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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Since the start of a new academic year seems a good time to urge action, permit me to recommend three possible directions:

- 1. This year I have the privilege of being a Fellow at the National Humanities Center, and without hesitation can endorse its call for applicants. The 15th October deadline for the 2001-2 competition may be too soon; even so, do bear in mind this possibility among future leave opportunities http://www.nhc.rtp.nc.us:8080>.
- 2. Princeton U.P. expects to be releasing the *Barrington Atlas of the Greek and Roman World* by the end of September. That's also when the pre-order offer is due to expire. So if you've not yet taken advantage of this price, now is the time to grasp that special opportunity. Members of our association have played important roles in the creation of this remarkable reference work. http://www.unc.edu/depts/cl_atlas>
- 3. Last but not least, if you happen to discover that a colleague, friend or graduate student in our field isn't currently a member of our association, do encourage them to join. We'd particularly like to welcome them to our annual meetings, for which we have a great line-up. As you know, Lubbock TX (see opposite) and Savannah GA are already approved by the membership for 2001 and 2002 respectively. Beyond that, we now have generous offers from Fredericton (University of New Brunswick, Canada) for 2003, Ann Arbor MI for 2004, and Columbia MO for 2005. These are exciting prospects; we want everyone in the field to share them.

Fall greetings, Richard Talbert

SPRING MEETING PLANS

CALL FOR PAPERS: The 2000 annual meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians will be held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock Texas, May 3-5, 2000. Members are encouraged to submit two-page abstracts for papers (maximum 25 minutes, or about 13 pages) for the following sessions:

Session 1: The Emergence of the Polis

The problems posed by Victor Hanson's *The Other Greeks* seem especially interesting. (Chair: Carol Thomas)

Session 2: Makedonika

Anything except discussions of who was buried in "Philip II's" tomb. Gene Borza and Lindsay Adams, however, take exception to this restriction, so fire at will. (*Chair: Gene Borza*)

Session 3: Roman Historiography: from Fabius Pictor to Ammianus Marcellinus

Particularly the application of historiographical analysis to specific historical problems. See, for example, Richard Mitchell's *Patricians and Plebeians*. (*Chair: Richard Mitchell*)

Session 4: Roman Imperialism from Veii to Dacia

The flood of discussion over the last half century attempting to explain the Republic's conquest of the world shows little sign of abating. The sharply divergent studies of Ernst Badian, William Harris, and Eric Gruen have profoundly influenced the course of debate. But is some synthesis possible? There has, however, been little discussion of the continuity, or lack thereof, between the imperialism of the Republic and the Principate. (Chair: Allen Ward)

Please mail or fax (no e-mail, please) your proposal to Briggs L. Twyman AAH Program Department of History Box 41013 Texas Tech University

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The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2000.



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Jim Reilly notes: If your work is in any way dependent on Egyptian dynastic history in the time frame 800-400 B.C. you may wish to follow the on-line argument which radically changes the Chronology of Egyptian dynasties 22-26. The site address is www.kent.net/DisplacedDynasties.

NEW WEBMASTER FOR AAH

The Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Konrad Kinzl as the new webmaster for AAH.

Many of our members know Konrad from his work on the *Directory of Ancient Historians in the USA* and as the former editor of the *Canadian Classical Bulletin*. Both of these publications demonstrate his interest and skills in electronic dissemination of information.

The AAH site will now be housed principally at Trent University, Konrad's home institution. Members should change their bookmarks to our new address:

http://ivory.trentu.ca/www/cl/aah/welcome.shtml

Please plan to visit often. The site includes not only information about the AAH and its activities but about grants, employment, and related sites as well.

Our thanks to Konrad for taking on this job for us.

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NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA

The graduate Ancient History program has recently been revised and the thrust of its offerings altered to meet changing academic employment needs and scholarly avenues. This change was made possible with the arrival of Dr. Ian Worthington as the department's Greek historian. The department's Roman historian is Dr. Laurence Okamura. The new program blends blending traditional and modern approaches to the subject on the solid foundations of linguistic excellence and a thorough knowledge of the ancient source materials. As well, the Dean of Graduate Studies has generously instituted a new ancient studies scholarship of \$10,000 (on top of the university's and department's generous fellowships, scholarships, and other funding opportunities) for the best new Ph.D. student in the graduate programs in the ancient world at the university.

