

COALITION OF ANCIENT STUDIES ORGANIZATIONS

Outreach & Advocacy Projects

Ancient Studies Teacher-Professor Exchange Program Supporting Excellent Teaching at All Levels

Ancient Studies, broadly conceived, is taught at multiple educational levels by teachers and professors with diverse educational backgrounds and standpoints. There is generally little communication between these many educators who aim to inspire students in the Ancient World and Ancient Studies. The Coalition of Ancient Studies Organizations (CASO), convened by Save Ancient Studies Alliance (SASA) in partnership with Society for Classical Studies (SCS) and Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), is working to bring these different educators in contact with one another in a productive, personal, and mutually beneficial fashion.

This project, *Ancient Studies Teacher-Professor Exchange Program*, establishes a network of teachers and professors from all educational levels and in all Ancient Studies fields that will create personal matches between teachers and professors. The goal of these pairings is to form a two-way exchange, where the partners work to make their teaching more exciting to students. Through a custom screening and matching process, based on areas of interest, educational approach, geographic location, and more, the Exchange Program will facilitate the introduction and development of relationships between teachers and professors in Ancient Studies fields. The meetings, either monthly or bi-monthly, and online or in person, will focus on topics of discussion at the discretion of the partners and revolving around

- teaching style and approach,
- best practices in teaching,
- how to best engage contemporary students in and out of the classroom, and
- how to support students' studies in Ancient Studies fields.

There are multiple additional benefits to all involved, including:

- Creating more continuity in the pipeline and development of Ancient Studies students
- Connecting K-12, community college teachers, and 4-year college professors
- Helping educators at all levels understand how to better engage students

By bringing together Ancient Studies educators in different fields and of different educational levels, CASO aims to build an integrated network of Ancient Studies educators and to foster the improvement of Ancient Studies teaching across the board and of the student experience in Ancient Studies. This will help transform the public perception of Ancient Studies into one of excited enthusiasm and powerful engagement with students.

To learn more about CASO, see the [webpage](#) on the SASA website.

