AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
FISCAL YEAR 2020

There have been some exciting changes at the ANS this year. We began with a new Executive Director, made huge improvements to our databases, moved online with lectures, and much more …

Dr. Jesse Kraft hired as new Assistant Curator of the Coins and Currency of the Americas

Dr. Kraft finished his PhD in American Studies at the University of Delaware earlier this year where he wrote a dissertation entitled *The Circulation of Foreign Coinage: An American Response, ca. 1750–1857*, and where he obtained a certificate in Museum Studies. In his earlier studies at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, he wrote an MA thesis on the circulation of Spanish-American silver in Scotland, and a BA thesis on the transition from the large to small US cent in 1840–1857. In 2017 he was a student in the Eric P. Newman Graduate Summer Seminar in Numismatics.

Since joining the ANS curatorial team, he has cataloged one ton's worth of MACO material—nearly every medal, plaque, belt buckle, and key fob that MACO produced from 1907 to 1980! He gave an online “Money Talks,” *Currency with Consequences: Circulating Counterfeits in the United States*, and was feautured in the premiere episode of ANS Podcast, *The Planchet*, speaking on how American used foreign coins before the Coinage Act of 1857.

Along with the *ANS Magazine* and the *Journal of Early American Numismatics*, the ANS presses have been hot! With even more to come by the end of the year. We have already published:

- **October 2019** *The Nablus 1968 Hoard: A Study of Monetary Circulation in the Late Fourth and Early Third Centuries BCE Southern Levant* (Numismatic Notes and Monographs 171) by Haim Gitler and Oren Tal with contributions by Arnold Spaer, Sylvia Hurter, Dana Ashkenazi, and Adin Stern
- **November 2019** *Connections, Communities, and Coinage: The System of Coin Production in Southern Asia Minor, AD 218–276* (Numismatic Studies 39) by George Watson
- **November 2019** *Jacques Wiener’s Most Remarkable Edifices of Europe: The Man, Monuments, and Medals* (Studies in Medalliac Art 4) by Michael Ross
- **February 2020** *Old Regime France and its Jetons: Pointillist History and Numismatics* (Numismatic Studies 41) by James E. McClellan III
- **May 2020** *Hidden Power: Late Cistophoric Production and the Organization of Provincia Asia* (128–89 BCE) (Numismatic Studies 42) by Lucia Francesca Carbone
The American Numismatic Society Online

“Money Talks” have been adapted for the pandemic response and are now available online, making this lecture series available to members around the US and the world for the first time. So far, members have participated from 12 counties outside the US. Recorded videos of these talks are also available on the ANS YouTube channel.

The ANS has been publishing a blog, Pocket Change, since 2015. It features stories from the lighter side of numismatics in which our curators and staff write about everything from judging a medallic arts competition to in-depth research essays excerpted from other ANS publications. Since February we have been posting regularly—keep an eye out for new posts weekly.

We also launched a new series, Long Table, which virtually brings together staff and members to discuss a different topic each week. Each Long Table focuses on a certain topic, featuring a short introduction followed by an informal Q&A period. These sessions are not recorded, but offer members an opportunity to chat with curators and each other.

Celebrating a Century of the J. Sanford Saltus Award

In 2019 we celebrated the centennial year of the Sanford Saltus Award for Signal Achievement in the Art of the Medal. One medal from each previous winner was put on display. Saltus Committee Chairman Donald Scarinci gave a talk looking at 100 years of the award—now available on YouTube. The winner of the 2019 award was Mashiko who then commemorated this anniversary with a new medal entitled the 100th J. Sanford Saltus Award Mashiko. This medal is now on display as a part of the Shallow Relief exhibit at her gallery, Medalia.

The ANS Launches a Podcast

Hosted by our Publications Director Andrew Reinhard, each episode of The Planchet is a conversation with numismatists covering a range of topics. The first two episodes feature Dr. Jesse Kraft on how Americans spent foreign currency before the Coinage Act of 1857 and Dr. Lucia Carbone and Dr. Katie Cupello on Marc Antony and his program of coinage in the Roman East. Subscribe and hear a new episode each month. The Planchet is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Important Updates to Online Research Databases

On top of hugely important updates to PELLA and Ptolemaic Coins Online, the ANS has launched a new database as a component of the National Endowment for the Humanities-funded Hellenistic Royal Coinages: CoinHoards.org. This innovative research resource provides information on 2,387 hoards of coins produced by Greeks and other non-Roman peoples between ca. 650 and 30 BCE. Online Coins of the Roman Empire (OCRE) is also getting an update as new research on the coinage of Hadrian necessitates an extensive upgrade.