What is different about Ancient History at Missouri?

Our graduate program offers an exciting blend of traditional and modern approaches, which sets it apart from other programs and is designed to give students expertise in a variety of areas. Ancient history has always been one of the department's strengths (previous scholars include J.A.O. Larsen, Meyer Reinhold, and Fordyce Mitchel), and the department is a pioneer in preserving traditional classical history and connecting it with comparative cultural studies. Some ancient history courses focus on particular periods or authors in Greek and Roman history; others connect classical history with global history and multicultural studies. The History department is also part of the Ancient Studies Program of the university, which encourages students to take graduate courses in departments such as Classical Studies, Art History & Archaeology, Anthropology, Philosophy, and Religious Studies. Ancient history graduate courses include reading material in Greek and Latin, and students are expected to take language courses in the Department of Classical Studies.

The university and department

The university was established in 1839; today, it is ranked amongst the nation's highest, and is a Carnegie 1 Research Institution. The Department of History was founded over a century ago; it is housed in the century-old Read Hall, and currently has about thirty faculty. Work space and computing facilities are provided for graduate students. The Ellis Library is the university's main library for humanities and social sciences; in addition, the Tate Library holds an exceptionally fine collection of scholarly and rare books. The MU Libraries are the 47th largest research collection in North America with holdings of 2.6 million books and 5 million microforms.

Preparing graduates for the job market

At Missouri, we do not believe in simply training graduate students; we believe in preparing graduates to give them an edge over the fierce competition in the job market. That's why the graduate offerings in ancient history have been recently streamlined and reworked to produce graduates with a thorough grounding in Greek and Latin as well as an in-depth knowledge of how to apply new methodologies to the ancient world and of the comparative cultural studies arising from it. The resulting graduates can boast strengths in traditional classical history and an ability to teach in distinct, yet inter-related, areas. We keep an eye on what hiring institutions want, and we prepare our students accordingly.

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RECENT DISSERTATION

Peter V. King, The Cognito into Insanity (UNC Chapel Hill, directed by Richard Talbert)



ATTENTION RECENT GRADUATES

(and their dissertation directors)

AAH would like to publish the authors and titles of recent dissertations completed in Ancient History.

If you have recently completed a dissertation (or recently finished directing one), please send an e-mail with the name of the author, the title, the school, and the director to patricia.dintrone@sdsu.edu. or mail to the return address on this newsletter.

CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

FORDYCE MITCHEL MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES. Through the generous endowment of Mrs Marguerite Mitchel, widow of Fordyce Mitchel, who was Professor of Greek History at the University of Missouri-Columbia until his death in 1986, the Department of History is proud to announce the biennial Fordyce Mitchel Memorial Lecture Series. Every two years a scholar of the highest international standing will be a guest of the History department for one to two weeks and deliver a series of original and scholarly lectures on an aspect of Greek history. These will then be revised and published by the University of Missouri Press within, it is hoped, two years. The resulting publication will be a significant addition to scholarship in the field. The lecturer will also deliver a public lecture on a related topic and meet informally with the graduate students in the departments of History, Classical Studies, and Art History & Archaeology, who are engaged in all areas of research on the ancient Greek and Roman world.

The series will begin in October 2000. The first guest lecturer will be Professor Mark Golden, Department of Classics, University of Winnipeg. Professor Golden's work on social history is widely known and held in the highest regard. He is currently working on a project titled *Sport and Social Status in Ancient Greece* which will form the core of his Mitchel Memorial lectures.

For further information on the Fordyce Mitchel Memorial Lecture Series, please contact Ian Worthington (WorthingtonI@missouri.edu).

