



President's Column

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Καλό Μήνα! The passing of Ramsay MacMullen last November left a huge hole in the organization. All of us have read his scholarship, but losing a former President of the Association, a mentor, and a teacher is what makes this loss so heavy to bear. I had met Ramsay in the Annual Meeting and I remember him fondly as a gentle and astute scholar. After I was elected President, Ramsay would write to me with suggestions and ideas. Unfortunately, I did not know Ramsay well, but I miss his sagacious advice. A big thank you to Elizabeth Meyer for writing an obituary for our *Newsletter*, and my sincere condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and students.

I hope everyone's new year and new semester have begun on a positive note. I booked my ticket to Tallahassee recently as snow and ice were falling on my driveway in Illinois. I am looking forward to seeing everyone (and some sunshine) in Florida in April.

The program committee of our host this year, Florida State University, has been hard at work setting up the program and making all the necessary arrangements, as you will see in this newsletter. The program offers many good topics and will no doubt inspire much good discussion. The pandemic has stolen some of the socializing from our last three annual meetings, but it has not dampened the scholarly climate of our meetings. I always feel stimulated intellectually by papers, by discussions, and the collegiality at our meetings, so that I come away full of energy and curiosity for the next investigation and adventure. Please register early so our hosts can budget properly for the reception and refreshments and don't forget to book a room soon in one of the two conference hotels. The Doubletree will act as the main conference hotel with the Indigo as the backup hotel. You can find more information about lodging, travel, and the preliminary program of the conference [here](#), and you can update your membership [here](#).

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AAH Annual Meeting 2023 Florida State University, Tallahassee FL April 20-22, 2023

We look forward to welcoming you to Tallahassee for the 2023 AAH Annual Meeting. The conference will begin with a reception and lecture on Thursday evening and end with the banquet on Saturday, both of which are included in the meeting registration fee.

The organizers: Jessica Clark and Jim Sickinger (Florida State University) and Philip Kaplan (University of North Florida) can be reached at 2023AAH@gmail.com. For up to date information, please visit the conference website [here](https://aah2023.com/) (<https://aah2023.com/>) or the AAH website [here](#).

Program

The program for the upcoming Annual Meeting (April 20-22, 2023) is now up on the conference website ([AAH2023.com/Program](https://aah2023.com/Program)), and registration should be open later this week. The program begins with a public lecture by Seth Bernard (University of Toronto), "Environmental Change and Human Responses in Republican Italy: Problems of Scale," at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, followed by the opening reception. Friday's panels include "Competition and Revision in the Commemoration of Ancient Wars," "The Materials of Ancient History (Part 1)," "Prisons and Punishment in Ancient Thought and Practice," and "Ancient Responses to Environmental Change." We've arranged (optional) lunchtime visits to FSU Special Collections as well as tours of two exhibits at FSU's Museum of Fine Arts, which in different ways connect to Friday's coincidence with Rome's birthday (April 21); both are a short distance from the conference center, and located close to several lunch venues.

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Annual Meeting Information, continued

Friday's program will conclude with a keynote address by Cythnia Bannon (University of Indiana), "Upstream, Downstream: Roman Water Law on the Apalachicola."

Saturday's program includes panels on "The Feminist Turn in Ancient Military History" (organized by the AAH Diversity Committee), "Ancient Law: Sacred and Secular," "Beyond Enslavement: Navigating Emancipation in Antiquity," and "The Materials of Ancient History (Part 2)." The Business Meeting will take place late Saturday afternoon, and the traditional banquet will close the program that evening.

The [conference hotels](#) are each located approximately half a mile from the main conference venue, and transportation will be available for those who wish it. The Doubletree Hotel is offering attendees a conference rate of \$129/night; currently, that is only available Thursday through Sunday, but may be extended to include Wednesday by calling the hotel directly. The Doubletree is located in Tallahassee's downtown area, close to the Capital and local restaurants and historic sites. The Indigo, a smaller and more modern hotel, is offering a rate of \$179/night (available Wednesday through Sunday); it is located close to FSU's campus, the stadium, and an area with shops and restaurants. If your travel plans allow, we encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible – the hotels will fill up!

