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No President's Column in this issue; too much other news of interest. Seasons Greetings. *Richard Talbert*



## SPRING MEETING PLANS

The 2000 annual meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians will be held in Madison at the University of Wisconsin on May 4-7. All events take place in the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street. Sessions 1-5 convene in the Lakeshore Room. A complete program and registration materials will be sent to all members.

For more information, contact Andrew Wolpert, Department of History, 3211 Humanities Building, University of Wisconsin, 455 North Park Street, Madison, WI 53706-1483, FAX 608-263-5302, email: awolpert@facstaff.wisc.edu

### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

#### Thursday May 4

**Inaugural Lecture** (Vandenberg Auditorium, 3:30-4:30)  
Roger Bagnall, Columbia University

**Reception and Registration** (Alumni Lounge, 6:00-9:00)

#### Friday May 5

Coffee and Registration (Lakeshore Lobby, 8:00-9:00am)

**Session 1:** Slaves, Tenants, and Clients (9:00-11:30)

**Session 2:** William Westermann-The Making of an Ancient Historian (1:30-4:30)



#### Saturday May 6

Coffee (8:00-9:00am)

**Session 3:** Greek Rhetoric and Law (9:00-11:30)

**Session 4:** Roman Rhetoric and Law (1:30-4:00)

**Business Meeting** (Lakeshore Room, 4:30-5:30)

**Reception** (6:00-7:00)

**Banquet** (7:00-10:00)

#### Sunday May 7

Coffee (8:00-9:00)

**Session 5:** Periodization (9:00-11:00)

### HOUSING:

The local organizers have reserved blocks of rooms at the four housing facilities listed below. Those attending AAH 2000 are urged to reserve rooms directly with the housing facility, as early as possible. Upon making the reservation, mention the AAH meeting, so that the convention rate is assured. THE COMMON RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR ALL THE HOUSING FACILITIES IS APRIL 3RD, YEAR 2000. After that date rooms may still be available, *but the convention rate is not assured.*

The four facilities:

(1) Best Western Inn Towner, 2424 University Ave., Madison, WI 53705.

Rates: double \$89.00 + tax, single \$79.00 + tax. (Tel: 608-233-8778 or 800-258-8321, fax 608-233-1325)

(2) Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club, 1 West Dayton St., Madison, WI 53703. Concourse Hotel rates: double \$109.00 + tax, single \$99.00 + tax. Governor's Club rates-- double \$149.00 + tax, single \$139.00 + tax. (Tel: 608-257-6000, tel. 800-356-8293, fax 608-257-5280.)

(3) Madison Inn, 601 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703. Rates [set by State of Wisconsin and subject to change beginning January 1, 2000]: double \$62.00 + tax, single \$52.00 + tax. (Tel. 608-257-4391, fax 608-257-2832).

(4) The Lowell Center, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53706. Rates [set by State of Wisconsin and subject to change beginning January 1, 2000]: double \$62.00 + tax, single \$52.00 + tax. (tel.608-256-2621, fax 608-262-5445).

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# REGINA BOOKS

Post Office Box 280, Claremont, CA. 91711 Phone 909-624-8466 Fax: 909-626-1345

Regina Books offers the following discounts to AAH members:

