



THE APOLLO SOCIETY

LEAVING A LEGACY
THE HELLENIC AND
ROMAN LIBRARY

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS The Hellenic and Roman Societies



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The Hellenic and Roman Societies, in collaboration with the University of London's Institute of Classical Studies (ICS), own and operate one of the world's great libraries for the study of Greco-Roman Antiquity. This extraordinary collection of materials has been built up over more than a century starting with the foundation of the Hellenic Society (1879) and the Roman Society (1910) who formed the 'Joint Library'. In 1953, the Societies collaborated with the newly-established ICS to create the 'Combined Library'. Today, located in London's Bloomsbury, this collection of over 140,000 volumes makes the Combined Library a central focus for much of the magnificent, cutting-edge research into the cultures of Greece and Rome generated in the UK and beyond, attracting a wide range of readers, from students to leading scholars from all over the world, school-teachers to authors and radio and television producers, and many who simply enjoy the richness of the Classical world.



We are now very pleased to have established a new long-term agreement with the University of London which provides a secure home for the Combined Library, but with higher costs. The Societies also established in 2014 a new charitable company, the Hellenic and Roman Library (HARL), in order to manage their participation in both the Joint and Combined Libraries, and to ensure long-term security. HARL is responsible for paying the Societies' proportion of the operating costs, which includes the cost of employing the librarians.

The aim of our fundraising is to build sufficient funds to enable HARL to maintain and enhance the Joint Library as part of a world-class research facility for future generations, to equip it to meet the challenges of research in the digital age and to adapt to future changes, and to provide scholarships for students and teachers to visit and benefit from the Library's collections.

Your support can help us to secure the future of the Joint Library and advance Classical scholarship, preserving the study of the past into the 21st century.

Professor Judith Mossman, *President, Hellenic Society*

Professor Catharine Edwards, *President, Roman Society*

ADVANCING CLASSICAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Role of the Societies

The formation of a library and the provision of facilities for study is just one of the Societies' objectives. The generation of world-class scholarship is advanced by the publication of the Societies' world-leading scholarly journals (the Journal of Hellenic Studies, the Journal of Roman Studies and Britannia), and the Roman Society also publishes an acclaimed monograph series specialising on the archaeology of Roman Britain. The promotion of this scholarship to the membership and wider public is achieved by way of an extensive programme of events, including conferences, lectures, museum and site visits; and grants to support research at all levels, including books for schools, bursaries for students, as well as major grants for important new research.

The Role of the ICS

The original vision of the ICS was to create a UK hub for classical research at Senate House in London. Today, the Institute's ambition remains to offer a meeting place for international scholars in London and to provide fellowships for outstanding researchers, as well as developing a significant commitment to digital classics.





Tom Holland

*Historian, Author,
Broadcaster*

'The Library has been absolutely fundamental to my career. Not only has it enabled me to take out pretty much every book on ancient history I've ever wanted to read; it has also enabled me to take out vast numbers of books I hadn't realised I wanted to read. I owe it more than I can say.'

Alice Marsh, MA Student, King's College London

'The ICS Library has been invaluable for the completion of my MA in Classical Art and Archaeology. The vast collection of books, journals and resources available, in particular The David Smith Mosaic Archive, has proved extremely useful for my research and completion of my MA dissertation.'



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Your bequest to the Hellenic and Roman Library (HARL)

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If you would like to contribute to the Hellenic and Roman Library's fundraising campaign by leaving

a bequest in your will, please complete the enclosed Legacy Response Form, and return it to the Secretary, HARL. On leaving a bequest to the Hellenic and Roman Library in your will, you will be invited to join the Apollo Society. Members will be invited to an annual reception, and to other special events.

You may wish to leave:

A SPECIFIC LEGACY

A specific sum or particular asset or assets from your estate;

A RESIDUARY LEGACY

All or a specified proportion of the residue of your estate after all expenses and other specific gifts have been settled;

A REVERSIONARY LEGACY

A gift of property or assets which will be passed to the Hellenic and Roman Library only after the life interest of another beneficiary has come to an end.

Tax: HARL has charitable status and is exempt from tax so any legacy you leave to the Hellenic and Roman Library is free of

Capital Gains Tax and Inheritance Tax. If you are a US taxpayer, please contact the Secretary for information on tax-efficient bequests.

If you are making a new will, or amending your existing will, it is simple to prepare one, but we advise you to consult a legal adviser. You may leave a bequest to the Hellenic and Roman Library using the following words: 'I give to the Hellenic and Roman Library (amount or nature of bequest) to be used for its general purposes'.

LEGACY RESPONSE

Response form



Leaving a legacy in your Will is a personal decision, but if you have decided to make a bequest to the Hellenic and Roman Library (HARL) and wish to tell us about it, we would value the opportunity to thank you during your lifetime.

MY INTENTIONS

- I have already remembered HARL in my Will.
- I intend to include HARL in my Will.
- I would like to discuss my legacy with you – please contact me.
- I would like more information about Planned Giving (US Residents only).

Please tick as appropriate

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- I would like to join the Apollo Society. Members will enjoy an annual reception, and receive invitations to special events.
- I would like my bequest to remain anonymous.

Please tick as appropriate

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Response form

Please complete the whole form using a ball point pen and send it to:

Secretary
The Hellenic & Roman Library
Senate House
Malet Street
London
WC1E 7HU

Tel: 020 7862 8727

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POSTCODE _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____



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