

Richard J.A. **TALBERT** was born in England in 1947. He was a scholar of The King's School, Canterbury, and of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he gained a Classics 'Double First' (1968) and a PhD (1972) which was the basis of his *Timoleon and the Revival of Greek Sicily* (Cambridge, 1974; reissued 2006). After he moved to teach ancient history at Queen's University, Belfast (1970), his research extended into Roman history and to a landmark study *The Senate of Imperial Rome* (Princeton, 1984; reissued 2008), which won the American Philological Association's Goodwin Award of Merit. He also edited a basic *Atlas of Classical History* (Routledge, 1985), and served as Senior Adviser of Studies in Arts and as Assistant Dean of Theology. He was Herodotus Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, for 1978-79. In 1985 he was appointed Professor of History at McMaster University (Canada), and was department chair before moving in 1988 to his present position as William Rand Kenan, Jr., Professor of History and Adjunct Professor of Classics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Talbert's current research focuses primarily on Greek and Roman worldview, travel, and mapping. A commission by APA in 1988 to create a comprehensive classical atlas – the first in over a century – resulted in the *Barrington Atlas of the Greek and Roman World* (Princeton, 2000), for which he recruited almost 200 scholars and raised over \$4.5 million. The establishment of Chapel Hill's Ancient World Mapping Center followed <[www.unc.edu/awmc](http://www.unc.edu/awmc)>. Talbert led the Center's initiatives to secure National Endowment for the Humanities support for 'Pleiades' (an ongoing web-based collaborative system to update the atlas), and to produce seven *Wall Maps for the Ancient World* (Routledge, 2011). Volumes he has co-edited include *Space in the Roman World: Its Perception and Presentation* (2004); *Oxford Companion to World Exploration* (2007); *Cartography in Antiquity and the Middle Ages: Fresh Perspectives, New Methods* (Brill, 2008); *Geography and Ethnography: Perceptions of the World in Pre-Modern Societies* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010); *Highways, Byways and Road Systems in the Pre-Modern World* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012). His major study *Rome's World: The Peutinger Map Reconsidered* was published by Cambridge U.P. in 2010 (website: [www.cambridge.org/9780521764803](http://www.cambridge.org/9780521764803)).

Talbert takes the lead in co-editing the UNC Press series *Studies in the History of Greece and Rome*. His Penguin *Plutarch on Sparta* (1988) was expanded in 2005. A joint work with M. Boatwright and D. Gargola, *The Romans: From Village to Empire*, appeared from Oxford in 2004 (expanded 2nd edition 2012), abridged as *A Brief History of the Romans* (2006). Since 2000 Talbert has been the *American Journal of Philology's* Associate Editor for Ancient History, and co-edited with D. Potter its 2011 special issue *Classical Courts and Courtiers*. He has served on the Council of the Classical Association of Canada, and was President of the Association of Ancient Historians (1999-2002). He was awarded APA's Medal for Distinguished Service in 1999. He was Resident professor at the American Academy in Rome (1991), and currently chairs the Advisory Council to its School of Classical Studies. He taught at the University of Alabama in Huntsville as Eminent Scholar in the Humanities (spring 1993), and has been Visiting Professor of Classics at Princeton University (spring 1997). He directed a NEH Institute on the early Roman empire (Chapel Hill, 1991), and co-directed (with M. Maas) three NEH Seminars at the American Academy in Rome (2000, 2006, 2012). He conducted a Masterclass for the Netherlands National Research Council in 2007. Now in press is the edited volume *Ancient Perspectives: Maps and their Place in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome* (Chicago U.P.). With F. Naiden he is editing the *Oxford Handbook of Communications in the Classical World*, and an *AJP* special issue (2014) *Moses Finley in America: The Making of an Ancient Historian*. With G. Parker he is writing *Travel in the Roman Mind*.

Richard Talbert has held a Guggenheim Fellowship, an American Council of Learned Societies Senior Fellowship, a Harley Research Fellowship, and a Goheen Fellowship at the National Humanities Center. Cambridge conferred on him its Doctorate of Letters (Litt.D., 2003), and he has been elected a Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute (DAI, 2005). In 2011/12 he was the Archaeological Institute of America's Martha Sharp Joukowsky Lecturer, and Directeur d'études invité at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris. In 2012/13 he is the inaugural Suzanne Deal Booth

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