Title	Regular Price*	AAH discount*
* <i>The Coming of the Greeks</i> , by James T. Hooker	\$13.95 (paper) \$21.95 (cloth)	<b>\$ 9.00 (paper)</b> <b>\$16.00 (cloth)</b>
* <i>Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States</i> 2nd ed., comp. By Konrad Kinzl	\$14.95 (paper)	<b>\$ 9.00 (paper)</b>
* <i>Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions</i> , by Stanley Burstein, Ramsay MacMullen, Kurt Raaflaub, and Allen Ward	\$12.95 (paper) \$21.95 (cloth)	<b>\$ 9.00 (paper)</b> <b>\$17.95 (cloth)</b>
* <i>Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece</i> , by Carol Thomas	\$11.95 (paper) \$19.95 (cloth)	<b>\$ 9.00 (paper)</b> <b>\$16.00 (cloth)</b>
* <i>Makedonica: Essays by Eugene N. Borza</i>	\$18.95 (paper) \$37.95 (cloth)	<b>\$12.00 (paper)</b> <b>\$24.00 (cloth)</b>
<i>Polis and Polemos: Essays on Politics, War, and History in Ancient Greece in Honor of Donald Kagan</i> , ed. Charles D. Hamilton and Peter Krentz.	\$19.50 (paper) \$39.50 (cloth)	<b>\$13.00 (paper)</b> <b>\$24.00 (cloth)</b>
* <i>Text &amp; Tradition: Studies in Greek History and Historiography in Honor of Mortimer Chambers</i> , ed. Ronald Mellor & Lawrence Tritle	\$19.95 (paper) \$39.95 (cloth)	<b>\$13.00 (paper)</b> <b>\$24.00 (cloth)</b>
* <i>A Guide to Graduate Programs in Ancient History</i> by Michael Arnush.	\$10.50 (paper)	<b>\$ 8.00 (paper)</b>
* <i>A Handbook for Ancient History Classes</i> , by Jack Cargill.	\$10.50 (paper)	<b>\$ 7.00 (paper)</b>
** <i>Shades of Antiquity</i> (3-year calendar, 1998-2000)	\$10.95	<b>\$ 8.00</b>
<i>Peacemaking in Medieval Europe: A Historical and Bibliographic Guide</i> , by Udo Heyn	\$13.95 (paper) \$34.95 (cloth)	<b>\$ 9.00 (paper)</b> <b>\$19.00 (cloth)</b>

Plus shipping of \$2.50 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book.

\*15 to 50% royalties on each book (including classroom use) go to AAH

\*\*All proceeds go to AAH

## AJAH DISCOUNT

Paid-up members of the AAH are entitled to a 20% discount on an annual subscription to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Write to AJAH, Dept. of History, Robinson Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138. (Note: AJAH is not an AAH publication and the Secretary-Treasurer has no information about it; please direct all questions to the Secretary of AJAH.)

## NOMINATIONS FOR AAH SECRETARY- TREASURER

Nominations are now in order for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the AAH. The election will be held at the May meeting in 2000.

The current Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Dintrone, has been nominated as a candidate for a second and final term.

Others wishing to make nominations are reminded that nominations must reach the Secretary-Treasurer not later than two weeks before the first day of the Annual Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. Thus, the deadline for nominations is April 20, 2000.

Nominations must be signed by three members of the Association not belonging to the same institution [different campuses within the same university system shall be regarded as being different institutions], and must be countersigned by the nominee. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall not belong to the same institution.

## ANCIENT MARRIAGE DISCUSSION LIST

A new discussion list on Ancient Marriage will run concurrently with the Transpennine Research Seminar on Ancient marriage, hosted by the University of Leeds, Liverpool, and Manchester. Contributions are welcome on all aspects of marriage in the ancient world. To join the list by using a Web browser, do to <http://listserv.liv.ac.uk/archives/ancient-marriage.html>. To join by e-mail send a blank message to [ancient-marriage-subscribe-request@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:ancient-marriage-subscribe-request@liverpool.ac.uk).

The *Association of Ancient Historians Newsletter* is published three times a year by the Association of Ancient Historians, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182-8147, and is distributed free to members of the AAH.

## CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

- **Prayer, Magic, and the Stars in the Ancient and Late Antique World.** March 3-5, 2000, University of Washington-Seattle. This symposium examines the manifold techniques and traditions—both sanctioned and unsanctioned, individual and communal—by which men and women in the ancient and late antique world sought to gain access to that power. Other topics we hope to explore at the symposium include astral cults; temple rituals; prayer and sacrifice; the use of sacred or magical texts; the power

of words; philosophical conceptions of the heavens; and the relationship between sanctioned and magical methods of accessing the divine. We especially encourage submissions from recent Ph.D.'s and advanced graduate students. Jonathan Z. Smith of the University of Chicago will deliver the key-note address for the colloquium. For more information about the symposium, please see <http://weber.u.washington.edu/~snoegel/stars.html>. Send abstracts (up to 750 words) to Dr. Scott Noegel, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, Box 353120, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

- The **Classical Association of the Canadian West and the Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest** will be holding a Joint Annual Meeting in Victoria, British Columbia at the Laurel Point Inn, March 10 through March 11, 2000. Laurel Bowman and Ingrid Holmberg of the University of Victoria are the conference organizers. "Cultural Diversity in the Ancient World" is the broad theme of the conference, reflecting the conference's own international nature. Abstracts of papers will be published on the conference website at <http://web.uvic.ca/grs/cacw-capn> and in the Fall 2000 CAPN Bulletin. Detailed information regarding the conference schedule and accommodations will be published in the February issue of the CAPN Bulletin and on the websites.
- The **University of Richmond** will host a colloquium on "Greater Anatolia and the Indo-Hittite Language Family" on March 17-19, 2000. The colloquium will begin with a public lecture by Professor Lord Colin Renfrew, followed by eight papers and two responses. For more information visit the Web site at <http://hermes.richmond.edu/anatolia> or contact Robert Drews, Dept. of Classical Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235 ([robert.drews@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:robert.drews@vanderbilt.edu)).
- The **Department of Classics of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, in conjunction with the International Plutarch Society and its North American section, announce a conference, "Sage and Emperor: Plutarch and Trajan," to be held in Chapel Hill, NC, from Saturday June 24 to Tuesday June 27, 2000. The twenty-year reign of Trajan, 98-117, inaugurated the longest period of stability and good government of the Roman empire, and witnessed the production of one of the most influential literary works of the Roman empire, Plutarch's *Parallel Lives*. This conference will explore the interaction of Plutarch with the contemporary elite of the Roman empire, and their mutual efforts to understand and control the world of their day. Special sessions will consider Plutarch and Trajan, Philosophy, History, Art and Architecture, Plutarch's Greece, Politics, and Trajan, Alexander, and the East. Information on the program and registration is available on the UNC Classics Dept. web page <http://www.classics.unc.edu/Plutarch/> or write to Sage and Emperor, Dept. of Classics, CB# 3145 Murphey Hall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3145. Phone (919) 962-7660, FAX (919) 962-4036, e-mail [stolle@email.unc.edu](mailto:stolle@email.unc.edu).

## AAH PROGRAMS AT AHA

The AAH will sponsor two sessions at the American Historical Association meeting in Chicago in January. **All AAH members who will be attending the AHA are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions.**

The sessions are:

Friday, January 7, 2:30-4:30, "A Home of Our Own—Late Antiquity and the Study of Ancient History." Organizer and Chair, Elizabeth Digeser. Presenters: Michael Meckler, John Shean, and Joel Walker. Comment: Walter Kaegi. (Marriot, Purdue Room)

Saturday, January 8, 9:30-11:30, "Current Concepts and the Study of Ancient History." Organizer and Chair: Carol Thomas. Presenters: Stanley Burstein, Nancy Demand, Ian Morris, Lawrence Tritle. Comment: Eugene Borza. (Sheraton, Erie Room)

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these sessions.

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## RECENT DISSERTATIONS

- Stefan G. Chrissanthos, *Seditio: Mutiny in the Roman Army, 90-40B.C.* (University of Southern California, directed by D. Brendan Nagle).
- Judy E. Gaughan, *Murder is Not a Crime: An Investigation in the Nature of Roman Public Law* (University of California, Berkeley, directed by Erich Gruen)
- Ina Woodcock, *Inventing the "First Lady" Role: the Empress Livia and the Public Sphere* (University of Queensland, directed by Suzanne Dixon).