Additional information about [travel to Tallahassee](#) is available on the website, and information about local attractions and further lodging options will be up soon. If you would like recommendations for childcare or other local services, or have any questions about the conference program or logistics, please contact the organizers at 2023AAH@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you to Tallahassee!

President's column, continued

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jessica Clark and her colleagues at FSU for making our first in-person post-2020 conference possible, where we will continue our strong intellectual traditions and return to opportunities for in-person collegiality, which have been our hallmarks.

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On a different topic, it is my great pleasure to announce that the AAH has a cooperative arrangement with the Theodore Mommsen Society based in Germany. Werner Rieß, an AAH member and now president of the Mommsen Society (our equivalent of the AAH/AIA/SCS combined), reached out with a brilliant idea, and after some discussion and with the approval of the officers of both organizations, we have agreed to have an annual joint lecture in the second half of October. One English- and one German- speaking scholar will present each year (preferably on the same or similar theme). Both presentations will be in English, and the event will not exceed two hours. The two organizations will solicit 20–30-minute papers through an open call for papers in the spring; abstracts will be due on May 15. The three AAH officers and three Mommsen Society board members will function as the selection and organizing committee for this event. The papers to be presented will be chosen by the selection committee in a joint virtual meeting in mid-June. Successful candidates will be notified no later than June 30. I hope that many of you will provide abstracts in May, so we can have a brilliant pool of candidates for the inaugural joint lecture.

I would like to remind everyone that the Association of Ancient Historians, in conjunction with the Colorado University, Boulder, will be hosting a virtual panel on "Disability and Ancient History" this Wednesday (February 8) from 10 to 11 am Eastern. I would like to extend the Association's gratitude to Zach Herz for organizing this event. More details can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

I also want to draw your attention to the AHA's project Long Overdue. The project is accepting obituaries for people of color whose passing has been overlooked. For more information regarding this project can be found [here](#). I know that

some of you are working on similar projects and might be interested in contributing to this project. We would like to add obituaries to our newsletter as well. Please, send them to Brian Messner for inclusion in our Newsletter at secretary@associationofancienthistorians.com.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that this year is an election year for our organization. Every three years at the Annual Meeting's business meeting we hold an election for President of the Association. According to our Constitution, "Except as provided in Section 9, the process of nomination and election shall be as follows: a) A vacancy arising in one of the offices shall be notified to members not later than three months before the first day of the Annual Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. b) Nominations shall reach the Secretary not later than two weeks before the first day of the Annual Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. c) Nominations must be signed by three members of the Association not belonging to the same institution as outlined in Section 5, and must be countersigned by the nominee. No one shall be nominated whose election would lead to a contravention of Section 5. d) If only one valid nomination is received, the person nominated shall be declared elected by the President at the business meeting held at the Annual Meeting. e) If more than one valid nomination is received, the Secretary shall prepare ballot papers containing the names of all those nominated, and the election shall take place by ballot at the business meeting held at the Annual Meeting. Anyone receiving a plurality of votes shall be declared elected." I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I plan to run for a second term as President. The reason I wish to run again is because I feel I have not completed what I started, especially in respect to the revision of the Association's constitution. When I took the helm in Iowa, the pandemic was in its second month. As the pandemic took hold of the world that year or two, we all went through a time of separation and transition. Nevertheless, several previous presidential initiatives worked their way to completion. During my term, I have begun building on those initiatives, but the process is not finished. Whether you will choose to vote for me again or elect someone else, I know that this organization is strong. We are moving toward new challenges but also new opportunities. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting in Tallahassee.

