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President's Column

Καλή Χρονιά και Καλή Αρχή! The New Year has entered with a bang! In addition to freezing January temperatures, ice, and snow covering most of the country this month, there have been significant changes in the physical, political, and global landscape as well. My heart goes out to all of you who are or have been negatively affected by these events. As an Association, we continue to follow the lead of the American Historical Association and the SCS/AIA in all professional matters.

Speaking of the American Historical Association, I am delighted to see Dr. Suzanne L. Marchand at the helm of that organization. Suzanne Marchand, an intellectual and cultural historian of modern Europe, has been a long-time fan of ancient history, both classical and non-western. Both of us look forward to working together to strengthen the bonds between our organizations and to find ways to include ancient history in the publications and conferences of the AHA. I am, therefore, looking for volunteers who would act as liaisons with our significant partners: the AHA, the SCS, and the AIA. If you are interested in such a position or if you have questions regarding what such positions would entail, please get in touch with me at president@associationofancienthistorians.org. In addition, if you would like to volunteer for any of our committees, please contact me. Even if your service is not required immediately, it is always good practice to have a list and to know who is willing to serve our Association and in what capacity.

Our joint annual virtual lecture series with the Mommsen Society in Germany continues. We are looking for one of you to present a 20–30-minute paper in late October. If you are interested in making an international presentation without leaving the comfort of your office, please send a title, an abstract, and your c.v. to me. The officers of the AAH and those of the Mommsen Society will act as the

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AAH Annual Meeting 2025 University of Cincinnati April 16-18, 2025

Please note below the Preliminary Program for AAH 2025. Program times and locations will follow shortly on the Annual Meeting's UC website.

Keynote Speaker: Denise Demetriou, Professor & Gerry and Jeannie Ranglas Chair in Ancient Greek History, University of California at San Diego: "Placing Migration in Ancient Mediterranean History: How Phoenicians Changed Greek Societies"

Digital Directions

Naomi Campa, UT Austin: "IMAGining Mobility: Interactive Migration in Ancient Greece"
Zofia Ahmad, Indiana University: "Glass from the Past: Machine Learning Applications for 'Roman Glass' in Ancient Korea"
Eleanor Martin, Yale University: "The International (Digital) Dura-Europos Archive: Linked Open Data, AI, and Equitable Access to Archaeological Resources"

The Graeco-Roman Ancient Near East

Rhynne King, University of Toronto: "Athenian Silver and the Trade in Slaves from Persian Territories"
Stanley Burstein, California State University, Los Angeles: "Cornelius Gallus and the Failure of Augustus' African Policy"
Bryce Hammer, Rutgers University: "Syrians, Slavery, and Identity in Roman Ideology"

Firsthand History: Claims of Autopsy in Ancient Historiography

Edith Foster, College of Wooster: "Thucydides and the Athenian Tribute Lists of 426/425"

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Timothy Howe, St. Olaf College: “Diodorus Siculus, Egypt, and the Historian as Eyewitness”
Lily Van Diepen, Washington and Lee University: “Unpleasant Untruths in the Tiberian Principate”

Material Culture, History, and the People of the Mediterranean: New Models, New Thoughts (co-sponsored by the Diversity Committee)

Thomas Clements, CHS: “Rural Sparta: Exploitation, Habitation, and Local Communities in Lakonia and Messenia”
Tal Ish-Shalom, USC: “Beyond ‘Hellenization’: Ethnic Boundary Making in 2nd Century BCE Idumaea”
Catherine Baker, Mount Holyoke College: “The Central Apennines and Rome: Re-centering Material Networks in the Republic”

Public Ancient History and History Pedagogy

Christopher Saladin, Rowan University: “Digital Roman Carthage: A Model for Presenting Ancient Cities on the Web”
William Murray, University of South Florida and **Stephen DeCasien**, Dalian University: “The Egadi Ram Database Project”
Michael Furman, Florida State University: “Tabletop Classics: Game Design as Pedagogy and Public History”