## CHESTER G. STARR

Chester G. Starr died Wednesday, September 22, 1999, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was 84 years old. Chester was born in Central, Missouri, received both his BA (1934 with distinction) and MA from the University of Missouri, and obtained his PhD, at age 23, from Cornell in 1938. After two years as a fellow at the American Academy in Rome, in 1940 Chester began his thirty year tenure at the University of Illinois. His teaching career was interrupted from 1942-46 by service in the US Army, during which he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel, held the position of Chief, Historical Section, U.S. Fifth Army in Italy, guided the nine-volume *History of the Fifth Army in Italy, 1943-45*, to completion, and subsequently published (1948) *From Salerno to the Alps, A History of the Fifth Army 1943-1945*.

Upon returning to Illinois in 1946, he continued to add to his already impressive list of publications on classical subjects. His dissertation on *The Roman Imperial Navy, 30 B.C. -A.D.324* had been published in 1941, and he had managed to publish several articles on classical topics during the war, but over the next half century he produced more than twenty books, countless articles, and reviews. Perhaps his best known and most widely used book was *A History of the Ancient World*, but my own favorites are *Civilization and the Caesars* and *The Beginnings of Imperial Rome: Rome in the Mid-Republic*. One could as easily make a list of favorites from Chester's books on Greece—*The Origins of Greek Civilization, 1100-650 B.C.*, *Athenian Coinage, 480-449 B.C.*, or the *Social and Economic Growth of Early Greece, 800-500 B.C.*—to illustrate the breadth and depth of his scholarly interests and contributions.

Recognition of Chester's accomplishments were many. He was awarded two Guggenheim Fellowships, was the A.M. and H.P. Bentley Professor of History at Michigan from 1973 to his retirement in 1985, received honorary degrees from the universities of Missouri and Illinois, was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and was elected as the founding president of the Association of Ancient Historians in 1974. He was further honored by publication of a collection of his *Essays on Ancient History* and his students, colleagues, and friends also published *Essays in Honor of Chester G. Starr: The Craft of the Ancient Historian*. The aforementioned all attest to the fact that, as a fellow ancient historian stated, for decades Chester was "the most distinguished ancient historian in our hemisphere." Moreover, the Michigan Board of Regents simply recognized what more than four generations of undergraduate and graduate students in ancient history already knew, that Chester obviously took "delight in explaining the complexity and significance of ancient societies." Everything was grist for his mill. In scholarship and teaching he was as likely to quote *Playboy*, the *Wall Street Journal*, Machiavelli, or Anthony Trollope as he was Herodotus or Thucydides. He was justifiably proud of his accomplishments and their apperception continued to the end—on my last visit to see him he gave me the recent modern Greek translation of his penultimate monograph, *The Birth of Athenian Democracy*.

For those of us who knew Chester personally and socially as well as professionally, visits to see him were also always visits to see Gretchen, his wife of 59 years. ~~The Starrs were a couple. Both were proud of their family and of former~~ students, most of whom stayed in touch, and both took delight in staying abreast of things. They even, much to the chagrin of Illinois people, took a deep interest in Michigan's athletic prowess. Over food and drink they entertained and informed the visitor about operas; musicals (they were the first on our block to see Hair); interesting novels, mysteries; and, of course, Chester's most recent publication—he rarely talked about what he was doing before it was done. In the early days of their marriage, Gretchen said they alternated production—one year a baby, the next year a book. Gretchen read and commented on each manuscript before it was sent to the publisher. Our last visit to see Chester was two days after Gretchen died in August. Chester himself had not been well for some time, and he made it clear how much he missed her; less than two months later he died. They always did things together and those who knew them will greatly miss them both.