All the best,



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NEWS FROM AND ABOUT COLLEAGUES

Richard Talbert sends word that the *Atlas of Classical History*, 2nd revised edition, edited by Richard Talbert, Lindsay Holman and Benet Salway (Routledge, February 2023) will be available soon. If bought directly from Routledge, the 20% discount code is FLE22. More information can be found [here](#).

Kurt Raaflaub announces Eder, Walter, *Bürger und Staat im griechisch-römischen Altertum: Gesammelte Schriften*, ed. Kurt Raaflaub (Stuttgart: Steiner). Almost half of the articles are written in English. The volume will be available in March, 2023.

Jeff Lerner (ed.) announces that *Anabasis: Studia Classica et Orientalia* 11 (2020 [2023]) is published. He has in it "The Coinage of Andragoras (NRGWR) / VAKŠUVAR-VAKHSH: A Case of Cultural Appropriation as an Expression of Political Aspiration," pp. 136-151. He also transl. and ed. from the Russian: Edvard V. Rtveldadze, *Fortification System of Hellenistic States of Baktria. The Great Baktrian Wall of Antiochos I and Euthydemus*, pp. 152-164.

Tolly Boatwright wanted members to be aware of *Emperor, Army, and Society. Studies of Roman Imperial History for Anthony R. Birley*, eds. W. Eck, F. Santangelo, K. Vössing. Bonn: Habelt 2022.

Tolly Boatwright also announces *Imperial Women of Rome: Power, Gender, Context*. Oxford University Press, 2021. [One chapter](#) is available in OUP's (5/22) "Most Read in Classical Studies collection." More information is [here](#).

Lee Brice sends word of a new journal which will be accepting submissions on a broad array of military history topics. More information on the new *War Studies Journal* can be found [here](#).

Annalisa Marzano announces that she relocated to Italy (September 2022) to take up the post of Professor of Classical Archaeology in the Department of History and Cultures at the Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna, and in late October her latest monograph, *Plants, Politics and Empire in Ancient Rome* (Cambridge UP, ISBN: 9781009100663) became available; more information can be found [here](#).



AAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for AAH President

Members are informed that nominations for President of the AAH are in order for the three-year term commencing at the Business Meeting of the 2023 Annual Meeting. A candidate becomes eligible for election when three members in good standing—each employed at separate institutions—submit written nominations to the secretary (Secretary@associationofancienthistorians.org) at least two full weeks in advance of the 2023 Meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve.

Nominations by email are acceptable.

Diversity Committee

The AAH, in conjunction with the UC-Boulder Department of Classics, will host a Zoom panel on "**Disability and Ancient History**" this coming Wednesday (February 8) from 10-11 AM Eastern. The panel will be moderated by Clara Bosak-Schroeder (UIUC) and will include Kyle Gervais (Western), Alicia Matz (BU), Hannah Silverblank (Brown), Debby Sneed (CSU Long Beach), Tara Wells (Duke). This panel will feature CART captioning and ASL interpretation, courtesy of the University of Colorado. Anyone interested in attending should preregister [here](#). Questions can be addressed to Zach Herz at diversity@associationofancienthistorians.com.

Mentoring Committee

The AAH Mentoring Committee would like to extend an invitation to our members to build connections within the ancient history community and help a younger generation of scholars become established in the field. Become a mentor and/or request a mentor! The deadline (for both mentors and mentees) is **April 1st, 2023**. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the appropriate application form (mentors can apply [here](#), mentees can apply [here](#)). If you have any questions, you can reach out to aahmentoring@gmail.com and/or to the committee's chair, Leanne Bablitz, at leanne.bablitz@ubc.ca. The committee looks forward to facilitating new relationships!

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.

Payment can be made online though **PayPal** on the AAH website [here](#) 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 and contingent faculty only</i>)	\$7.00
Life (<i>retired members over 60 only</i>)	\$200.00
Institutional	\$40.00

Please mail dues to:

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For questions or information about dues, or other financial matters, please contact Scott Perry at Treasurer@AssociationofAncientHistorians.org. Members uncertain if they are current with their dues or with other member address updates can contact Brian Messner at Secretary@AssociationofAncientHistorians.org.