For information on the History department's revised graduate program in ancient history and the university's new graduate scholarship in ancient studies, see the announcement elsewhere in this Newsletter.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

ANCIENT GREECE. Department of History, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities: full-time, 9 month, tenure-track Assistant Professor, to begin August 2001. Research emphasis on Classical and/or Hellenistic eras preferred. Tenure and budget in Department of History; teaching duties divided equally between History and Classical and Near Eastern Studies. Teaching in History includes survey, advanced undergraduate, and graduate courses; teaching in CNES includes advanced undergraduate and graduate courses in historical authors in Greek and in translation, and other advanced topics courses. Ph.D. in history or related field with a specific focus on history must be in hand before start of appointment. Teaching experience and a record of publication are preferred, and candidates must show the promise of scholarly distinction in the history of Ancient Greece, preferably in the Classical and/or Hellenistic eras, and a desire to strengthen the graduate program in Ancient History. Salary based upon qualifications and experience, consistent with existing college and university policy. Search open until position filled; review of files begins on **November 15, 2000**. Send letter of application describing training, scholarly/research interests, teaching experience and record of publication, if any, and undergraduate/graduate courses taught, plus curriculum vitae, a writing sample (chapter from dissertation or book, or an article), and three letters of recommendation to: Chair, Ancient Greece Search Committee, Department of History, 614 Social Sciences, 267- 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Additional materials may be requested later. For a more complete job description, please refer to our website http://www.hist.umn.edu. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST. The Oriental Institute and Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations of the University of Chicago invite applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Ancient Near Eastern History, to begin Autumn quarter, 2001. Ability to conduct original research in some specialization within ancient Near Eastern history is required; regardless of research specialization, the candidate must understand the broad currents of history in the whole Near East from at least the third millennium B.C.E. until the Hellenistic period, and be able to coordinate and participate in a survey course on this topic. Familiarity with critical and theoretical approaches to the study of history is most desirable. Review of applications will begin **October 1, 2000**. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses of three referees to: Ancient Near Eastern History Search, c/o Office of the Director, The Oriental Institute, The University of Chicago, 1155 East 58th Street, Chicago, IL 60637-1569. For additional information, e-mail to g-gragg@uchicago.edu.

CLASSICAL ATLAS TAKING PRE-ORDERS

As many of our members know, a new classical atlas has been under preparation for some time. As it now nears completion, information on how to pre-order the *Barrington Atlas of the Greek and Roman World* (sponsored by APA, published by Princeton U.P.) is now available on its webpage: http://www.unc.edu/depts/cl_atlas. Publication will be in Sept. 2000, but preordered copies will be supplied earlier.

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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 1997 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 members who wish to attend the annual meeting at the Texas Tech University this coming May 3-5.

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, 2001**. 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 Cynthia Schwenk. The three indicated items should be sent to: **Prof. Eugene Borza**, **5 Chantilly Court**, **Mechanicsburg**, **PA 17055**.

Association of Ancient Historians Patricia Dintrone, Secretary-Treasurer Department of History San Diego State University San Diego, CA 92182-8147

PERSONALIA

- Eugene N. Borza has been appointed Charles Eliot Norton Lecturer of the Archaeological Institute of America for 2000-2001. The annual Norton Lectureship was founded in 1907 and endowed by James Loeb in 1909 in honor of the founding President of the AIA. Norton Lecturers in the past have included, among others, D. G. Hogarth, A.J.B. Wace, John Myres, Martin Nilsson, Rhys Carpenter, and Homer Thompson. As the 92nd Norton Lecturer, and one of only a handful of non-archaeologists ever to hold the position, Borza will visit twelve AIA Societies during the course of the next academic year, and lecture on recent trends in the history and archaeology of ancient Macedonia.
- Stanley Burstein ("Egypt and Greece: A Contested History") and Frank Holt ("Alexander the Great: Interpreting an Enigma") will deliver the Edson Lectures for 2000 at the University of Wisconsin, Madison on October 3.

NEW BOOKS

- Fragments of Demetrius of Phalerum (Rutgers University Studies in the Humanities, v. 9, edd. W. Fortenbaugh and E. Schutrumpf (New Brunswick, 2000), includes essays by AAH members Michael Gargarin and Stephen Tracy.
- James Allen Evans, *The Age of Justinian; the Circumstance of Imperial Power* (Routledge, 1996) is now available in paperback. It is also available in modern Greek (Odysseas Press, Athens, 1999).
- Lawrence Tritle, From Melos to My Lai: War and Survival (Routledge, 2000).

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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*.)

