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President's Column

Dear Colleagues,

In fewer than three weeks, the AAH will hold its 51st Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio! I am excited for this Meeting and look forward to seeing you all again. The University of Cincinnati and the organizer, Danielle Kellogg, will welcome us on April 16-18, 2025. This is an odd year for our Meeting since we will convene on a Wednesday, instead of the usual Thursday, but the situation, however, was unavoidable and due to both scheduling problems with UC's extensive calendar and the observance of the religious holidays at the end of that week. We will return to a Thursday-Sunday schedule next year.

Please do not forget to register for the conference, if you have not done so already, and to book accommodations as soon as possible at the AAH 2025 website (there will be limited on-site registration as well). Information about transportation, hotels, etc. can also be found there on the website. The program is top rate and reflects the interests of the Classics program at UC! On behalf of our members, I want to take this opportunity to thank our colleagues at the University of Cincinnati for their generosity, hard work, and continuous service to the Association of Ancient Historians.

In preparation for the annual meeting, please renew your membership with the AAH or/and consider making a donation to the travel and/or publications subvention funds here. All officers and committee members volunteer their work and time to the Association and are not remunerated for the service they provide. This is one of the main ways the AAH can keep costs down. It is truly inexpensive to be a member of our Association compared to other professional organizations. Membership fees and donations go to supporting graduate students and junior colleagues to travel to the Annual Meeting or to publish their work, and to paying for the Association's publications and all other expenses.

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

The 2025 Annual Meeting will take place in person at the University of Cincinnati. The conference includes the traditional opening reception and closing banquet, as well as tea and coffee, and the AAH Business Meeting. The organizer is Danielle Kellogg.

More information may be found at <https://classics.uc.edu/departments/classics/aah-2025>, including the most up-to-date version of the program. Questions may be directed to aah2025@uc.edu.

All sessions will be plenary and in-person, and will be held on the campus of the University of Cincinnati, including the Business Meeting, which will be held on Friday this year.

Please note that all program and session locations are subject to change.

AAH Annual Meeting Program Wednesday, April 16, 2025

4:45 pm: Registration opens,
Hotel Celare, 310 Straight Street,
2nd floor

5 pm: Opening Reception, Hotel Celare

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Thursday, April 17, 2025, Tangeman University Center 400

8:00 am Coffee/Registration

8:30 am Opening/Welcoming Remarks

9:00 – 10:15 am Panel 1: Digital Directions (Wibier presiding)

- 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”

10:15 am Coffee

10:45 am – 12:00 pm Panel 2: The Graeco-Roman Ancient Near East (Burrell presiding)

- Rhyne 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”

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch Break

1:30 – 2:45 pm Panel 3: Firsthand History (Shannon-Henderson presiding)

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

- Lily Van Diepen, Washington and Lee University, “Unpleasant Untruths in the Tiberian Principate”

2:45 Coffee

3:15 – 4:45 pm Panel 4: Infrastructure & Social Change (Kruse presiding)

- Cynthia Bannon, Indiana University: “Shaping Rivers and Policy in Roman Italy”

- Deirdre Klokow, 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”

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4:45 Break

5:00 – 6:30 pm Keynote Speaker: Denise Demetriou, Professor & Gerry and Jeannie Ranglas Chair in Ancient Greek History, UCSD “Placing Migration in Ancient Mediterranean History: How Phoenicians Changed Greek Societies”

Friday, April 18 2025, Tangeman University Center 400

8:30 am Coffee

9:00 – 10:15 am Panel 1: Public History (Van Minnen presiding)

- 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”

10:15 am Coffee

10:45 am – 12:00 pm Panel 2: Material Culture & the People of the Mediterranean (Lynch presiding)

- Thomas Clements, CHS: “Rural Sparta: Exploitation, Habitation, and Local Communities in Lakonia and Messenia”
- Catherine Baker, Mount Holyoke College: “The Central Apennines and Rome: Re-centering Material Networks in the Republic”

12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch break

1:30 – 2:45pm Panel 3: Epigraphy and the Ancient Historian (Kellogg presiding)

- 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”

