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### EMPLOYMENT

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

Associate Professor of Ancient Greek and Roman Studies (formerly Classics), 2020-  
Assistant Professor of Classics, 2016-2020.

Participating Faculty, Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology.

Affiliated Faculty, Berkeley Center for Jewish Studies, Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion.

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

Assistant Professor of Classics, 2013 – 2016.

Visiting Scholar, 2012 – 2013.

### EDUCATION

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA. 2013.

PhD Ancient History.

**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.

Reviews: *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2017.02.03 (Driediger-Murphy); *Classical Review* 67 (2017) 178-180 (Hunt);  
*Classical Journal* 2017.06.01 (Wendt); *Acta Classica* 60 (2017) 191-194 (Miano); *Religious Studies Review* 43 (2017) 277  
(Holland); *sehpunkte: Rezensionen Journal für Geschichtswissenschaften* 17.9 (Rüpke); *Reading Religion: A Publication of  
the American Academy of Religion*, October 6, 2017 (Roubekas); *Journal of Roman Studies* 107 (2017) 371-372  
(Santangelo); *Mouseion* 14 (2017) 459-462 (Ascough); *History of Religions* 58 (2018) 94-96 (Van Nuffelen); *Journal of  
Roman Archaeology* 31 (2018) 618-625 (Mackey); *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft* 14 (2019): 484-487 (Smart).

#### Articles and Notes

“*Ludibrium Paulinae: Historiography, Anti-Pagan Polemic, and Aristocratic Marriage in De excidio  
Hierosolymitano 2.4,*” *Journal of Late Antiquity* 14.2 (2021): 229-256.

“The Date of the Proem of Valerius Flaccus’ *Argonautica*: New Epigraphic Evidence from Naples,” *Classical Philology* 116.1 (2021): 119-125.

“The Freedman’s Story: an accusation of witchcraft in the social world of early imperial Roman Italy (CIL 11.4639),” *Journal of Roman Studies* 108 (2018): 53-73.

“The Laws of the Rites and of the Priests’: Varro and late Republican Roman Sacral Jurisprudence,” *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies* 60.2 (2017): 34-48.

“Late Antiquity and the Antiquarian,” *Studies in Late Antiquity* 1.4 (2017): 335-358.

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

“Reading the Roman-Jewish Treaty in 1 Maccabees 8: Narrative, Documents, and Hellenistic Historical Culture,” forthcoming, *Hermathena* (2021).

### **Book Chapters**

“Roman Hegemony and the Hasmoneans: The Construction of Empire,” *The Middle Maccabees: Archaeology, History, and the Rise of the Hasmonean Kingdom*, edited by Andrea M. Berlin and Paul J. Kosmin, Atlanta: SBL Press, 2021: 331-345.

“Simon the God: Imagining the Other in Second-Century Christianity,” *Geneses: A Comparative Study of the Historiographies of the Rise of Christianity, Rabbinic Judaism, and Islam*, edited by John Tolan, Abingdon: Routledge, 2019: 64-86.

“Mercury and Materialism: Images of Mercury and the Tabernae of Pompeii,” *Tracking Hermes, Pursuing Mercury*, edited by John F. Miller and Jenny Strauss Clay, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019: 193-208.

“The Two Gentlemen of Trachonitis: A Story of Violence in Galilee and Rome (Josephus, *Vita* 112-113, 149-154),” *Strength to Strength: Essays in Honor of Shaye J. D. Cohen*, edited by Michael Satlow, Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2018: 219-234.

“*Diligentissimus investigator antiquitatis*? ‘Antiquarianism’ and historical evidence between Republican Rome and the early modern Republic of Letters,” *Omnium annalium monumenta: Historical Writing and Historical Evidence in Republican Rome*, edited by Christopher Smith and Kaj Sandberg, Leiden: Brill, 2018: 137-156.

### **Reviews, Occasional Essays and Encyclopedia Entries**

“Review: Frédéric Chapot (ed.), *Les récits de la destruction de Jérusalem (70 ap. J.-C.): Contextes, représentations et enjeux, entre Antiquité et Moyen Âge*,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2021.05.21 (2021): <https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2021/2021.05.21/>

“Review: Lindsay Driediger-Murphy, *Roman Republican Augury: Freedom and Control*,” *Classical Philology* 115.3 (2020): 592-596.

“Review: Hannah Cornwall, *Pax and the Politics of Peace: Republic to Principate*,” *Religious Studies Review* 45.1 (2019): 67.

“Review: Daniele Miano, *Fortuna: Deity and Concept in Archaic & Republican Italy*,” *Acta Classica* 61 (2018): 215-219.

“Review: Claudia Moatti, *The Birth of Critical Thinking in Republican Rome*,” *Gnomon* 90.5 (2018): 416-419.

“Review: Jörg Rüpke, *On Roman Religion: Lived Religion and the Individual in Ancient Rome*,” *Religious Studies Review* 43.4 (2017): 398.

“Thucydides 1.22,” *Lines of Enquiry: Favourite Lines from Classical Literature*, Dublin: Trinity College Dublin Press, 2017: 72-73.

“Glycera’s Goddess (Horace Ode 1.30),” *Albert’s Anthology*, Cambridge, MA: Department of the Classics, Harvard. 2017: 107-108.

