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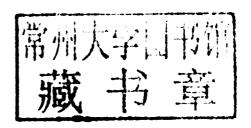
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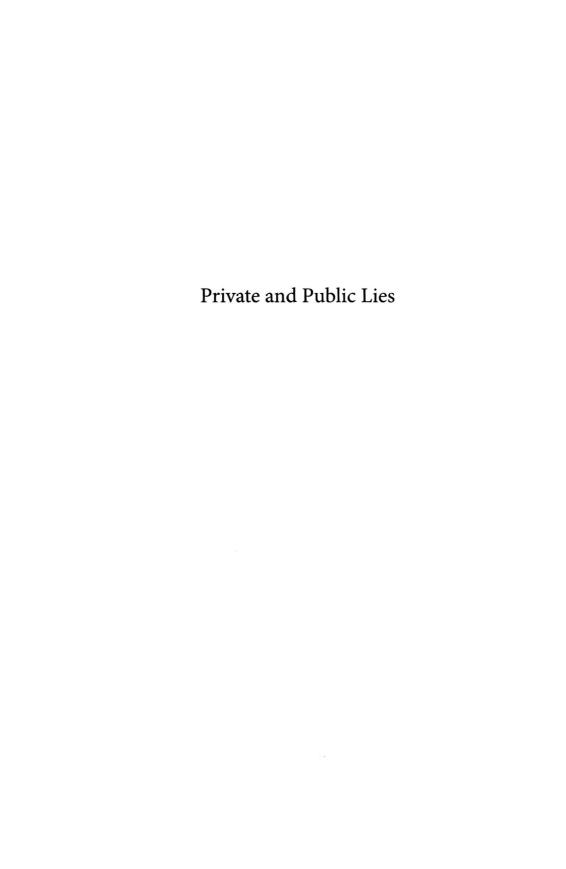
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This collection is dedicated to

CHARLES ANTHONY TESORIERO (1973–2005)

o saeuae nimium grauesque Parcae! o numquam data longa fata summis! cur plus, ardua, casibus patetis? cur saeua uice magna non senescent?

(Statius Siluae 2.7.89-92)

and to

RONALD THOMAS RIDLEY

"In my opinion, then, let the historian be this sort of man: fearless, unbribeable, free, a friend of free speech and the truth; intent (as the comic poet says) on calling a fig a fig and a trough a trough; neither through hatred nor friendship dealing out anything or sparing anything or showing pity or shame or timidity; an impartial judge, well-disposed to all persons up to the point of not giving one side more than its due; in his books a stranger and a man without a city, independent, subject to no sovereign; not reckoning what this or that man will think, but stating what has been done."

(Lucian How To Write History 41)

PREFACE

We are grateful to the editorial board of the international network Impact of Empire for allowing us to publish as part of their series this collection, which represents the proceedings of the conference 'Private and Public Lies: The Discourse of Despotism and Deceit in the Ancient World', held at The University of Melbourne from 7–10 July 2008. As we explain below, the conference was originally conceived of as one dealing with mainly literary issues, but due to a series of events eventually came to include a substantial contribution from a group of ancient historians whose work intersects on many levels with the fundamental interests of the Impact of Empire network. We hope that the resultant mixture of papers published here, some purely literary in focus, and others historical, will complement each other, and provide an accurate reflection of the dynamics of the conference, which participants later described as a great success.

The initial research for this collection was supported under the Australian Research Council's Discovery Projects funding scheme, for a project entitled 'Public and Private Lies: Retelling the clash of duty, power and sexual indulgence in the Roman imperial court' (project number DP0556420), awarded to James H. Kim On Chong-Gossard and Andrew Turner at The University of Melbourne (Turner was the recipient of an Australian Post Doctoral Fellowship under this grant), and Charles Tesoriero at The University of New England. The original plan was to look at the works of Tacitus, Juvenal, and Suetonius, whose accounts of the first-century Roman imperial court depicted the deleterious effect of private acts on public conduct, and to explore how these authors' interests were characteristic of their own generation rather than those described by their texts. The project would examine the interrelationship of private acts and public conduct during the height of the Roman Empire, and how personal morality was perceived to affect capability to govern. As part of their application, the researchers planned to host an international conference in June or July 2007 on the campus of The University of New England in rural New South Wales.

But Fate, ever revolving, had different plans. Tragically, Charles Tesoriero died in August 2005 at the age of 32. The conference proposal was then stalled until June 2006, when Frederik Vervaet, of Ghent University

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in Belgium, travelled to Australia to interview for a position as Lecturer in the School of Historical Studies at The University of Melbourne. Vervaet was subsequently recruited by Chong-Gossard and Turner to assist in organizing the conference, and proved an invaluable replacement for Charles. He was a major figure in convincing so many prominent international scholars to attend, and contributed substantially to the final form of this volume by suggesting that political deceit should become a principal theme in the conference.