2:45 Coffee

3:15 – 4:45 pm Panel 4: Mobility and Networks (Scott presiding)

- Raimund Schulz, University of Bielefeld: “‘Wandering Souls’ in Archaic Greece”

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-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”

5:00 pm Business meeting

7 pm Closing Banquet, Nippert West Pavilion

President's Column continued

All AAH members enjoy different levels of membership based on one’s employment status and may:

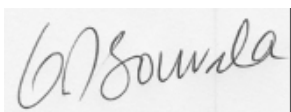
- attend and participate in the AAH Annual Meetings,
- be elected or appointed to offices and committees,
- participate in, vote at, and bring proposals to the business meeting,
- receive our Newsletter and current PAAH publications for free,
- enjoy educational workshops and seminars designed to deepen our understanding of teaching ancient history to a variety of audiences and to assist in the diversification and inclusivity of our field,
- attend and participate in the Annual Joint AAH and Mommsen Society Lecture Series,
- receive notices about employment opportunities, conference calls for papers, etc.,
- be eligible for travel and publication subvention grants,
- be eligible for awards and recognition for their contributions to mentorship, and their service to the Association,
- connect with other ancient history scholars, professionals, and enthusiasts.

Furthermore, the Association depends solely on the generosity of its members for hosting its Annual Meetings every spring. Sarah Bond and her colleagues at the University of Iowa are already planning for the AAH Annual Meeting in 2026. Stay tuned! If you are interested in serving the Association in this way, please contact me at gtsouva@ilstu.edu or at president@associationofancienthistorians.org, or any of the officers. We are looking for candidates to host the meetings for 2028 and later.

This year we continue our partnership with the Mommsen Society in Germany. We are planning the annual event to be held in mid-October. If you are interested in presenting at this year’s joint lecture, please submit your abstract and C.V. to me (gtsouva@ilstu.edu) and our colleague, Dominik Maschek (dominik.maschek@leiza.de) by May 15, 2025.

I look forward to seeing you all in Cincinnati!

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News from Colleagues

John Matthews is pleased to announce the publication of his most recent book, *From Byzantium to Constantinople: An Urban History* (Oxford, 2024).

Jinyu Liu (Emory University) has been invited to be a member in residence at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, in the School of Historical Studies for Term I in the Academic Year 2025-2026 for a project entitled "Outsiders in Town: Mobility, Exclusion, and Negotiation in the Roman West (First – Third Centuries CE)."

Richard Talbert reports publication of his study "The Kiepert's Asia Minor Ancient and Ottoman: Capstones of Route-Based Cartography" as a Supplementary Volume of the journal *History of Classical Scholarship* (accessible free): see the link <https://www.hcsjournal.org/ojs/index.php/hcs/announcement/view/58> This study is the third and final component of a triad: the other two are a 2022 article in the same journal and a virtual exhibition (2022-23): <https://arcg.is/PTCOM>

Jeremy McInerney reports the publication of his book, *Centaurs and Snake-Kings: Hybrids and the Greek Imagination* (Cambridge, 2024).

Manolis Pagkalos and **Andrea Scarpato** have co-edited the volume, *New Perspectives on the Hellenistic Peloponnese: History, Politics and Material Culture* (Bloomsbury, 2024).

Thomas Figueira and **Rosaria Vignolo Munson** have co-edited a collection of essays entitled *Misinformation, Disinformation and Propaganda in Ancient Greek Historiography* (Bloomsbury, 2025).

Jake Nabel sends word that his book, *The Arsacids of Rome: Misunderstanding in Roman-Parthian Relations*, will be published by the University of California Press on April 15, 2025. The digital version will be open access and free to download at this link: <https://www.ucpress.edu/books/the-arsacids-of-rome/paper>

John Hyland and **Khodadad Rezakhani** announce the publication of their co-edited volume *Brill's Companion to War in the Ancient Iranian Empires* (Brill, 2024).