Infrastructure and Social Change

Cynthia Bannon, Indiana University: “Shaping Rivers and Policy in Roman Italy”
Deirdre Klokov, UT Austin: “Water, Infrastructure, and Social Power in the Seleucid Empire”
Emanuele Cresca, Stanford University: “The *Vehiculatio* and the Cities: The Allocation of Transport Liturgies”

Mobility, Networks, and the Production of Scientific Knowledge

Raimund Schulz, University of Bielefeld: “‘Wandering Souls’ in Archaic Greece”
Jason Morris, Crip Antiquities: “The Path of Science: *Agrimensores*, Innovation, and their Networks of Knowledge”
David DeVore, Cal Poly Pomona: “Eusebius’s Social Network and Anti-Hellenic Historiography in the Roman Middle East”

Epigraphy and the Ancient Historian: New Challenges, New Directions

Alex Gottesman, Temple University: “Herodotus at the Ismenion: A Conversation with an Informant”
Andrea Gatzke, SUNY New Paltz: “Epigraphy, Bilingualism, and Linguistic Landscapes in Roman Anatolia”
Sheena Finnigan, University of Chicago: “Roman Motherhood: Intersections and Epigraphy”

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program and organizing committee. I look forward to reading about your projects (whether you are a junior, mid-career, or senior colleague) and to everyone’s participation in this effort.

I am delighted, also, to announce the program of our Annual Meeting in April at the University of Cincinnati. Sincere thanks to this year’s organizer, Danielle Kellogg, and her colleagues for putting together such a strong program, which is bound to lead to interesting discussions, inspire new projects, and create new friendships. Please, do not forget to

[register](#) (you will need to use both the sign up and the sign in buttons) for the conference, and to book your transportation, and rooms at [Graduate](#) by Hilton (with overflow at [Fairfield Inn by Marriott](#)) as soon as you are able. Information regarding the 2025 AAH Annual Meeting and the Classics Department at the University of Cincinnati can be found [here](#).

Please do not forget to renew your AAH [membership](#) and/or to make a donation, however small, to our Travel and Publication subventions while you are at it.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Cincinnati!

Sincerely,



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NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

Lee L. Brice is seeking potential contributors to two volumes on representations or presentations of ancient armies on Film/TV/Video Games. Write to Lee at ll-brice@wiu.edu for more information if you are interested.

Linda Jones Hall announces the publication of *The Poems of Optatian: Puzzling out the Past in the Time of Constantine the Great* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2024). The book combines the Latin text, drawings of the poem designs, a complete English translation, and a commentary touching on both historical and literary matters, especially as relating to the twentieth anniversary of Constantine's reign.

Antonino Crisà announces the publication of the edited volume, *Archaeology, Cultural Heritage and World War II: Italy, Greece, France and Finland as Historical Contexts* (Brill, 2024).

Benjamin Straumann has recently published *The Just State: Greek and Roman Theories of Justice and Their Legacy in Western Thought* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2025).

Lee L. Brice and **Elizabeth M. Greene** announce the publication of the volume, *Women and the Army in the Roman Empire* (Cambridge, 2024), available now. Use discount code at (102268) <https://www.cambridge.org/us/universitypress/conferences/archaeological-institute-americasociety-classical-studies-annual-meeting2/?&page=2discount> until Jan 31. Ask every library to order it, please.

Lee L. Brice and **Ed Anson** are pleased to announce the publication of the new *Brill's Companion to the Campaigns of Philip II and Alexander the Great* (Brill, 2024), available now in paper or e-book. Ask your library to order it.

William Harris announces the publication of *Dire Remedies: A Social History of Healthcare in Classical Antiquity* (De Gruyter, 2024).

Duane W. Roller reports that he gave public lectures on ancient astronomy and Cleopatra at the American Museum of Natural History in New York in November 2024.

