



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

Greetings everyone!

Καλό Μήνα! I hope everyone's semester, quarter, or sabbatical have begun on a positive note. Anniversaries are on my mind these days. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Cambridge, MA on April 18, 2024 for the 50th anniversary Annual Meeting. Our colleagues at Harvard are looking forward to hosting us as we return to where it all began in 1974. The program committee has been hard at work setting up the schedule for the Meeting and making all the necessary arrangements. The tentative schedule is included in this *Newsletter*. The program offers many good topics, and will no doubt inspire much discussion about the AAH and our field as we move forward. Please register early (preferably, by the end of the month), so our hosts can budget properly for the reception, banquet, and refreshments and don't forget to book a room soon in one of the two conference hotels. The Doubletree is the main conference hotel, and Irving House provides an economical option. The link for registration and accommodations is here: <https://www.aah2024.org/home>. Early registration ends March 1, 2024.

While you are at it, please remember to renew your membership [here](#), and if you are able, please donate to the travel subvention and/or to the publication subvention [here](#).

It is also an important election year! We will be electing a new Secretary and a new Treasurer at the business meeting. The incumbents for these roles have completed two terms of service and, therefore, do not qualify to run again. We are seeking nominations for these positions, so give it your careful consideration. Nominations must be signed by three members of the Association not belonging to the same institution as outlined in Section 5 of the AAH Constitution ([here](#)), and must be countersigned by the nominee.

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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 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. The conference includes the traditional opening reception and closing banquet, as well as tea and coffee, and 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.

Please note that the program is preliminary, and subject to change.

AAH 50th Anniversary Conference: Preliminary Program

Thursday 4/18/24

5.30-7.00 **Reception**, Loeb House

Friday 4/19/24

8.30-11.00 Panel 1: **God, History, and the Anthropocene** (Chair: Paul Kosmin)

Coffee break

11.15-12.45 Panel 2: **Focal Points and Blind Spots** (Chair: Daniel Smail)

Lunch (not provided)

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Friday, 4/19/24 continues

2.15-3.45 Panel 3: **Beyond the Mediterranean?** (Chair: Michael Puett)

Coffee break

4.00-6.00 Panel 4: **Open Panel 1** (Chair: Adriaan Lanni)

6.00-7.00 **AAH Business Meeting**

Saturday 4/20/24

8.30-11.00 Panel 5: **The Exploited: Questions** (Chair: Irene Soto-Marín)

Coffee break

11.15-12.45 Panel 6: **Complex Origins: Racial Formations and Ancient Mediterranean Identities** (Chair: Emily Greenwood)

Lunch (not provided)

2.15-4.15 Panel 7: **Open Panel 2** (Chair: Rachel Love)

Coffee break

4.30-6.15 Panel 8: **The AAH at Fifty and Looking Forward** (Chair: Emma Dench)

7.00-8.30 **Banquet** at Harvard Natural History Museum

Sunday 4/21/24

Morning Museum visits

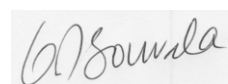
President's column, continued

Remember, any constitutional motions or other potential agenda items must be sent to the Secretary more than two weeks before the Annual Meeting takes place in April. If you wish to make a proposal, please let Brian or me know as soon as possible. Here I would like to give a special *Thank You* to Brian and Scott on behalf of all members for all their hard work and service over the last six years! You have kept us in line and well organized, while also managing to keep our finances in order. Thank you very much also for all the changes you have implemented to make us more efficient!

Finally, I remind everyone we are THE collegial, professional organization for Greco-Roman historians and anyone else interested in the broader ancient world. Let's have a good time in Cambridge along with our friends and colleagues, but do not forget to welcome the students and new members from all over the globe as you meet them in panels and receptions. Make new friends and new connections. The conference is going to be great fun and I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. I wish you have a healthy and safe winter!

All the best,

Georgia



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NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

Kenneth Harl sends word of his new book, *Empires of the Steppes: A History of the Nomadic Tribes Who Shaped Civilization* (Hanover Square Press, 2023). More information is [here](#).

Richard Talbert sends sad news of the passing of past member W. J. McCoy. Jim pursued Greek history and was notable for the summer courses he led in Greece. He retired from UNC in 2009. Our sincere condolences to the McCoy family, friends, and students.

Judith Evans-Grubbs retired from Emory University as of September 1, 2022. She and Charles have moved to Crozet, Virginia (near Charlottesville). Congratulations Judith!

Julian Romane's book, *Julius Caesar's Civil War: Tactics, Strategies, and Logistics*, published by Pen and Sword, is available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. More information is [here](#).

Sharon Cathcart announces the publication of her dual timeline historical fiction novella, *Pompeii Fire*. More information is [here](#).

Elizabeth Carney would like to notify members that past member Waldemar Henkel's new book *Who's Who in the Age of Alexander* is a significantly revised version of the previous edition, and she believes that members would benefit from the book's contribution to the field. Publisher information is [here](#).

Kenneth Atkinson sends word that Kenneth Atkinson, Felix Albrecht, and Patrick Pouchelle have edited *Essays on the Psalms of Solomon: Its Cultural Background, Significance, and Interpretation*. Parabiblica 2. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2023). ISBN 978-3-16-162448-3. See [here](#) for more information.