**Donate to the Travel Subvention Fund!**

The account used to underwrite travel subvention grants for graduate students and junior faculty is separate from the AAH general fund and is supported only by earmarked donations. In other words, we rely on the generosity of AAH members in order to support our junior colleagues. If you are interested in making a donation, you can use the PayPal link on the association website [here](#) or mail a check (write “Travel Subvention” on the memo line) to the AAH Treasurer, Scott Perry, Department of History SMC C263, University of South Florida—Sarasota-Manatee, 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243. All donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated!

Donate to the new Publication Subvention Fund!

The Borza estate donated \$5,000 to the Association for the creation of a publication subvention fund. We rely on your generosity to make this subvention possible. If you are interested in donating to this fund, you can use the PayPal link on the association website [here](#), or mail a check (write “Publication Subvention” on the memo line) to the AAH Treasurer, Scott Perry, Department of History SMC C263, University of South Florida—Sarasota-Manatee, 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243. All donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated!



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Classics at the University of Manitoba is pleased to be able to offer a two-year funded M.A. scholarship (2023-2025) for a student to study an aspect of the ancient Roman world (c. 50 BCE to 650 CE), with a preference for (but not limited to) a research topic that pertains to the Roman army or the Roman Middle East. Funding for the award is courtesy of the SSHRC Insight Grant held by Dr. Conor Whately at the University of Winnipeg on soldier-civilian interaction in the Roman and Late Antique Middle East, from the conquest of the Nabataean Kingdom by the Romans around 110 CE to the Arab conquest around 650 CE. More information can be found [here](#), and questions can go to Conor Whately at c.whately@uwinnipeg.ca.



CALL FOR PAPERS

International Ancient Warfare Conference 2023 - June 22-24 in Sioux Falls (USA), Bonn (Germany) and online. Announcing an annual hybrid conference where all researchers on ancient warfare from around the world can get together in the same conference setting to share research and ideas. Papers on any aspect, era or global location of Ancient Warfare and any relevant discipline are sought to facilitate a multi-disciplinary discussion. The conference is aimed equally at postgraduate students, early career researchers and established academics. The conference is organized in a hybrid form: Participants once approved have the choice to present their papers via Zoom only or to participate in one of the two in-person meetings. **There will be an in-person meeting in Sioux Falls, SD for North American**

participants, and one in Bonn, Germany for European participants as a part of the same conference. These in person gatherings will connect via Zoom for all papers. Papers should not be longer than 20 minutes. Participants gathered in a location are invited to present live over Zoom. Participants via Zoom would submit a pre-recorded video of their presentation (with or without slides) and then join the conference on Zoom for 10 minutes of questions and discussion afterwards. Scholars in all time zones will have a chance to present and answer live questions on Zoom. There are no fees for the in-person meetings. Participants in Bonn (especially doctoral students) will be reimbursed for part of their travel expenses, depending on the number of participants. This conference will be environmentally friendly and cheaper since no one has to take a long distance flight to attend while still preserving the excitement of gathering in person. Send an abstract of 300 words and a brief bio to Graham Wrightson (graham.wrightson@sdstate.edu) for North America and Lennart Gilhaus (lgilhaus@uni-bonn.de) for Europe BEFORE March 31st 2023. Please also indicate if you would like to participate via Zoom or to attend one of the in-person meetings.



PUBLICATIONS

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. The most recent volume, *New Directions to the Study of Ancient Geography* by Duane Roller was published by Eisenbrauns and is available for purchase through their [website](#). To contact the Publications Committee, please email David Ratzan at publications@associationofancienthistorians.org.



A list of previous PAAH volumes is available on the AAH website. Several PAAH volumes are now available free as pdf downloads [here](#). Serena Connolly also has copies of *The Legacy of Ernst Badian* edited by Carol Thomas available. Members are welcome to contact Serena at serena.connolly@gmail.com to receive a copy for \$15 which defers the mailing cost for the volume. Payment can be made by mail to AAH treasurer Scott Perry (address above) or on the PayPal link on the [donations page](#), and mark the \$15 as an unrestricted donation.