Altay Coşkun announces the publication of a volume co-edited with **Benjamin E. Scolnic**: *The Seleukids at War*:

Recruitment, Composition, and Organization (Seleukid Perspectives, vol. 2), (Franz Steiner Verlag, 2024).

Walter Scheidel's latest book, *What Is Ancient History?* will be published by Princeton University Press in April 2025. It calls for the globalization of the study of ancient history on a planetary scale (and probably more controversially, for the abolition of the field of Classics as we know it). Additional information can be found at <https://press.princeton.edu/books/hardcover/9780691236650/what-is-ancient-history?>

Edward M. Harris and **Alberto Esu** report the publication of their edited volume, *Keeping to the Point in Athenian Forensic Oratory: Law, Character and Rhetoric* (Edinburgh Press, 2025).

Suzanne Marchand, LSU Systems Boyd Professor of European Intellectual History, will present a lecture entitled "480 (BCE): The Modern Making of a World Historical Date," at the Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington DC on February 5, 2025. For additional information: <https://chs.harvard.edu/event/suzanne-marchand-distinguished-lecturer/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Randall Howarth Prize for Excellence in Mentoring

The AAH Committee on Mentoring solicits nominations for the **Randall Howarth Prize**, which is given at each annual meeting to a member of the AAH who has a clear record of excellence in mentoring others towards achieving their academic and professional goals through dedicated support, training, and research supervision as well as personal and professional development. Please consider nominating deserving mentors for this honor! Guidelines and nomination information can be found [here](#), and the nomination **deadline is March 1**. For any questions, contact mentorship@associationofancienthistorians.org.

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 available for purchase through their [website](#). To contact the Publications Committee, please email David Ratzan at publications@associationofancienthistorians.org.

In recognition of the 2025 Annual Meeting being held in Cincinnati, OH, **the Ohio Classical Conference (OCC)** invites all AAH members, but particularly members from Ohio, to attend its annual conference on September 26-27, 2025, at Columbus Academy in Gahanna, Ohio. While specifics of the program are still to be determined, the conference features an opening banquet, a keynote speaker, the Virgilian Luncheon speaker, student and professional panels, oral readings of an ancient play in Greek or Latin and English, along with other events. Additionally, the Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL) meets concurrently, adding opportunities to meet younger students interested in pursuing Classics and Ancient History. We encourage all members to submit abstracts for our professional panel(s), to encourage graduate and undergraduate students to submit abstracts for the student panels, and to attend the meeting in person, if they can. For more information, please contact: **Dr. Timothy Wutrich**, President of the Ohio Classical Conference, at trw14@cwru.edu or 216-368-6026.

Call for Papers for SCS Panel Sponsored by the American Society of Greek and Latin Epigraphy Epigraphy and Power, organized by Laura Gawlinski (Loyola University Chicago)

The American Society of Greek and Latin Epigraphy invites proposals for papers for its panel "Epigraphy and Power" at the 2026 meeting of the Society for Classical Studies in San Francisco (7–10 January). Topics may include but are not limited to:

- inscriptions as tools for the administration of legal or imperial structures
- how the materiality, permanence, or monumentality of texts communicates power
- contestations of power through erasure, removal, or (re)arrangement
- graffiti as expressions of empowerment or subversion
- writing used by subaltern populations

Please send abstracts that follow the guidelines for individual abstracts (see SCS [Guidelines for Authors of Abstracts](#)) by email to Laura Gawlinski (Loyola University Chicago) at lgawlinski@luc.edu by February 14, 2025. Please ensure that the abstracts are anonymous. Decisions will be communicated to the authors of abstracts by April 1, 2025.

