Dear ACL members,

With great pleasure and excitement, I announce that The Classical Outlook is now part of JSTOR!

The Purpose of JSTOR (as stated on their website) is the following:

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary sources. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico.

We collaborate with the academic community to achieve the following goals:

Help scholars, researchers, and students discover, use, and build upon a wide range of scholarly content on a dynamic platform that increases productivity and facilitates new forms of scholarship.

Help libraries connect patrons to vital content while increasing shelf-space savings and lowering costs.

Help publishers reach new audiences and preserve their scholarly content for future generations.

For additional details, you may go to this link: http://about.jstor.org/about

What does this mean for The Classical Outlook? For the first time our organization’s journal will be electronically accessible and archived. This includes current issues a year after publication of the print version as well as all past issues dating back to 1936, when CO was founded. (Latin Notes, its brief predecessor is also available.)

This means that the exciting material contained in the journal’s past will be available at your fingertips! Look at the first issue. I think you will become quickly engrossed in its pages, getting to know, among other things, the matters of classics pedagogy that recur over time and the classics
professionals who have preceded us. It is fitting that we will now have access to our journal’s history as we start planning for ACL’s centennial celebration.

What does this mean for you, as a member of ACL? ACL has decided to provide all ACL members with JSTOR access to CO. This means that even if you do not have JSTOR access through your library, you will have JSTOR access to CO as a member of ACL. This will be a new benefit of ACL membership, coinciding with the membership year, Sept 1-Aug 31. JSTOR provides this member access option to publishers, like ACL, at a very reasonable cost and ACL decided, much to my pleasure, to take advantage of this option. Once our membership list is shared with JSTOR, you will receive a code from JSTOR to allow you access.

I hope that you will encourage the libraries at the institutions where you teach to subscribe to CO through JSTOR. Of course, print subscriptions to CO are still available for libraries, but that only provides access to issues starting with the time the subscription is begun. It also requires reading the journal in the library. I have seen the current list of JSTOR institutional subscribers (over 4000!) to the Collection that now includes CO and some of your institutions may already subscribe. You may be interested to know that JSTOR’s free access program includes any institution in Africa and in most of the developing nations, so institutions in those areas now have free access to our journal.

When you speak with your librarian, please ask him or her to request licensing for the Arts & Sciences XV Collection. You can use this link to share further information with your librarian. While you as an individual will have JSTOR access to CO as an ACL member, your library subscribing will provide access to your students and any other library patrons as well. Our presence in JSTOR will provide a small revenue stream to ACL, so encouraging people to license this Collection and to access material in it will benefit our organization financially as well as intellectually.

We are also taking advantage of JSTOR’s Publisher Sales Service. We periodically get requests for past individual articles or issues from those who are not CO subscribers and the ACL office fulfills these requests at a nominal cost. We will now be able to have JSTOR perform this function for us (a nice saving of office time) and 100% of the proceeds will still go to ACL.

As Editor, I am delighted that now, when I approach people about our journal, including those who might want to submit articles, book reviews, and poetry for consideration, I can inform them that their work will be archived, accessible to a wide readership over time, and easily citable by scholars. CO contributors want their work to be read widely and to be preserved for future generations of classicists. Now we can guarantee that.

I hope you all share my enthusiasm about this next exciting step in the history of The Classical Outlook, our journal.

Yours,

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