

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ANCIENT HISTORIANS
(with a short account of the genesis of the list by Gene Borza)

| Date | University Venue | President | Secretary | Lead Organizer(s) | |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1969 | May 16 | McMaster * | * | G. M. Paul | |
| 1970 | May 8-9 | Buffalo (SUNY) * | * | E. Badian | |
| 1971 | May 7-9 | Michigan * | * | C. G. Starr | |
| 1972 | May 5-6 | Penn State * | * | E. N. Borza | |
| 1973 | May 4-5 | N.Carolina/Duke * | * | H. Boren & J. Oates | |
| 1974 | May 4-5 | Harvard | * | E. Badian | |
| 1975 | May 2-3 | Ohio State | Chester A. Starr | Susan Treggiari | J. M. Balcer |
| 1976 | May 7-8 | Stanford/Berkeley | Chester A. Starr | Susan Treggiari | A. E. Raubitschek |
| 1977 | May 13-14 | Ottawa | Chester A. Starr | Susan Treggiari | C. M. Wells |
| 1978 | May 4-6 | Colorado | Ramsay McMullen | Susan Treggiari | H. Rawlings |
| 1979 | May 3-4 | Washington | Ramsay McMullen | Allan Evans | A. Ferrill |
| 1980 | May 1-3 | Cincinnati | Ramsay McMullen | Allan Evans | A. Christopherson |
| 1981 | May 7-9 | Michigan | Susan Treggiari | Allan Evans | J. Eadie |
| 1982 | May 6-8 | Penn State | Susan Treggiari | Stanley M. Burstein | E. N. Borza |
| 1983 | May 5-7 | Wisconsin | Susan Treggiari | Stanley M. Burstein | F. M. Clover & K. Sacks |
| 1984 | May 3-5 | Naval Academy | Eugene N. Borza | Stanley M. Burstein | P. Culham |
| 1985 | May 2-4 | Pittsburgh | Eugene N. Borza | Stanley M. Burstein | H. Avery |
| 1986 | May 1-3 | Texas Tech | Eugene N. Borza | Stanley M. Burstein | B. Twyman |
| 1987 | May 1-3 | McMaster | Eugene N. Borza | Stanley M. Burstein | D. J. Geagan |
| 1988 | May 5-7 | Utah | Eugene N. Borza | Jack Cargill | W. L. Adams |
| 1989 | May 5-6 | Brown | Eugene N. Borza | Jack Cargill | K.A. Raaflaub |
| 1990 | May 3-5 | S. California | Stanley M. Burstein | Jack Cargill | D. B. Nagle |
| 1991 | May 17-19 | North Carolina | Stanley M. Burstein | Jack Cargill | R.J.A. Talbert |
| 1992 | May 21-23 | Loyola, Chicago | Stanley M. Burstein | Jack Cargill | G. J. Szemler |
| 1993 | May 13-15 | Calgary | Carol G. Thomas | Jack Cargill | W. Heckel |
| 1994 | May 6-8 | Wright State | Carol G. Thomas | Diana Delia | J. J. Gabbert |
| 1995 | May 5-7 | Vanderbilt | Carol G. Thomas | Diana Delia | R. Drews |
| 1996 | May 18-21 | Georgia St./Emory | Carol G. Thomas | Diana Delia | C. Schwenk |
| 1997 | May 1-3 | Trinity | Carol G. Thomas | Patricia Dintrone | C. M. Wells |
| 1998 | Apr 30-May 2 | Illinois | Carol G. Thomas | Patricia Dintrone | R. E. Mignall |
| 1999 | May 7-9 | Columbia | Richard J. A. Talbert | Patricia Dintrone | R. S. Bagnall |
| 2000 | May 4-7 | Wisconsin | Richard J. A. Talbert | Patricia Dintrone | F. M. Clover |
| 2001 | May 3-6 | Texas Tech | Richard J. A. Talbert | Patricia Dintrone | B. Twyman |
| 2002 | Apr 25-28 | Georgia Southern (Savannah) | Jennifer T. Roberts | Patricia Dintrone | T. Teeter |
| 2003 | May 8-10 | New Brunswick | Jennifer T. Roberts | Randall Howarth | J. Murray & J. Geysen |
| 2004 | May 7-9 | Michigan | Jennifer T. Roberts | Randall Howarth | B. Frier |
| 2005 | May 5-8 | Missouri | Jennifer T. Roberts | Randall Howarth | I. Worthington |
| 2006 | May 5-7 | Stanford | Jennifer T. Roberts | Randall Howarth | W. Scheidel |
| 2007 | May 3-6 | Princeton | Jennifer T. Roberts | Randall Howarth | E. Champlin |
| 2008 | April 10-13 | South Florida | Lindsay Adams | Randall Howarth | W. Murray |
| 2009 | May 14-16 | British Columbia | Lindsay Adams | Cindy Nimchuk | L. Bablitz |
| 2010 | April 14-16 | Utah | Lindsay Adams | Cindy Nimchuk | W. L. Adams |
| 2011 | May 5-8 | Mercyhurst Coll. | Lindsay Adams | Cindy Nimchuk | R. Howarth |
| 2012 | May 3-6 | North Carolina/ Duke | Lindsay Adams | Cindy Nimchuk | T. Boatwright, F. Naiden & R. Talbert |
| 2013 | May 16-19 | The Ohio State Univ. | Lindsay Adams | Cindy Nimchuk | Nathan Rosenstein |
| 2014 | May 8-11 | McGill University | Lee L. Brice | Cindy Nimchuk | Michael Fronza |
| 2015 | May 7-9 | UC Santa Barbara | Lee L. Brice | Denise Demetriou | John W.I. Lee |
| 2016 | May 5-7 | University of Puget Sound | Lee L. Brice | Denise Demetriou | Eric Orlin |
| 2017 | May 4-6 | Brown University | Serena Connolly | Denise Demetriou | Graham Oliver |

