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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Roman history, especially cultural and intellectual history; religion in the Roman world, including Second Temple and rabbinic Judaism and early Christianity; Latin Epigraphy.

EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. From July 2016.

Assistant Professor of Classics

Participating Faculty, Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. From August 2012 to June 2016

Assistant Professor of Classics, 2013 to present.

Visiting Scholar, 2012 – 2013.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. 2013.

PhD Ancient History.

Dissertation: *The Books of Numa: Writing, Tradition and the Making of Roman Religion*

Committee: Emma Dench (Chair), Kathleen Coleman, Caroline Humfress.

Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland. 2007.

BA (Hons) Classics.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Legible Religion: Books, Gods and Rituals in Roman Culture. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. 2016.

Articles and Notes

“*Invitus Invitam*: A window allusion in Suetonius’ *Titus*” *Classical Quarterly* 65.1 (2015): 415-418.

Book Chapters

“*Diligentissimus investigator antiquitatis? 'Antiquarianism' and historical evidence between Republican Rome and the early modern Republic of Letters,*” Forthcoming in *Historical Evidence and Historiography in Republican Rome*, edited by Christopher Smith and Kaj Sandberg, in peer-reviewed *Historia Einzelschriften* series.

“The Laws of the Rites and of the Priests’: Varro and late Republican Roman Sacral Jurisprudence,” Submitted for collective volume on Varro and late Republican Intellectual Life, edited by Valentina Arena and Fiachra MacGoraín, in peer-reviewed *Bulletin of Institute of Classical Studies*.

“Mercury and Materialism: Images of Mercury and the Shops of Pompeii,” Submitted for collective volume on Hermes/Mercury to be published by Oxford University Press, edited by John Miller/Jenny Strauss Clay.

Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

“Review: Jörg Rüpke, *Religion in Republican Rome: Rationalization and Ritual Change*” *American Journal of Philology* 134.3 (2013): 510-514.

“Review: Gallia, A.B. *Remembering the Roman Republic: culture, politics and history under the Principate*” *Mnemosyne* 66.2 (2013): 353-356.

“Sulpicia, Augustan poet,” “Sulpicia, Flavian poet,” “T. Vestricius Spurinna” and “Cornelius Fuscus” for *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, eds. R. Bagnall, K. Brodersen, C. Champion, A. Erskine and S. Huebner (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).

“Review: James H. Richardson and Federico Santangelo (eds.), *Priests and State in the Roman World*” *Journal of Religion in Europe* 5.4 (2012): 528-530.

RECENT PAPERS DELIVERED (last 5 years only)

(* = invited lectures)

“Late Antique Roman Antiquarianism: History of Silence or the Silence of History?”

Finding the Present in the Distant Past: The Cultural Meaning of Antiquarianism in Late Antiquity, Ghent University, May, 2016.

*“Books and the Invention of a Roman Religion.”

Invited Speaker. Department of Classics and World Religions, Ohio University, November, 2015.

“A Curse on the Council (CIL 11.4639): witchcraft and writing in Imperial Italy.”

Association of Ancient Historians Meeting, Santa Barbara, CA, May 2015.

*“Paper Pagans: Tertullian and Augustine read Varro.”

Workshop on Varro’s Antiquitates, University College London, January 2015.

“Mercury and Materialism: Images of Mercury on the Shop Facades of Pompeii.”

Tracking Hermes/Mercury, University of Virginia, March 2014.

“*Diligentissimus investigator antiquitatis?* Rethinking 'antiquarianism' and historical evidence in Republican Rome.”

Omnium annalium monumenta: Historical Evidence and Historical Writing in Republican Rome, Institutum Romanum Finlandiae and the British School at Rome, October 2013.

“Catullus the Antiquarian: Catullus 17 and Late Republican Antiquarian Discourse.”

American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 2012.

*“Varro, Antiquarianism and the Making of Roman Religion.”

Historiography and Antiquarianism. University of Sydney, Australia, August 2011.

“The Secret Name of Rome: Religious Definitions of the Roman Community.”