Frank Holt announces the publication of *A Mystery from the Mummy-Pits: The Amazing Journey of Ankh-Hap* (Oxford University Press, 2024). More information is [here](#).

David Tandy and Samuel D. Gartland announce the publication of *Voiceless, Invisible, and Countless in Ancient Greece: The Experience of Subordinates, 700–300 BCE* (Oxford University Press, 2024). Publisher information is [here](#).

Seth Bernard sends word of his new book, *Historical Culture in Iron Age Italy Archaeology, History, and the Use of the Past, 900-300 BCE*, from Oxford University Press. More information is [here](#).

John Marincola would like AAH members to know that he has done a fully revised edition of Plutarch's *The Rise and Fall of Athens*, published by Penguin. The book is already available in the UK and will be in the US from May 21. This new edition is especially designed for students of Greek history, and includes a completely revised translation, new maps, a substantial introduction, a glossary, a chronology and some two hundred pages of notes. Additional details are [here](#).

Georgia Tsouvala would like to announce the publication of her co-authored article which discusses some of the earliest magnifying lenses in the Mediterranean world: Tsouvala, Georgia, L. L. Brice, A. W. Papen, and G. Papen. "Quantitative Characterization of Archaic Magnifying Lenses from Ialysos, Rhodes." *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 53 (digitally Dec. 2023; in print Feb. 2024), 104320; link is [here](#). Georgia would like to draw your attention, also, to Lombardini, John. *Plato's Political Thought* (Brill's Perspectives in Ancient History Series). Leiden: Brill, 2024, link is [here](#).

Judith Hallett alerts members to the University of Liverpool's "ACE & Creativity" blog by Jaclyn Neel. In the blog, Dr. Neel explores some interesting facts about the "Romulus and Remus myth" and introduces us to the "Rome from the Ground Up" research project. The blog's link is [here](#).

John Donahue and Lee L. Brice announce the publication of their co-edited volume *Brill's Companion to Diet and Logistics in Greek and Roman Warfare* (Brill, 2023). More information is [here](#).

Lee Brice alerts members to the publication of Lynne Kvapil and Kim Shelton's *Brill's Companion to Warfare in the Bronze Age Aegean* (Brill 2023). More information is [here](#), and to the publication of Konstantinos Nikoloutsos' *Brill's Companion to Ancient Greek and Roman Warfare on Film* (Brill, 2023). The information link is [here](#).

Lee L. Brice announces publication of the new volume *Money, Warfare and Power in the Ancient World: Studies in Honour of Matthew Freeman Trundle*, edited by Jeremy Armstrong, Arthur J. Pomeroy and David Rosenbloom (Bloomsbury, 2024), which includes his chapter, "Pegasi and War: Patterns of Minting at Corinth in the late Fourth Century BCE." Link is [here](#).



AAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 2024 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 2024 Meeting, and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve. Nominations by email are acceptable.

Note: The incumbents, Secretary Brian Messner and Treasurer Scott Perry, have both served their second and final terms.



CONFERENCES

Donald Lateiner announces that a panel that he and Andreas Serafim are organizing for the Celtic Conference on the Classics (Cardiff, July 2024) will examine Nonverbal Behaviors in Ancient Literature and Art. If you have a relevant Ancient History topic for this panel, and wish to present a 20 or 40 minute paper, contact him ASAP: dglatein@owu.edu

Call for Papers: IX International Symposium on Alexander the Great: "Repercussions of Violence under Alexander and the Successors" University of Nebraska - Omaha - Omaha, NE - September 4-7, 2024

Announcing the next installment of the series of international conferences on Alexander the Great: "**Repercussions of Violence under Alexander and the Successors.**" Papers are welcome on any aspect of Alexander the Great and his Successors, or on the history of Macedon. A particular focus is on violence and genocide under Alexander and his Successors. Papers from any relevant discipline are particularly encouraged to facilitate a multi-disciplinary discussion. The conference is aimed equally at postgraduate students, early career researchers and established academics. The organizers hope to be able to cover some or most hotel costs for participants. Please send an abstract of 300 words and a brief bio to the organizer, Graham Wrightson (alexanderconference@yahoo.com) **BEFORE March 30th 2024.**

The "Great Cappadocians": A Family of Theologians and Saints. The Pontifical Faculty of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary presents the following talk as part of its Series of Patristic Talks for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. Speaker: Fr. Hubertus Drobner, Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Location: Charbonnel Lounge, University of St. Michael's College, Elmsley Hall, 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto. Complete information is [here](#).



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 and consulted by teachers and laypersons around the world. 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,

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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!



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Evan Jewell announces that his summer program at the American Academy at Rome has an extended deadline to February 23, 2024. The Classical Summer School is a five-week program (June 16 – July 19, 2024) designed to provide qualified graduate students, and middle school, high school, and college/university teachers with a well-founded understanding of the growth and development of the city of Rome and its surrounding sites of significance. For questions about the program, please contact Dr. Jewell at evan.jewell@rutgers.edu and visit the CSS website for further information and the application portal: <https://aarome.org/apply/2024-classical-summer-school>



Membership Information Form

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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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