

SPHS Report – Individual Grant 2022

Report on the research activity of Edward Armstrong, PhD candidate at the University of St Andrews, in Athens, Greece.

In August 2022, I undertook a research trip to Athens, Greece, toward which the Hellenic Society generously contributed. The purpose of the trip was to research the physical space of the Athenian Pnyx and view an altar dedicated to Apollo Pythios by Peisistratos the younger (IG I³ 948), the inscription of which is quoted by Thucydides (Thuc. 6.54). In Athens, I had the chance to visit both the Pnyx site and the Epigraphic Museum of Athens, as planned, and make notes on the spatial dynamics of the site as well as the altar.

While in Athens I was able to visit the Acropolis – which is useful for broader research I am conducting for a paper on ancient Greek religion. In addition, I was afforded time to visit the National Archaeological Museum in Athens and the sites of the ancient agora and cemetery – all of which have proven useful for the development of my current research on rhetoric in the Classical period. Due to this grant, I was also able to visit the Finnish Institute in Athens and meet with the Assistant Director, Antti Lampinen, to see its resources and discuss the research activities of the institute.

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