

## A Welcome Note from CAAS President Mathias Hanses

Dear all,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States (CAAS). Enormous thanks are due to our Program Coordinator, Konstantinos P. Nikoloutsos, and the Program Committee; to CAAS Executive Director, Mary Brown; to CAAS Treasurer, Henry Bender; to the Awards Committee and its chair, Maria S. Marsilio; to the Clack Committee; to webmaster Jennifer C. Ranck; and to the many others who have worked hard in their respective parts of our organization to put together a stellar series of scholarly and social events.

Before I highlight some aspects of our meeting that are especially close to my own heart, let me remind you that the **elections for CAAS offices** close at 11:00pm PDT on Saturday, October 7. You should have received your electronic ballots, but if you encounter any problems, please contact Mary Brown at [mbrown@sju.edu](mailto:mbrown@sju.edu).

Among countless fascinating papers and gatherings, I especially look forward to the evening of Friday, October 6. At the dinner—commencing at 8pm in Woodlands AB at The Inn at Penn—CAAS will be presenting the **Barbara F. McManus Leadership Award** to **Prof. Shelley P. Haley**, an exceptional leader and the first Black woman to receive this honor in our organization's history. Prof. Maria S. Marsilio, Chair of the CAAS Awards Committee, will introduce the award, and Prof. Arti Mehta, CAAS Regional Director, District of Columbia, will read the citation. Then, **Prof. Yannis Hamilakis**, Joukowsky Family Professor of Archaeology and Professor of Modern Greek Studies at Brown University, will deliver the **Jerry Clack Memorial Lecture**, titled "A Monument of Modernity: Purification, Coloniality, and the (Re)Making of the Athenian Acropolis."

Please also do not miss the **Presidential Panel** on Saturday, October 7, at 2pm in Woodlands AB. Panelists Henry Bender (CAAS Treasurer), Talia Chicherio (ACL Delegate and CAAS Regional Director, Maryland), Arti Mehta (CAAS Regional Director, District of Columbia), and Dan-el Padilla Peralta (CAAS First Vice President) will be discussing "**The Future of CAAS**."

At our luncheons, you may enjoy the Latin *ovationes* presented to distinguished CAAS members W. Gerald Heverly (Friday) and Karin Suzadail (Saturday), and hear CAAS Treasurer Henry Bender's Financial Report at the Annual Business Session of the Corporation (Saturday).

Other than that, I would like to encourage you especially to support the panels featuring brand-new graduate and undergraduate research, to attend the panel on "Classics and Race" (organized by Profs. Elena Giusti and Jackie Murray), and to forgive me for my bias in spotlighting that my own home department at Penn State University has organized a panel on "Classics beyond Boundaries." Plus, of course, there are more excellent sounding papers on the program than I could possibly list here.

I greatly look forward to seeing all of you this weekend. Please don't hesitate to say hello in person!

Mathias Hanses, CAAS President, 2023