

Preface

This volume has its origin in a two-day conference held at the University of Manchester in June 2018, the Annual Meeting of Postgraduates in Ancient Literatures, which brought together 200 postgraduate students, presenting topics on a wide range of ancient literatures. The papers presented over the course of the conference provided a great deal of discussion and inspiration, the spirit of which we hope to have captured with the wide range of papers compiled in this volume, many of which began life in the conference.

The papers collected here deliberately cover a wide range of approaches and texts, and a wide span of time; the volume also brings together a fittingly wide range of viewpoints from international authors at various stages of their academic lives. The chapters are loosely grouped by approach and will benefit from being read not only independently but in dialogue with other chapters. It is our hope that the reader will find and enjoy the many threads running through their pages – an exercise in memory itself.

This volume benefits not only from the productive atmosphere of ANPAL 2018, but also from what Gaius Julius Solinus termed the 'memory box', a tradition of sharing the threads of memory and forgetting which were woven through Graeco-Roman literature and culture. The papers presented here showcase a range of approaches building on this scholarly tradition; we hope that the reader finds these discussions thought-provoking and may inspire and prompt more work in the future.

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