With regard to the conference, we have many donors to thank, without whose support it could not have been such a success. The Classical Association of Victoria, the Ian Potter Foundation, and the Australasian Society for Classical Studies all provided funding which enabled our overseas visitors to attend, including subsidising airfares for our keynote speakers. Particular thanks go to Mr Peter Mountford and members of the Savage Club in Melbourne, for their generous subventions. Mr Ian Renard, then Chancellor of The University of Melbourne, who has always been a keen supporter of the Classics, officially opened the conference on behalf of the University. The provision of venues was facilitated by Professor Warren Bebbington, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of The University of Melbourne; our thanks are also due to the School of Botany, especially their building supervisor, for their hospitality whilst we utilized their space for our many lectures. We are greatly indebted to the School of Historical Studies at The University of Melbourne for providing material and secretarial support throughout, with thanks to Gabrielle Murphy, then the School's Executive Officer. Particular gratitude goes to Kevin March, then the School's Marketing Officer, who designed the conference programme. We also had substantial support from postgraduate volunteers throughout, including Sarah Davidson, Sarah Midford, James O'Maley, Miriam Riverlea, and Sonya Wurster.

All chapters presented in this volume were developed from papers given at the conference, with the exception of that by Professor Bleckmann, who had planned to attend and was only forced to cancel his journey at a late juncture; we are most grateful that he nevertheless agreed to submit. Charles' student from The University of New England, Thomas Atkinson, was able to assist us at many stages as a research assistant, and his contribution is gratefully acknowledged here. Michael Crennan of The University of Melbourne has also helped us greatly with reading over the papers and preparing material for the introduction, while Christopher Dart assisted us by providing biographical material. The editors for Brill, Caroline van Erp and Birgitta Poelmans, have also been of enor-

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mous help, and we would like to thank them here for guiding us through the various procedures and facilitating publication. The editorial board of the Impact of Empire network arranged for all chapters to be anonymously peer-reviewed by two assessors.

This collection of proceedings has two dedicatees. The first is Charles Tesoriero, our original colleague in this project, who had already established a considerable reputation as a researcher into Lucan at the time of his death. Even before we joined forces with him, one of his more memorable achievements at The University of New England had been to organise an international conference on Ancient Magic entitled 'Hecate at the Crossroads' in 2001. His will left bequests of almost one million dollars to The University of New England and The University of Sydney, and a Latin literature conference ('Roman Byways') was held in his honour in Sydney in December 2007. 2010 saw the publication of a major contribution to Lucan scholarship which Charles had envisaged and largely set in train, the edited collection of influential essays in Oxford Readings in Classical Scholarship: Lucan, published by Oxford University Press. Charles' vivacious personality and passion for the passionate literature of antiquity will be sorely missed.

The other dedicatee of this collection of proceedings is Professor Emeritus Ronald T. Ridley, who has been a teacher and supervisor at The University of Melbourne for over forty years. He is well known within Australia and abroad for the commitment and genuine care he has shown for the needs of his students over many years. Professor Ridley is one of the last true universalist scholars; his numerous articles and chapters span early Dynastic Egypt, classical Greece, the late Roman Republic, late antiquity, the history of archaeology, and historiography. This incredible breadth of knowledge is in evidence in his contribution to this volume. Major books to date include a translation and commentary of Zosimus' New History (1982), Gibbon's complement: Louis de Beaufort (1986), History of Rome: A documented analysis (1987), a study of archaeology in the Napoleonic era, The Eagle and the Spade (1992), and his work on the Res Gestae of the emperor Augustus, The Emperor's Retrospect (2003). Forthcoming books include major works on travellers to Rome from the Renaissance to 1900 and a new assessment of Akhenaten. Professor Ridley is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquities (London), Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (London), Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities, and Fellow of the Pontifical Academy of Roman Archaeology (Roma).

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ABBREVIATIONS

Names of classical authors and their works cited in this volume have been abbreviated in accordance with abbreviations found in the *Oxford Latin Dictionary*, the *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*, and H.G. Liddell and R. Scott, *A Greek-English Lexicon*. Other abbreviations used are as follows:

- BNP Brill's Encyclopaedia of the Ancient World: New Pauly. Leiden 2002-.
- CAH Cambridge Ancient History, 2nd edition (Vols. 3-14). Cambridge 1982-.
- CCSL Corpus christianorum. Series latina. Turnholt 1953-.
- CID Corpus des inscriptions de Delphes, vol. 2 Les comptes du quatrième et du troisième siècle (ed. Jean Bousquet). École française d'Athènes: Paris: de Boccard. 1989.
- FGrH F. Jacoby, Fragmente der griechischen Historiker. Leiden 1957.
- IG Inscriptiones Graecae. Berlin 1903-.
- ILS H. Dessau, *Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae*. Berlin: Weidmann. 1892–1916.
- LCL Loeb Classical Library
- OCD *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 3rd edition revised. Eds. Simon Hornblower and Antony Spawforth. Oxford 2003.
- OLD Oxford Latin Dictionary. Ed. P.G.W. Glare. Oxford 1982.
- PIR Prosopographia imperii Romani. Saec. I. II. III. 2nd edition. Berlin-Leipzig 1933-.
- PO Patrologia orientalis. 1904-.
- RAC Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum. Stuttgart. 1941-.
- RE A.F. Pauly, G. Wissowa, and W. Kroll. Realencyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft. Munich 1894–1980.
- RIC C.H.V. Sutherland, *The Roman Imperial Coinage*. Vol. 1: From 31 BC to AD 69. 2nd edn. London: Spink and Son. 1984.
- RRC M.H. Crawford, *Roman Republican Coinage*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 1974.

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