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Employment

Millsaps College, Greek and Roman Studies Department	2010 – Present
Full (2026); Associate (2016); Assistant (2011); Visiting (2010)	
University of Rhode Island, Dept. of History, Adjunct Instructor	2008 – 2010

Education

Ph.D.: Classics, Brown University	2010
Dissertation: <i>Remembering the Persian War Differently</i>	
Chair: Deborah Boedeker; Readers: Kurt Raaflaub and Susan Alcock	
M.A.: Classics, University of Colorado	2003
B.A.: History and Classics, University of Virginia	2001

Research Interests

- Classical Greek History and Historiography
- Social Memory

Works in Progress

Ephorus in Context (book)

“A Tale of Two Dinners: Medism and Identity in Herodotus” (invited book chapter)

“Ephorus’ Cock-and-Bull Story: A Rationalization of ‘Io’ at the Bosphorus” (article)

“‘The Good Ole Days’: Pre-Lycurgan Sparta in Ephorus’ *Histories*” (article)

Publications

Books

States of Memory: The Polis, Panhellenism, and the Persian War (Oxford: Oxford University Press) 2019.

Invited Book Chapters

“‘How Old Were You When the Mede Came’: Individual and Collective Memories of the Persian War” in P. Low and V. Gouschin (eds.), *Brill’s Companion to the Reception of the Persian Wars* (Leiden: Brill). Forthcoming.

“After Plataea: The Politics of Hegemony and the End of the Persian War,” in N. Bershadsky (ed.), *The Battle of Plataea: Politics, Memory, Landscape* (New York: Bloomsbury). Forthcoming.

“Remembering and Forgetting the Sack of Athens”, in S. Ammann, et al. (eds.), *Collective Violence and Memory in the Ancient Mediterranean* (Leiden: Brill). 2023.

“‘This City of Ours’: Fear, Discord, and the Persian War at Megara,” in H. Beck and P. Smith (eds.), *Megarian Moments. The Local World of an Ancient Greek City-State. Teiresias Supplements Online* (2018) 1: 139-65

Articles

- “Times of War: Conflict and Narrative in Diodorus and Ephorus,” *Hermes* 153.4: 412-31
- “Ephorus and Alexander the Great (*FGrHist* 70 F223),” *Histos* (2022) 16: 109-144
- “The Tradition of the Hellenic League against Xerxes,” *Historia* (2015) 64.1: 1-25
- “The Persian War as Civil War in Plataea’s Temple of Athena Areia,” *Klio* (2013) 95.2: 369-90
- “The Role of Cato the Younger in Caesar’s *Bellum Civile*,” *Classical World* (2011) 104.2:161-74
- “*FGrHist* 328 (Philochorus) F 181,” with Charles Fornara, *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies* (2007) 47: 31-37
- “The Archaic Treaties between the Spartans and their Allies,” *Classical Quarterly* (2005) 55.1: 65-76

Encyclopedia Entries

- C. Baron (ed.), *The Herodotus Encyclopedia* (Blackwell) 2021.
“Salamis” (2000 words), “Hellenic League” (1000 words), “Assembly” (500 words), “Epidaurus” (500 words), “Themistocles Decree” (500 words), *et al.*
- A. Erskine (ed.), *Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Ancient History* (Blackwell) 2023.
“Persian Wars, memory of” (1000 words), “Persia and Greece” (2000 words) with A. Keaveney, “Salamis, island and battle of” (500 words) with M. Taylor.

Reviews

- G. Parmeggiani. *Ephorus of Cyme and Greek Historiography in Sehepunkte* (2025) 25.3: Online
- J. Nudell. *Accustomed to Obedience?: Classical Ionia and the Aegean World, 480-294 BCE* in *The Classical Outlook* (2024) 99.2: 108-110
- J. Hell. *The Conquest of Ruins: The Third Reich and the Fall of Rome* in *Comparative Literature Studies* (2020) 57.3: 541-44
- B. Steinbock. *Social Memory in Athenian Public Discourse: Uses and Meanings of the Past* in *Histos* (2014) 8: 57-60
- D. Lyons. *Dangerous Gifts: Gender and Exchange in Ancient Greece* in *Classical Review* (2013) 63.2: 481-83

Presentations

- “The Good Ole Days: Ephorus on the Early History of Sparta,” Classical Association of the Middle, West, and South (2026)
- “Ephorus’ Cock-and-Bull Story: A Rationalization of ‘Io’ at the Bosphorus (*FGrHist* 70 F156),” Classical Association of the Middle, West, and South (2025)
- “Times of War: The Organization of Narrative in Diodorus and Ephorus,” Classical Association of the Middle, West, and South (2024)
- “After Plataea: The Politics of Hegemony and the End of the Persian War,” Center for Hellenic Studies / Harvard University (2022)
- “The Past and Present of Naupactus in Ephorus’ *Histories*,” Classical Association of the Middle, West, and South (2021)

