

Co-chair (two positions open)

Arum Park (Associate Professor, University of Arizona)

I have been a Classicist for over two decades, but only in recent years have I realized, with the establishment of the AAACC, that my work in Classics is not and should not be separate from my Korean American identity. The life-affirming support of incredible communities like this one brought me through the worst days of the COVID-19 pandemic, which, as we know, presented unique difficulties specifically for people of Asian descent. I ran for the co-chair position in 2021 inspired by the vision of the AAACC's founders and am now seeking a second term to continue the work of boosting this community. Newly tenured and promoted, I am at a point in my career at which I have established (and continue to grow) a wide network and have attained a position of professional security that empowers me to serve the members of the AAACC even more so than before.

Chris Waldo (Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Seattle):

It has been an incredible honor for me to serve as both a President and a Co-Chair of the Asian and Asian American Classical Caucus. The AAACC has meant so much to me since we founded the organization in 2019. With the field of Classics and our entire world undergoing radical changes in the past few years, I believe that the AAACC has served a crucial role, building invaluable community and responding to recent crises. I sincerely hope that our members will deem me fit to continue in my current position. I am extremely excited about a number of our ongoing endeavors, including the launch of a book series with the University of Michigan Press, and I would really appreciate the opportunity to oversee the completion of these initiatives. If elected as Co-Chair, I would provide a measure of stability and continuity as the AAACC moves into this exciting new stage of its development as an organization.

Financial Officer (one position open)

Lorraine Abagatnan (Doctoral Student at the University of Michigan (IPAMAA)):

I want to run for the Financial Officer position because I have experience reviewing financial documents with an eye for detail and accuracy. For several years I was an executive officer for a 501c3 organization, the Filipino-American Association of North Puget Sound in Washington State. As a Secretary, Vice President, and President, monitoring and correcting financial documents was a key duty in these positions. I believe I can serve the AAACC in this way as well. In addition, I would find the work to be beneficial and worthwhile for myself.

Allie Pohler (PhD Candidate, University of Cincinnati):

The AAACC has connected me to mentors, sponsors, and friends, who constantly remind me—and, I think, the field at large—that our classrooms, conferences, and conversations are made all the better when we are deliberate about making space for ourselves and other marginalized groups within them. Through the AAACC I have found support in my professional and personal life—from practicing conference papers with my mentorship cohort to gathering in community with folks from all around the country in the wake of tragedy. I am running for the

position of financial officer so I can contribute to the creation of spaces that uplift AAPI voices and so I can help folks find a space where they feel that they belong, as the organization has done for me. Throughout my graduate and undergraduate careers, I have consistently held leadership roles in organizations that support the study of classics, including (but not limited to) a departmental DEI committee, GSA, mentorship programs, Eta Sigma Phi, and a Dean's advisory committee. I hope that I can bring energy, ideas, and community to the AAACC as your next financial officer!

Mentorship Coordinator (one position open)

Kate Meng Brassel (Fellow, American Academy in Rome):

I am eager to take up the role of Mentorship Coordinator, which has till now been admirably filled by Helen Wong. I would bring my three years' experience mentoring with Minds Matter of NYC (a program for low-income high schoolers from diverse backgrounds) as well as within the AAACC program. My own experience transitioning from working for five years in contingent roles towards a tenure track position gives me a sense of what support members will need at some crucial career stages. I will also welcome input and feedback from AAACC members, whether undergraduate or senior scholars, about the needs of the community. Beyond the important tasks of managing the day-to-day workings of the program and facilitating meaningful relationships, I'd like to make use of this academic year to explore how the AAACC membership as a coalition can continue to increase our involvement in working towards equity in education more broadly and to position the Mentorship program among the AAACC's tools for building enduring solidarity.

Outreach Officer (one position open)

Tori Lee (Postdoctoral Fellow, Boston University):

I'm running for Outreach Officer in order to continue to build and strengthen the AAACC community. I've served as Programming Officer for the past two years, so I am already familiar with how the organization is run and have built relationships with fellow officers. During this time, I've found I have more of a knack for social media and communications than for event planning (maybe it's my inner introvert showing itself!) I run the AAACC Mailchimp account and mailing list, and this year am co-organizer of our 2024 AIA/SCS panel, "Taking Stock: Stereotypes in the Ancient Mediterranean." Through my outreach efforts for the panel, we received 25 submissions, far more than any of our previous panels. I look forward to continuing to publicize AAACC in the Classics community, bringing with me 7+ years of social media experience in Classics: I ran the Twitter and Facebook pages for Eidolon Journal for five years, and I contribute content for pages for the SCS, the Sportula, and CripAntiquity. If elected, my priorities as Outreach Officer would be keeping the website up to date and informative by evaluating the needs of our membership; launching some new social media campaigns, including short Instagram interviews with members + officers so we can get to know one another better; and publicizing our upcoming AIA/SCS panel to ensure high attendance (despite our usual 8:30am timeslot!) and robust discussion. I look forward to helping our AAACC community continue to grow!

Programming Officer (one position open)

Ethan Ganesh Warren (University of Texas at Austin, AAACC Financial Officer):

I've been very active in AAACC for the past few years as the financial officer and believe I can do a good job transitioning to programming officer.

Secondary Education Liaison (one position open)

Annie Huynh (Saint Ignatius College Preparatory):

As a secondary education educator and a Classicist, I want to make Classics accessible, especially to my students. As someone who had the opportunity to take Latin in high school and have it change the course of my life, I want to create valuable opportunities for others. As an Asian American person, I have witnessed and experienced the issues with being a POC in this field but I have also learned that I have so much more to contribute than what I once believed. All these aspects of my life have shaped my life and have made me passionate about what I do. Being in this position means that I can continue to contribute to the Asian and Asian American Classics community in a meaningful way. I want to continue to encourage and foster a love of the Classics in young students who will be our Classicists of the future.