

Thomas R. Elliott, Ph.D.: Director, Pleiades Project (thomase@email.unc.edu)

Tom Elliott (b. 21 Oct 1967, Wichita, Kansas, U.S.A.) entered Duke University (Durham, North Carolina; 1985-89) on a 4-year U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship. He graduated, *cum laude*, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Computer Science and a second major in Classical Studies. E. then served as a Communications and Computer Systems Officer, U.S. Air Force (Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana; 1989-92), with successive posts as Chief of Communications Maintenance and Operations, and Base Closure Planning Officer. Upon separation, E. received the Meritorious Service Medal and was promoted to Captain in the Inactive Reserve. As a computer scientist for AEGIS Research Corporation (Huntsville, Alabama; 1992-95), E. led the development of the primary engineering and training simulator for the U.S. Army's Avenger Weapons System.

A prestigious Morehead Fellowship facilitated E.'s entry into the graduate ancient history program at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill; 1995). As a graduate research assistant for the Classical Atlas Project (www.unc.edu/depts/cl_atlas; 1998-2000), E. prepared the alphabetical gazetteer and assisted with the *Map-by-Map Directory* for the *Barrington Atlas of the Greek and Roman World* (R. Talbert, ed., Princeton, 2000). He also founded the international EpiDoc Collaborative (epidoc.sf.net), which develops standards for the digital encoding of Greek and Latin epigraphical texts. In Aug 2000, he was appointed Founding Director of the Ancient World Mapping Center (www.unc.edu/awmc). As Director, he supervised all aspects of the Center's activities, including a successful proposal to the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities that secured startup funding for the Pleiades Project: an on-line workspace for ancient geography (icon.stoa.org/trac/pleiades). In Feb 2006, E. stepped down as Center director to assume full-time leadership of Pleiades.

Select Publications and Papers:

"Pleiades: Beyond the Barrington Atlas," *London Ancient History Seminar*, Senate House, Univ. of London, 26 Oct 2006.

"New Classroom Maps for Ancient Geography," Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Madison, Wisconsin, 31 Mar 2005. Publication forthcoming in a volume of the *Occasional Papers* of the Committee on Ancient History of the American Philological Association (2007).

"Bringing an Ancient Map of the Roman World into Modern GIS: Cartographic and Historical Perspectives Revealed," with R. Talbert, *History and Geography: Assessing the Role of Geographical Information in Historical Scholarship*, The Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography, The Newberry Library, Chicago, 25-27 Mar 2004. Publication forthcoming in a volume edited by A. Knowles for ESRI Press (2007).

Numerous original map designs and digital map production for publication in monographs, journal articles, and educational games under the auspices of Classical Atlas Project and AWMC, 1999-2005 (www.unc.edu/awmc/mapsforstudents.html).

Epigraphic Evidence for Boundary Disputes in the Early Roman Empire, Ph.D. Dissertation (History), Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2004.

"The EpiDoc Aphrodisias Project," with G. Bodard, *12th International Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy*, Barcelona, 3-8 September 2002.

Book Chapter: "Mapping the Ancient World" with R. Talbert in A. Knowles (ed.), *Past Time, Past Place: GIS for History*, ESRI Press, 2002; ISBN: 1589480325.

"Pleiades: Toward a Secure, Public, and Collaborative Workspace for Ancient Geography," Invited lecture at the Center for Computational Science, University of Kentucky, February 2001.

"Interactive Ancient Mediterranean Project" *Classical Association of the Midwest and South, Southern Section*, Waco, TX, October 1998 and *APA/AIA Joint Meetings*, Washington, DC, December 1998.

"Abbreviations in Latin Inscriptions," American Society of Greek and Latin Epigraphy (ASGLE) (asgle.classics.unc.edu/abbrev/latin), 1998.

Diocletianic Census Inscriptions from the Aegean Islands and Asia Minor, M.A. Thesis (History), Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1997.