Announcements

The **Post-Baccalaureate Program in Classical Studies at William & Mary** is still accepting applications: <https://www.wm.edu/as/classicalstudies/post-bac-program/>. If you have any students who are interested in graduate school in Classical Studies, Classical Archaeology, or Ancient History but need a bit more preparation to be a competitive applicant to the best programs, please make sure they know about our program! We are currently accepting applications for Fall 2025 and will consider new applicants through May. Questions can be directed to the program director, Jess Paga (jpaga@wm.edu).

The **Post-Baccalaureate Program at Loyola University Chicago** will offer TWO \$5,000 scholarships this year to help underrepresented students participate in the program: <https://www.luc.edu/classicalstudies/postbacc.shtml>. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 25th. Prospective students can email Dr. Leanna Boychenko (lboychenko@luc.edu) with any questions.

In Memoriam

Personal Tribute to Edward "Ted" James Champlin (1948-2024)

As it happened, early in the New Year there was some mention of the Champlins in a lunchtime conversation at home. We may have been recalling how generous Caroline and Ted had been to invite us to their Christmas lunch in Princeton faculty housing back in 1978, almost a half-century ago now. In any case, my wife Zandra googled Ted, and we were both shocked to learn of his death on 23 December 2024. Personal friendship aside, I cannot adequately express how much the advancement of my scholarship and career owes to him. To be offered membership at the Institute for Advanced Study for 1978-79 was a great privilege, but inevitably a relative newcomer to Roman history from battered Belfast faced a steep learning curve crossing the Atlantic for the first time, and to Princeton of all destinations. I was already aware of Ted's work on Fronto from his 1974 JRS article, and had been encouraged to look him up on arrival. We were contemporaries after all, both preoccupied with overlapping aspects of the Roman imperial senate.

The outcome features in the preface to my 1984 senate book, published by Princeton (after rejection by Cambridge!) not least thanks to Ted's support: "What I had never expected to gain was such a firm friend, who would be so ready to discuss approaches, to share findings, and to comment painstakingly upon drafts, all with sympathy, enthusiasm, and formidable learning. His help and stimulus have been of lasting value." These sentiments I quote here with undiminished gratitude and admiration.

Ted's training was impressive. After taking a modern history BA at Toronto, he had stayed there for a classics MA (with Tim Barnes and Christopher Jones among his instructors), then moved to Oxford for a DPhil directed by Fergus Millar. Even Ted, however, was a tad daunted by a tenure-track appointment at Princeton in 1976. Would he be staying? In his apprehension he enjoyed recounting how the chair, in some meeting with all six of the department's assistant professors, regally reminded them that the odds for more than one making tenure were slim. Ever cheerful and sociable, Ted worked prodigiously (and successfully) to beat those odds. His first book – Fronto and Antonine Rome (thesis revised), published by Harvard in 1980 – establishes several distinctive markers of his scholarship hereon: the creative interweaving of literary and historical perspectives, deep learning, a talent for prosopography, and an enviably engaging prose style, concise, elegant, all but inimitable.

Soon thereafter, however, Ted was somehow tripped by his simultaneous pursuit of two potentially most rewarding major projects. He introduced them in contributions both published the same year (1982), but then inexplicably brought neither to completion. For the suburbium of Rome, only a single article appeared, in the American Journal of Ancient History. Its lengthy note 3 stresses at the start: "This paper is meant to be no more than an introduction to a subject for which there is a vast amount of information, much of it undigested." At its end the same note repeats: "I must emphasize again that this is a broad introduction to the subject." Shrewdly, but ambitiously, Ted wanted to develop both spatial and conceptual approaches; citation of studies on London's growth through the centuries, as well as on Renaissance Rome, demonstrates the breadth of vision envisaged.

