

SASA Working Group Goals

The fields of Ancient Studies consist of a wonderful, tight-knit community of scholars. Though they are spread out across the world, scholars see each other regularly at conferences and symposia held by the various learned societies and departments. However, this ivory tower has strict boundaries, imposed by the limited number of academic positions available and by the attitude that to be a “scholar” one must be directly part of an academic institution. Though we work to expand Ancient Studies fields, this model for the self-definition of the “community of scholars” and the attendant attitude of exclusivity must change. Ancient Studies can only truly grow beyond its current bounds when there is a home within this community for scholars who earn their livings in other occupations. SASA envisions a New Ancient Studies in which all are not only welcome, but also actively incorporated into the study of the deep past of all places and cultures. Any scholar of the Ancient World should have a place in and be able to contribute to the Ancient Studies scholarly community. Together we aim to pool our efforts and make real change.

To get more information or to join SASA's Working Group sign up [Here](#).
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PROJECTS

SASA Working Group on Independent Scholar Community Building. This Group meets bi-monthly, the main agenda for these meetings is to brainstorm and create events/resources in order to accomplish our goals. To join SASA's Working Group sign up [here](#).
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SASA's “Let's Get Published” Work-in-Progress Forum is a project of SASA's Working Group on Independent Scholar Community Building, which began in Fall 2021 as an outgrowth of the Roundtables from our first annual Virtual Conference. These monthly informal gatherings are for Ancient Studies Independent Scholars and other researchers and students to present their recent research for direct feedback from an audience of like-minded scholars and students, and for the audience to engage with current research. [RSVP Here](#)