“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,” *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, edited by 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)

- “The Farmer and the Faenerator: Anticipation and Affect in Horace Epode 2.” *Roman Anticipations: Material, Cognitive and Affective Histories of the Roman Future*, SCS/AIA Annual Meetings (held online), January 2021.
- “Assembling the Capitoline Future.” *The Spatial Turn in Roman Studies*, Durham University (held online), December 2020.
- “Talking themselves into empire: 1 Maccabees and Roman Mediterranean Hegemony.” International Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Rome, July 2019.
- “Capitoline Continuities: the Capitolium and Roman imagination of eternity.” European Association for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Tartu, June 2019.
- \*“Twice-Told Tales: 1 Maccabees 8 between Diplomacy and (Greek?) Historiography.” *Historiography Jam III*, Stanford University, April 2019.
- \*“The Future of Rome: Calculation and Imagination in Roman Culture.” The Berkeley Lecture, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, June 2018.
- \*“1 Maccabees, John Hyrcanus and Roman Mediterranean Hegemony.” *The Period of the Middle Maccabees: from the death of Judas through the reign of John Hyrcanus (ca. 160–104 BCE)*, 9th Nangeroni Meeting, Enoch Seminar, Milan, June 2018.
- \*“Capitoline Pasts, Capitoline Futures: On the urbanity of Roman time.” *The Senses of History: Apocalyptic Literature and their Temporalities*, Harvard Divinity School, November 2017.
- \*”Simon Magus’ Rome: Heresy and Paganism in the Emergence of Christianity.” *Geneses: comparative study of the historiographies of the rise of Christianity, Rabbinic Judaism and Islam*, Nantes, May 2017.
- \*“The Shape of Roman Historiography: Reading *FRHist* from a distance.” *Historiography Jam II*, Stanford University, April 2017.
- \*”The Freedman’s Story: a witchcraft narrative from early imperial Italy.” Invited Speaker. Department of Classics, Brown University, November 2016.

#### RECENT AND MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Regents Junior Faculty Fellowship, UC Berkeley	2019
Visiting Professorship, LMU München	April-July 2018
Mellon/American Council for Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2012-2013

## TEACHING

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

#### *Undergraduate teaching:*

Classics 130P: Ancient Times

Classics 121: Ancient Religions (awarded \$1000 UCB Arts + Design Creative Discovery Grant)

Classics 28: Greek and Roman Mythology (taught three times)

Latin 100: Republican prose (taught three times)

#### *Graduate teaching:*

Classics 375: Graduate Pedagogy (taught twice)

Classics 239: Roman Republican Past (seminar)

Latin 202B: Survey of Latin Literature (taught twice)

Classics 239: Voting the Divine (AHMA seminar, co-taught with Susanna Elm)

Classics 239: Josephus (AHMA seminar, co-taught with Daniel Boyarin)

Classics 239: Polytheism in Rome (seminar)

#### *Graduate Student Instructor Supervision*

Supervision of Latin 1, Latin 2, Greek 1, Greek 2, Greek 100 instruction.

### **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 ADVISING

### *Doctoral*

#### **University of California, Berkeley**

Committee Chair:

Kyle Ralston (Comparative Literature, co-chair with Prof. K. Feldman, In Progress).

Committee Member:

Sam Stubblefield (History, In Progress).

Joshua Benjamins (Classics, In Progress).

Adam Littlestone-Luria, *Community and Capital: The Aristocratic System of Power in the Age of Cicero.* (History, PhD 2020).

Morgan Hunter, "The Palladion and National identity." (Classics, PhD 2019).

#### **University of Cincinnati**

Committee Member:

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).

Kristina Neumann, "Surviving Empire: The Transformation of Roman Antioch." (PhD, 2015).

#### **Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, OH**

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

### *Masters*

#### **University of California, Berkeley**

Committee Chair:

Darcy Tuttle (AHMA, MA 2021).

Committee Member:

Abigail Hoskins (AHMA, MA 2019).

### *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*

Faculty Equity Advisor (2020-)  
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (Chair, 2020-)  
Faculty co-advisor for undergraduates (2019-2020, Spring 2021)  
PhD Committee (Fall 2018)  
Graduate Admissions and Fellowships Committee (2018-2019)  
MA Committee (Fall 2016, 2019-2020, Spring 2022)  
Sather Committee (2016-2017)

#### *Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology*

Executive Committee (2020-)  
Faculty Equity Advisor (2018-2021)  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference Committee (2017-2018)

#### *Campus-wide*

Hebrew Bible Search Committee, Department of Near Eastern Studies (2020-21, 2021-22)

### 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 2016; 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 2016)

### Service to the Profession

Selection committee for NEH fellow at *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*, Society of Classical Studies (2020)  
Membership Committee, Society of Classical Studies (2017-2020)  
Reviewer, *Arethusa*, *Classical Antiquity*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Classical World*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *History of Humanities*, *Numen*, *Religion in the Roman Empire*; Oxford University Press, Routledge, University of California Press, University of Texas Press.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Outreach talks**

Talk to UCB Classical Forum (April 2021)

Video presentation on ancient religions, Berkeley History and Social Science Project (2020)

Pre-performance talk for Silk Road Ensemble, Cal Performances (May 2019)

Talk to students at Berkeley Greek and Latin Summer Workshops (2017, 2019, 2020)

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

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

Cincinnati Art Museum Docents (x2) (2014)

### **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>