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| 2018 | Apr 19-21 | Coll. Of William and Mary | Serena Connolly | Brian Messner | Scott Perry | John Donahue |
| 2019 | Apr. 25-27 | Emory University | Serena Connolly | Brian Messner | Scott Perry | Cynthia Patterson, Judith Evans-Grubbs |
| 2020 | Apr. 23-25 | University of Iowa, via Zoom | Georgia Tsouvala | Brian Messner | Scott Perry | Sarah Bond, Rosemary Moore |
| 2021 | May 6-8 | Univ. of Illinois, via Zoom | Georgia Tsouvala | Brian Messner | Scott Perry | Antony Augoustakis |
| 2022 | Apr. 28-30 | UC San Diego, via Zoom | Georgia Tsouvala | Brian Messner | Scott Perry | Denise Demetriou |
| 2023 | Apr. 20-22 | Florida State University | Georgia Tsouvala | Brian Messner | Scott Perry | Jessica Clark |

*The first five meetings listed above were informal regional affairs. The Association of Ancient Historians was formally organized at Harvard in 1974. At that time a Constitution was adopted, and the first officers were elected the following year at Ohio State. Officers' terms commence at the conclusion of the meetings (listed) at which they were elected.

RECONSTRUCTING THE EARLY HISTORY OF AAH

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The genesis of the list of meetings published herein occurred at the 1993 AAH meetings in Calgary. During a coffee break a number of us were sitting at a table attempting, as a mind-game, to reconstruct from memory the order of past meetings. The players included Lindsay Adams, Charlie Hamilton, and the late Briggs Twyman, who, at the time of his death in 2005, probably had attended more meetings than anyone else in the society. I sat with pen and paper, recording the conversation. Twyman was most helpful in reconstructing the order of meetings, mainly by juxtaposing the annual AAH schedule with the stages of his love life—marital and otherwise—about which he appeared to have total recall. The list of meetings began to take shape, not only as a result of that initial conversation at Calgary, but also from my interviews with several members who had helped organize sessions at their own campuses. Thus, an oral history of the first few years emerged.

After I was appointed unofficial AAH archivist I received files of correspondence and a number of annual meeting packets. I am indebted to a number of persons who offered printed materials, including programs, from earlier years. As time went on, a single lacuna remained: the date of the first regional meeting of ancient historians, held at McMaster University in 1969. I myself had not attended the McMaster meeting, and my efforts to acquire information about that first meeting failed. I was unable to find anyone currently or formerly at McMaster who had any connection to that event, and my efforts to solicit information from persons who may have been present at that meeting were unsuccessful. This was the period of AAH's prehistory—prior to our formal organization, with its officers, minutes, and newsletter.

My plea for information published in a recent AAH *Newsletter* resulted in several responses, but initially no precise information. Finally, AAH member Tom Banchich of Canisius College engaged in a bit of his own detective work which led to a contact with Carl Spadoni, Director of Archives and Research Collections at McMaster. Spadoni informed us that he could find no information about a 1969 meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians. I responded and told him that nothing would be listed under that name, because the Association of Ancient Historians as such did not come into existence until 1974. I gave him what few details I knew about the McMaster meeting, and, within a couple of days, he hit the jackpot.

In a document box of the McMaster president's office Spadoni discovered the annual report of the

McMaster Department of Classics, dated 26 May 1969, which included the following statement:

“ANCIENT HISTORIANS CONFERENCE: Dr. [George] Paul served as organizer of the conference of ancient historians held at McMaster on May 16, 1969. About thirty historians were present from the universities of Toronto, Western Ontario, Ottawa, Buffalo, Queen’s, Waterloo and Waterloo Lutheran, and McMaster. This was a pioneer effort, but was greeted so enthusiastically that it was decided to repeat it next year. The University of Buffalo will be hosts in 1970.”

Such were our Canadian origins in a regional conference organized by George Paul, his McMaster colleague, Togo Salmon, and Ernst Badian of SUNY-Buffalo. It is interesting to note that it was the enthusiasm of the members that prompted the second regional conference, hosted by Badian and his colleague Robert Sherk. The rest is (as they say) history. The regional character of meetings expanded during the following years at Michigan, Penn State, North Carolina/Duke, and, finally, Harvard, where AAH was formed.

I am grateful to the many persons over the years who have contributed to recovering the foundations of our history, and I urge anyone with any documents or personal recollections of early meetings to share them with me. I cannot promise that an official account (or even a *Secret History*) of AAH will ever appear from my pen, but I am serious about building our file of evidence. This is a worthy enterprise for an organization of historians who have only recently begun to pay sufficient attention to their own early history.