- “The Date of Ephorus’ *Histories*,” Classical Association of the Middle, West, and South (2020)
- “Herodotus’ Last Word on Themistocles,” Classical Association of the Middle, West, and South (2019)
- “Philip of Macedonia and the Restoration of the Hellenic League,” Classical Association of the Middle, West, and South (2018)
- “Time and Space in the Greek Memory of the Persian War,” Florida State University (2017)
- “‘Our Victory over Persia’: War, Memory, and Identity in Ancient Greece and Beyond,” Mississippi Humanities Council Teaching Award (2016)
- “‘This City of Ours’: Megara and the Politics of Persian-War Memory,” McGill University (2016)
- “Remembering to Forget: The Battle of Oenoe,” American Philological Association (2015)
- “Pausanias, the Serpent Column, and the Persian-War Tradition,” American Philological Association (2014)
- “Philip and Alexander’s Invented Tradition of the Persian War: Its Origin and Legacy,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South (2013)
- “Persepolis Burning: Remembering and Forgetting in the Past and Present,” Millsaps College (2012)
- “(Re)membering a Dismembered Past: The Hellenic League in the Persian War Tradition,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South (2012)
- “Achilles on the Coast: The Myth of Spartan Imperialism,” Central Mississippi Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America (2012)
- “The Persian War as Civil War in Plataea’s Temple of Athena Areia,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South (2011)
- “Disentangling a Coiled Past: Memory, Counter-Memory, and the Serpent Column at Delphi,” University of Cincinnati and Pomona College (2011)
- “What’s Love Got to Do with It?: Cult and Gender in Corinth’s Memory of the Persian War,” Millsaps College (2011)
- “Dangerous Liaisons: Policy and Power in Ancient (and Modern) Turkey,” Hinds Community College (2011)
- “Remembering the Persian War at Delphi,” Millsaps College (2010)
- “The Catilinarian Conspiracy: Partisanship and Process in the Late Roman Republic,” Whitman College (2010) and Hinds Community College (2012)
- “The Rediscovery of the Roman Republic in 11th and 12th Century Byzantine Historiography,” Association of Ancient Historians and Byzantine Studies Conference (2008)
- “The Role of Cato the Younger in Caesar’s *Bellum Civile*,” Classical Association of New England (2007)

Teaching Experience

Interdisciplinary Humanities / General Education

Enemies, Outsiders, and Undesirables in Greece and Rome
Myth-Busting Ancient Warfare

O Homer, Where Art Thou?: Homer's *Odyssey* in Modern Film
Our Human Heritage
War and Society in the Ancient World

Departmental Courses in Translation

African Empires (Cross-Listed with History)
Ancient and Medieval Europe (Cross-Listed with History)
Ancient Medicine / Medical Terms (Cross-Listed with Biology)
Fall of Democracy (Cross-Listed with Government)
Classical Mythology
Greek Civilization (Cross-Listed with History)
Introduction to the New Testament (Cross-Listed with Religious Studies)
Roman Civilization (Cross-Listed with History)

Language Courses

Introductory Greek and Latin
Intermediate Greek (Lysias) and Latin (Caesar, Catullus, Cicero, Virgil)
Advanced Greek (Aristophanes, Homer, Herodotus, Lysias, Thucydides)
Advanced Latin (Caesar, Catullus, Livy, Sallust, Virgil)

Blended / Online Courses

Advanced Latin – Plautus

Continuing Education

History of the Early Church

Honors Theses Directed

William Napier, "The Foucaultian Power Dynamics of Slavery in Classical Athens" (2013)
George Bey IV, "Caesar's Gallic Counter Insurgency" (2014)
Samuel Talbott, "Political Stability and Transition in the Merovingian Kingdoms" (2022)
Clementine Richardson, "Discourses on Transgender Identity in Greco-Roman Literature" (2025)

Service

Departmental

Chair 2015-2017, 2019-2024

College

Interim Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities	2025-2026
Director of the Compass Curriculum	2018-2024
Our Human Heritage (Team Leader)	2014-2016, 2018-2020
Curriculum Committee	2016-2017
Compass Council	2016-2017
Honors Program Committee	2014-2017
European Studies Committee	2011-2017
Interdisciplinary Humanities Requirement Development Committee	2014-2015
Foreign Language Requirement Development Committee	2014-2015
Faculty Development Committee	2014-2015

Interdisciplinary Humanities Planning Group	2014
Core Curriculum Committee (Chair)	2011-2014
Public Events Committee (Chair)	2011-2014
Online/Blended Learning Committee	2012

Professional

Journal Referee: *Classical Journal*; *Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies*; *Histos*; *Mouseion*
 Panel Moderator: Classical Association of the Middle West and South

Honors and Grants

Richard A. Smith Award for Excellence in Scholarship	2021
Outstanding Teaching Award	2018
Sabbatical Award	2017, 2024
Mississippi Humanities Teaching Award	2016
Arts & Humanities Fellow for Innovation in Scholarship	2023-2025
Mellon Faculty Pedagogy Grant	2016, 2018
Faculty Development Grant, Millsaps College	2011-2025
Faculty Travel Grant, Millsaps College	2010-2019 / 2024
American Philological Association Outstanding Student Award	2010
Tousimis Award, Byzantine Studies Association of North America	2009
Travel Grant from the Grimshaw Gudewicz Fund, Brown University	2009
Betty Coates Award, Association of Ancient Historians	2007
Joukowsky Presidential Fellowship, Brown University	2003, 2009
George Norlin Graduate Fellowship, University of Colorado	2001
Richard Heath Dabney Prize in European History, University of Virginia	2001
Echols Scholar, University of Virginia	1999

References

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