November 28, 2022), is well-known for his scholarship on the history of the Roman Empire and early Christianity. Ramsay inspired thousands of students with a love of ancient history during a long and distinguished career. In 2001, he received the American Historical Association Award for Scholarly Distinction and was hailed “the greatest historian of the Roman Empire alive today.” With this award, the AAH remembered his contributions and service to the Association, as one of its founding members and a President (1978-1981).

The 2023 Randall Howarth for Excellence in Mentoring Award was presented to Judith Peller Hallett. The award was created to honor our friend and colleague, Randall Howarth, who served the AAH as Secretary-Treasurer for many years, while also giving his time and advice to many of our students and junior scholars embarking on their careers. Every year the award is administered by the Mentoring Committee, chaired by the remarkable Leanne Bablitz. Ten nominators chose Judith Peller Hallett this year and drew particular attention to her willingness to critique and encourage developing intellectual work, and to her skillfulness in marshalling her global network of fellow, and equally prominent, scholars to further new research, particularly, in the areas of gender and sexuality. Based in universities throughout Europe and North America, they expressed their gratitude for her mentorship—even during the pandemic, when virtual communication and gatherings became vital for pressing forward. *Multas gratias tibi, Juditha, agimus!*

Many thanks are due to the chair of the Grants and Awards Committee, the gifted Casey M. Stark, for coordinating the systematization and production of all the awards, as well as the committee members for selecting the travel subvention winners.

AAH Mentoring Committee

LOOKING FOR HELP! The AAH Mentoring Committee is very pleased to announce that we have recently had a sizable increase in mentee applications to our program. Now we need mentors! If you can spare a bit of time to impart advice and provide some support to someone in our field, please fill out a mentor questionnaire which you can find on the AAH website. You don't have to have all the answers, just a willingness to support. If you are already a mentor in our program but feel that you manage taking on another person, please send me an email at aahmentoring@gmail.com. The committee really doesn't want to have to turn mentees away. The deadline for this round is **October 6th, 2023**.



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.



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, so expect an email in January.

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, contingent faculty and non-academics 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!





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- Associate membership [students, contingent faculty, and non-academics only] (\$7.00 per year)
- Life Membership [*retired members over 60 only*] (\$200.00)
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