MIDDLE EAST TEXTS OF THE ACHAEMENID EMPIRE TRANSLATED
Numerous ancient texts from the Middle East were recently translated, including a stele depicting King Nebuchadnezzar II standing beside a ziggurat he built at Babylon. The stele represents one of only four known depictions of Nebuchadnezzar II. For more information, including the translated inscription on the stele, visit: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4572454

Viking Silver Hoard Discovered in Lancashire Field
Medal detecting enthusiast Darren Webster discovered a lead container holding a Viking silver hoard of 201 silver objects, including 27 coins, ten arm-rings, six brooch fragments, two finger rings, a fine wire braid, 14 ingots, an 141 fragments of hacksilver, used for bartering. Among the collection was a coin inscribed with Airedeconut, thought to refer to Harthacnut, a previously unrecorded Viking king of the 10th Century. For more information, visit: http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/metal-detector-forager-discovers-viking-hoard-of-silver-in-lancashire-field/story-e6frg6so-1226222722333

Bronze Age Burial Chamber Discovered in Aleppo
An oval shaped Bronze Age tomb was discovered in Aleppo, Sana, carved out of limestone. Within the tomb were the remains of 8 skeletons of different ages, mostly crouching with their heads facing the north. Funerary artifacts included dishes, cups, spear tips, a hammer, a bull shaped figurine and jewelry. For more information, visit: http://www.sana.sy/eng/35/2011/12/27/390924.htm

Dead Sea Scrolls Going Digital
The Israeli Antiquity Authorities and Google are collaborating to publish the Dead Sea Scrolls online. The images will be placed online in a searchable database complemented by translation and other scholarly tools. For more information, visit: http://news.discovery.com/tech/dead-sea-scrolls-digital.html

Announcements:
With the change of semesters, we need to determine a new date and time to hold our meetings. Once schedules become more solidified, please go to our Facebook page and tell us what will be most convenient for you.

Lectures:
Donald Mastronarde will be giving a lecture on “Toward a New Edition of the Scholia on Euripides” on January 13, time and place TBA.

The FSU-UF Graduate Colloquium will be holding their 4th annual meeting on January 21, from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM in the Claude Pepper Center.

We will be hosting the AIA lecture by Susan Rotroff, “The Unsolved Mysteries of the Agora Bone Well”, on January 31, at 8:00, place TBA.

Featured Students:
Congratulations to Dr. de Grummond, Dr. Fulker-son, Dr. Pullen, Dr. Slaveva-Griffin, Stephen Collins-Elliot, Ann Glennie, Kyle Jawza and Joe Vansuch, who will all be presenting at the annual AIA/APA Meeting in January.