The second project seems a natural advance after Fronto: a study of Pliny the Younger. Ted introduced it in an invaluable contribution to the reference work Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome edited by his senior colleague Jim Luce. He states plainly in the Selected Bibliography: "There is no good modern book on Pliny either as a literary or a historical figure, and very few articles of broad scope." In full agreement, for years I thankfully directed my students to this introduction. Ted did draft several book chapters, and one summer in the late 80s he asked me to join him in exploring Pliny's 'countries' on the ground. But still the project lapsed, perhaps because the challenge of how best to frame a study of Pliny defied Ted's perfectionist streak. In 2001 he at least published "Pliny's other country," a conference paper rich in

prosopography delivered appropriately at Heidelberg, where Ted had been a Humboldt Fellow (1984-85) with Geza Alföldy. Later, in 2014, he contributed to Mnemosyne a favorable review discussion of *Reading the Letters of Pliny the Younger: An Introduction* by Ruth Morello and Roy Gibson. But two years later in Chapel Hill, when Roy discussed his struggle to present Pliny and I recalled afterwards Ted's efforts during the 80s, he was at a loss. It emerged that even when Ted himself had invited Roy to speak about Pliny at Princeton, he modestly made no reference to his own abandoned project. Moreover, Roy for his part was unaware of what Ted had written for Jim Luce until I mentioned it.

Remarkably, it was a third, quite different project during the 80s that Ted completed with characteristic originality, the social study *Final Judgments: Duty and Emotion in Roman Wills, 200 B.C. – A.D. 250*, published by California in 1991. He had worked on this during his year in Heidelberg in particular, and among much else it demonstrates his mastery of yet another vital dimension of our field, Roman law. Even so, for sheer erudition it is surely capped by his review article on Bob Broughton's supplement (vol. 3) to MRR which appeared in *Classical Philology* 1989 – only two years earlier! This scholarly tour de force "Magisterial revisions" focuses primarily on Bob's oversights, and is squeezed into nine dense pages by use of smaller print for some sections and minuscule for notes. Long before reaching the end, the reader may well be awed by Ted's learning, but even then a 28-line note follows to correct some of Bob's misprints. The incisive control of extensive sources (literary, epigraphic, numismatic) displayed here in tireless detail is all the more astonishing because Ted published so little relating to the Republic, although he did contribute to Peter Wiseman's *Festschrift* in 2003. Suitably enough, 'his' Cambridge Ancient History volume X (1996) – one he was well equipped to co-edit with Alan Bowman and Andrew Lintott – covers the early Empire, not the Republic. The *Senatus Consultum de Pisone Patre* – which claimed attention from both of us in *AJP*'s 1999 Special Issue – is from this period too of course.

Sound advice from Ted aided the negotiation of my migration to Canada in 1985. Later, when preparing for a sabbatical in 1996-97, he asked me to cover his teaching for him, and I readily obliged, although able to do so only for the spring semester. I was humbled to occupy his rather Spartan office in East Pyne (before its renovation), and certain that as an instructor I would prove a poor understudy. He in turn, I knew, sometimes doubted whether he lived up to his distinguished predecessors – two in particular, Allan Johnson (Princeton faculty 1912-49) and David Magie, who joined the faculty in 1899 and had sufficient means to become an independent scholar in 1930, aged 53. In summary entries commissioned for biographical dictionaries Ted was frank about the limitations of both: "Johnson was not a great historian. His books lack conclusions and ignore broad themes and economic theory"; Magie's books are not "notable for their originality." Yet still Ted recognized the importance and lasting value of both predecessors' work, and was aware that Magie had trained Ainsworth O' Brien Moore, who collaborated with him to translate the *Historia Augusta* for Loeb, and wrote the book-length pair of RE entries *senatus* and *senatus consultum*. With similar pride in his department as a springboard of Princeton greatness, Ted relished reminding non-Tigers that Robert Goheen was merely assistant professor of classics when elevated to become university president in 1957.

After the late 90s our research interests diverged considerably, and – sad to say – contact faded. So I had no involvement with Ted's *Nero* (Harvard again, 2003), nor with the articles that laid the groundwork for *Tiberius and his Age*, deftly completed by Bob Kaster and issued by Princeton in November 2024. I did receive nonetheless a copy of *Nero* with the undeserved inscription: "Richard – in friendship and with great affection, Ted." I would reciprocate now with the same words, forever conscious of how much Ted taught and inspired me, as he did countless others.

Richard Talbert,
UNC Chapel Hill

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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 (students, contingent faculty and non-academics only)	\$7.00
Life (retired members over 60 only)	\$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!