

Dear Ancient History Colleagues

We hope that you will have seen that Vols. 54, Part 2 (2011) and 56, Part 2 (2013), of the *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies*, have appeared as issues devoted entirely to Ancient History. The last three of us are delighted that Christy Constantakopoulou has agreed to join the editorial group, and repeat the principles on which we launched this experiment: that all articles published should aim to make an original contribution to a major problem of ancient history; and that ancient history should be understood as including Near Eastern, as well as Greek and Roman, history, so that the area covered would range from Iran to Britain, the period roughly from 1000 BC to AD 1000. We again expect to be closely involved, with others, in the process of refereeing contributions, whether offered or solicited, and to be particularly encouraging to younger scholars. The middle two of us should like to thank John North, as he demits office, for everything that he has done to make the experiment possible. We are now inviting contributions to the third issue, which should be sent to any of the first three of us not later than the **end of March 2015**.

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