One of the prestigious **Balzan Prizes 2025** (<https://www.balzan.org/en/balzan-prize/subject-areas-and-nominations>) has been announced for "Classics: Athenian Democracy Revisited." Each of the four Balzan Prizes is endowed with 750,000 Swiss francs. Half of the prize money will be awarded to the prize winner in recognition of her/his work. The other half will be destined by the prize winner to a research project involving young researchers or research groups. The research proposal will be subject to the approval of the General Prize Committee. Names of suitable candidates may be submitted to balzan@balzan.it by **March 15, 2025**. Self-applications will not be considered. Former Prize winners include Martha Nussbaum (2022), Mario Torelli (2014), Peter Brown (2011), Martin L. West (2000), and Walter Burkert (1990).

The Professional Division of the American Historical Association seeks to collect and collate information about the working conditions of historians employed as contingent faculty. We have developed two surveys, one for [non-tenure-track faculty \(NTT\)](#) and one for [department chairs](#). The surveys will remain open until **May 1, 2025**. Both surveys take about 20-30 minutes to complete. For questions, contact Alexandra Levy, Communications Director, American Historical Association, at alevy@historians.org.

The Just City, ERC Research Project 2025 Conference, "**The Society of Humankind: Roman Justice from Antiquity to the Enlightenment**," sponsored by the Program in the History and Theory of International Law, NYU Law, will take place May 29-31, 2025. For additional information, contact **Benjamin Straumann** at benjamin.straumann@uzh.ch.

The San Gemini Preservation Studies Program is currently accepting applications for the summer 2025 field school, which offers students the opportunity to study and travel in Italy, where they acquire hands-on experience in restoration and conservation. The application deadline is March 15, 2025. For more information, contact **Polly Withers** at pwithers@sangeministudies.info. "**Excavate in Greece**" announces its field school in Roman Archaeology and Bioarchaeology at Nikopoli, the renowned site that is being excavated by the Greek Ministry of Culture in preparation for inclusion in the UNESCO list of cultural heritage. For more information, please visit www.excavate.gr.

The University of Oslo has launched The Great Viking Survey, a global study to explore how people across the world perceive the Vikings as history and heritage, and to map the many ways in which contemporary media and academia shape these views. For additional information, go to: <https://www.khm.uio.no/english/research/projects/making-a-warrior/news/groundbreaking-global-survey-to-uncover-public-per.html>.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness we note the death of **Edward "Ted" James Champlin**, the Cotsen Professor in the Humanities, Emeritus, and professor of classics, emeritus, who died of cardiac arrest at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, NJ

on Dec. 23, 2024 at the age of 76. Among his many accomplishments as a scholar and teacher, Ted was also lead organizer for AAH's 2007 meeting at Princeton, and keynote speaker for our joint one with CAC at UBC Vancouver in 2009. A fuller tribute will appear in the Spring Newsletter.

Personal Tribute to Peter Morris Green (December 22, 1924 – September 16, 2024)

Peter Green is the greatest intellect I have ever encountered. I deliberately use present tense because the fruits of his extraordinary brilliance will live on. But, I can truthfully say, the most prominent thing for me to treasure in the last two years of my time with Peter is that he became my closest friend. I met with him three times a week; they were amazing tutorials—well-lubricated by Peter's favorite Scotch—Laphroaig—although during the last two months of our visits that indulgence was put on hold due to his declining health. What did NOT decline was the power of his mind. *Compos mentis* does not begin to describe how his faculties remained virtually intact and still razor-sharp. But, even more admirable was that his good-humor never flagged nor abandoned him.

I met Peter in 1996, at an APA/AIA conference. We were both attending a paper given by Carin Green, Peter's second wife. I knew something of his reputation, and so I was somewhat intimidated. However, I needn't have worried; no matter who you are, Peter was lovely to any and everyone. That we both shared an immersion in the Oxbridge classical tradition gave me an opening which allowed me to more easily connect with him. In the many years that I occasionally ran into him in our department, after he came to live with Carin in Iowa City after he retired from Classics at Texas, Austin, my banter with him always reminded me of being a grad student and having to try to keep up with a brilliant professor. Thankfully, Peter, in our last several years together, had long since helped me to get past that. He treated me as more than an equal—even though I knew, and know, that I could never be his.