Classical Association of Canada Annual Meeting, Halifax, NS, May 2011.

RECENT FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Semple Summer Fellowship, University of Cincinnati	2014, 2015
Mellon/American Council for Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2012-2013
Graduate Fellowship, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (declined)	2012-2013
Anna Marnoy Feldberg Financial Aid Fund, Center of Jewish Studies, Harvard University	2011
Research Scholarship, Fondation Hardt, Geneva, Switzerland	2011
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Merit Fellowship, Harvard University	2011

TEACHING

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Classics (2016-)

Undergraduate teaching:

Classical Mythology

Latin 100: Republican prose

Graduate teaching:

Polytheism in Rome (seminar)

University of Cincinnati, Department of Classics (2013-2016)

Undergraduate teaching:

Greek History (Lecture class, taught twice)
Roman History (Lecture class, taught three times)
Roman Historiography: Livy (Advanced Latin class)

Graduate teaching:

Roman Historical Problems (Graduate survey, taught twice)
Roman Historical Documents (Epigraphy and legal texts introduction)
Religion in Republican Rome (seminar)
Augustine's Rome (seminar)

Harvard University, Department of the Classics (2009-2012)

Instructor:

Greek: Grammar Review and Reading (Antiphon and Thucydides)
Classics Junior Seminar: Egypt in the Greco-Roman World
Latin: Beginning Latin
Graduate Student supervision (for Greek language exams)

Teaching Fellow:

Roman Culture and Civilization
General Education: Institutional Violence and Public Spectacle: the case of the Roman Games
General Education: Rome of Augustus

THESIS SUPERVISION

Doctoral

University of Cincinnati, Department of Classics

Committee Member:

Kristina Neumann, "Surviving Empire: The Transformation of Roman Antioch." (PhD, 2015)
David Schwei, "The Empire Strikes: The Making of the Roman Imperial Currency" (PhD, 2016).
Kyle Helms "The Pursuit of Eloquence: Publicly Supported Rhetorical Education in the High Roman Empire" (PhD, 2016).

Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, OH

Second reader: Steven Ring, "Hellenistic Political Thought and Psilanthropism in the *Pseudo-Clementina*." (In Progress).

Undergraduate

University of Cincinnati, Department of Classics

Supervisor: "The Cultural Context of Christian Apology: The Apologies of Justin Martyr, Tatian, and Tertullian As Second Sophistic Texts" (winner of Classics Department Best Capstone Essay Prize).

Harvard University, Department of the Classics

Assistant supervisor (with Professor K. Coleman): “Roman Governors and Religion” (winner of Thomas Hoopes Prize at Harvard College); (with Professor A. Henrichs): “*Corpus Hermeticum 7*”.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Classics

MA Exam Committee (Fall 2016)

Sather Committee (2016-2017)

University of Cincinnati, Department of Classics

Graduate Studies Committee (2015-2016)

Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professors (2015)

Search Committee for Department Head (2014-2015)

Outreach Committee (2013 to present; Chair, 2015-2016)

Troy Publication Committee (2014-2015)

Tytus Fellowship Committee (2013-2014)

Examiner for graduate ancient and modern language sight exams and diagnostic exams (2013 to present)

Organized departmental lectures by Prof. A. Bryen, Dr. H. Bowden, Prof. M. Stolper.

Harvard University, Department of the Classics

Graduate student representative for Junior Greek Historian search (2010-2011)

Co-organizer of Harvard Classics Graduate Student Conference: *Pros and Cons: Professionalism and Expertise in the Ancient World*, April 10th 2010

Service to the Profession

Reviewer, *Classical Quarterly*; Oxford University Press.

OUTREACH

Outreach talks

Cincinnati Art Museum Docents (x2) (2014)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Cincinnati (x3) (2015, 2016)

Pre-performance talks at Cincinnati Shakespeare Company (Julius Caesar) (2016)

Popular writing

“Religion in Ancient Rome: What did they believe?” *History Extra* (*BBC History Magazine Website*), October, 2015: <http://www.historyextra.com/article/international-history/religion-ancient-rome-what-did-they-believe>