Richard Mitchell

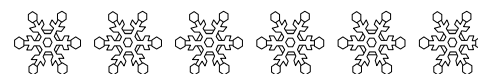
## NEW BOOKS

John A. Koumoulides (ed), *Cyprus: The Legacy. Historical Landmarks that Influenced to Art of Cyprus, Late Bronze Age to AD 1600* (University of Maryland Press, 1999)

Kenneth Kitchell and Irven Resnick, *Albertus Magnus De Animalibus: A Medieval Summa Zoological* (Johns Hopkins Press 1999)

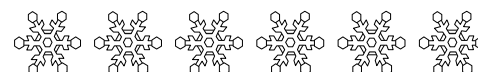
Robert Luginbill, *Thucydides on War and National Character* (Westview Press, 1999)

Robert J. Penella, *The Private Orations of Themistocles* (University of California Press, 1999).



**FEBRUARY 15**  
is the deadline for items for  
the Spring Newsletter.

*Remember: the Newsletter  
depends upon information  
provided by members.*



## AAH INFORMATION FORM

Check boxes that apply:

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### DUES INFORMATION

- Annual dues are \$7.50/year for regular members and \$5.00/year for Associate members (students, retired, and non-residents of the US or Canada). Dues may be paid up to 5 years in advance. Payments received in 2000 can cover years up to and including 2005.
- The year for which you most recently paid dues can be found as the first line of your mailing label. Members are dropped from the mailing list after three years of non-payment of dues. Therefore, if your mailing label says 1996 or earlier, your membership will lapse at the end of December.

### AAH MEETING GRANTS-IN AID

Thanks to the continued generosity of our members and friends, it will be possible to continue financial support to several younger members who wish to attend the annual meeting at the University of Wisconsin this coming May 4-7.

Two or three awards of \$200.00 each will be available. Applications are accepted from members of the AAH; senior members are encouraged to bring this announcement to the attention of graduate students or junior colleagues who are potential members. The procedure for application is as follows:

1. Applicants must be advanced graduate students pursuing degrees in ancient history or faculty holding initial ( untenured) positions.
2. Applications should contain a curriculum vitae, brief letter stating the applicant's interest in attending the meeting, and one letter of support.
3. The deadline for receipt of all materials is **FEBRUARY 15, 2000**. Results will be announced by mid-March in order to give awardees adequate time to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

This year's selection committee consists of Gene Borza, Patricia Dintrone, and Janice Gabbert. The three indicated items should be sent to: **Prof. Eugene Borza, 5 Chantilly Court, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.**

**Association of Ancient Historians  
Patricia Dintrome, Secretary-Treasurer  
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## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

•Senior Position, Ancient World. Associate or full Professor. The History Department of **Claremont McKenna College** invites applications at the senior level for a position beginning in July 2000. Specialists in ancient Greece and/or Rome, or in early Byzantium are particularly encouraged to apply. Candidates will be expected to teach general and advanced undergraduate courses in their areas of specialization, and participate in the Civilization program. Opportunities also exist to instruct students at the Claremont Graduate University.

Send application letter, c.v., names of five references, and three examples of scholarship to Professor Arthur Rosenbaum, Chair, Department of History, Claremont McKenna College, 850 Columbia Ave., Claremont, CA, 91711-6420.

Review of applications will begin February 1, 2000. For further information contact Arthur Rosenbaum at arosenbaum@mckenna.edu or 909-607-7985. Claremont McKenna College is an AA/EOE. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

•The Classics Dept. of Wright State University, Dayton, OH, seeks a tenure-track, entry-level assistant professor as a full-time member of the department, beginning Sept. 2000. The department seeks a generalist who can teach both Latin and Greek at all levels as well as courses in translation and courses in the great books or the Western tradition in the University's General Education program. PhD in hand is essential; publication is encouraged although excellent teaching is the department's primary mission. Knowledge of computer technology or willingness to engage in outreach to K-12 teachers is especially desirable.

Send letter of application, CV, and at least three letters of recommendation by March 1, 2000 to Dr. Janice J. Gabbert, Chair of Search Committee, Department of Classics, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435. Interviews will be held at the AIA/APA in Dallas in December. Position is subject to final approval by the Provost. Wright State University encourages applications from women and members of minority groups (EEO/AA).