IN MEMORIAM: Ramsey MacMullen (1928-2022)

Ramsay MacMullen, Dunham Professor of History and Classics emeritus at Yale and past president of the AAH (1978-1981), died on November 27, 2022. He was 94 years old. Born in Manhattan, he attended Philips Exeter Academy during the years of the Second World War and then went to Harvard (AB 1950, AM 1953, and PhD 1957), where he did his graduate work with Mason Hammond. Over the course of a long career (University of Oregon, Brandeis, and Yale) he wrote twenty books and more than eighty articles, and still found the time to chair Yale's History Department, be Master of Calhoun College at Yale (a position now called Head, and a college now named Hopper), and of course be president of the AAH. His energy and productivity were awe-inspiring; once, when I summoned up the courage to ask him how he could write so many books, he revealed that he researched more than one book at a time (which it had never occurred to me to do). He also, of course, put in many hours in the Main Reading Room of Sterling Memorial Library and his 'writing hut' at his property in Clinton, Connecticut, revealing casually one day that he was usually up and writing by 4 in the morning. Once his day was properly started in this way, he also had the habit of calling the Yale Classics Library at 7 in the morning to ask one of us to check something for him. This habit made us sure to be there at 7, but also to answer the phone "This is the Classics Library, where we are all working *very, very hard!*"

His scholarly work shows an enormous range, not only from eighth-century BC to fifth-century AD Rome, but also to other time periods (such as nineteenth-century New England, in his book *Sisters of the Brush*, about portrait miniaturists who were also members of his own family, which included the painter Titian Ramsay Peale). In writing Roman history, he broke away from a prevailing concentration on elite sources (and still shocks my students by referring once to Tacitus as “in certain respects, an utter fool”), introducing generations of students to peasants and provincials through papyri and inscriptions. There is still no better read for a class, if one wants to get away from aristocratic authors and world-views, than his *Roman Social Relations* (1974), a book of the right length for a week’s reading, and written in an arresting style as well. In 2001, he won the American Historical Association’s Lifetime Award for Scholarly Distinction (“Ramsay MacMullen is the greatest historian of the Roman Empire alive today,” it began)—and this with twenty-one more productive years ahead of him. A man of such immense learning could never shed all of it, and his habit of waggling his famous eyebrows and pausing—considering his words—before he answered or commented could fill an interlocutor with dread, but the straightforward bluntness of any response was never unkind, and as he aged he mostly conveyed an amiable gruffness. (Still, a friend meeting him for the first time in the mid-nineties said, “That was . . . scary.”) He could disarm, too, by telling stories about himself, as when the Greek epigraphist Sterling Dow asked him to take a squeeze of (part of, I assume) the *Res Gestae* when Ramsay was to be in Ankara, and Ramsay did—but of the Latin, not the Greek, text. There remained, nonetheless, a minor stiffness in the face of modern culture. He is (to my knowledge) the only Roman historian to have his name written into an episode of “Miami Vice” (a birthday present from my brother, a screenwriter), but seemed rather bemused by it, and thought the show excessively violent—a serious response to a lighthearted tribute in an avowedly plebeian medium. He didn’t think much of musicals either, a low taste I confessed to only late in my graduate career, having passed an initial test by identifying Bach as my favorite classical composer on a (terrifying) five-hour car ride with him to my very first AAH at Penn State.

This lighthearted approach to a serious task—writing this obituary—is intended above all to introduce the membership of the AAH to a Ramsay MacMullen they might not have known from our annual convocations. One of the greatest of Roman historians, yes; benevolent and helpful to young scholars, yes; but also a serious and proud person one could subject to (very) gentle and cautious teasing. He is missed.

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Membership Information Form

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