I have the honor of being the co-author to his now virtually completed translation and commentary of Herodotus for the University of California Press. He insisted on making me a co-author of the commentary. (The translation was complete when double-strokes incapacitated him for the rest of his life—I merely gently edited the translation). Such generosity typified him. He remained to the last the consummate gentleman so that it is no wonder that Paul Scott modeled him for one of the protagonists of the Jewel in the Crown series of novels—something I did not know until the Times of London and Daily Telegraph obituaries came out. His life reads like a novel. I was fortunate to catch snippets of this amazing life: a brief stint in the RAF training for duty to pilot the Lancaster bombers—a bout of pneumonia relieved him of that prospect (which probably saved his life) and he was transferred to intelligence work in Burma for the duration. Or the afternoon cycling with friends from Charterhouse (his public school) as a teenager to visit T.S. Elliott who lived nearby. Or, his post-war brief flirtation with the idea of losing himself in the Bohemian life of the London Theatre District. That certainly made it easy for us to launch into a Gilbert & Sullivan song together at the drop of a hat!

Your historical association members would want to know how he functioned as a historian. As I review the commentary on Herodotus (what great fortune to feel that he is talking to me everyday!), I am constantly in awe of his command of the sources, the flawless command of the language, and the depth of his insights. My PhD is in anthropology, so I hope you will be indulgent if I observe that Peter had the soul of an anthropologist and that is what made him the outstanding historian that he is. His sojourn on Lesbos, which made him first a novelist, also proved the making of him as an academic historian. He understood that to truly understand ancient Greece, one should come to immerse oneself in modern Greece, its people and language, and especially its landscape. He also understood the utility of writing historical fiction as a way to improve historical understanding because it facilitates a kind of thought experiment to test the historical record—in the phrasing of Richard Slotkin, whose insights Peter and I shared as we completed the Introduction to the translation and commentary.

I will also share with you how Peter's view of the Battle of Plataia in Book 9 had evolved. He thought that his 1996 Greco-Persian Wars book needed revision. It was not the brilliant Greek victory that he suggested back then—it was a lucky victory because both sides did everything possible to lose the battle. In happier times, when Peter was healthier than in the past few months, I had suggested that we could tackle a revision after the Herodotus. Perhaps knowing that such a timeline was not likely, Peter declined and said simply that the Herodotus commentary would have to serve as something of a revision. Thus, you are all so informed.

What more can I say? I miss him and wish I could drive to Bickford Cottage and resume our work. Peter was determined to make his centenary. We were planning for it, my wife, I, and others. And, as his health declined this past summer, I began to despair that he might not make it. Alas—it was not to be. The Nine Muses, each naming one book of Herodotus, are keening in mourning. We have lost a hero—let a tumulus of copies of his prodigious output be mounded up to mark his life and passing. *O xein' angellein*. . .

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Anthropology Penn State University; M.A. Oxon., PhD Anthropology, Penn State University, supervised by William T. Sanders and Paul Harvey, Jr. At Oxford, tutored by A.J. Holladay, with additional personal tuition from Barbara Levick, Miriam Griffin and George Forrest.

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 through **PayPal** on the AAH website 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 financial matters and membership, please contact Cheryl Golden at Treasurer@AssociationofAncientHistorians.org.

Donate to the Travel and Publication Subvention Funds!

The Association has had a very successful subvention for travel to our conferences for our junior members thanks to the generosity of many of our members. Now, the Borza estate has donated \$5,000 to the Association for the creation of a publication subvention fund. We rely on your generosity to make both subventions possible. If you are interested in donating to either fund, you can use the PayPal link on the association website [here](#) or mail a check (write “Publication Subvention” or “Travel Subvention” on the memo line) to the AAH Treasurer. All donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated!



Membership Information Form

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

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