

News, Notes, and Queries

Call for Papers

**Pollution and Propriety:
Dirt, Disease, and Hygiene in Rome
from Antiquity to Modernity**
A two-day conference at the British
School at Rome,
Thursday 21 and Friday 22 June 2007

This interdisciplinary conference will examine the significance of pollution and cleanliness in the art, literature, philosophy, and material culture of the city of Rome from antiquity through to the twentieth century. Dirt, disease and pollution and the ways they are represented and policed have long been recognized by historians and anthropologists to occupy a central position in the formulation of cultural identity, and Rome holds a special status in the west as a city intimately associated with issues of purity, decay, ruin and renewal.

It is hoped that this conference will be of interest to scholars working in archaeology, cultural history, literature, art history, and the history of medicine. The conference will aim to develop themes in the history of the city of Rome,

as well as providing a context for examining general issues of pollution and purity. Papers should be original and should have not been previously published or delivered at a major conference. Abstracts of approximately 200 words should be submitted by 30 November 2006. Successful contributions may be considered for publication in a conference volume. Organisers: Dr Mark Bradley (Dept. of Classics), Prof. Richard Wrigley (Dept. Art History), University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK; mark.bradley@nottingham.ac.uk; richard.wrigley@nottingham.ac.uk; website: http://www.bsr.ac.uk/BSR/sub_news/extra/BSR_News_lectures_Papers03.htm

Jerry Stannard Memorial Award

The 2007 competition for the annual award in honour of the late Professor Jerry Stannard is open to graduate students and to recent recipients of a doctoral degree (PhD or an equivalent), conferred not more than five years before the competition deadline. The purpose of the award is to encourage research by young scholars in the pre-1700 history of materia medica, medicinal botany, pharmacy, folklore of drug

therapy, and the bibliography of these areas. In 2007 the award will be \$1000. Submissions should be received no later than 15 February 2007. For further information, please contact: The Stannard Award Committee, Attn: Professor Victor Bailey, Department of History, University of Kansas, Wescoe Hall, 1445 Jayhawk Blvd. Room 3001, Lawrence, KS 66045-7590, USA.