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Education

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, New Jersey. M.A., Ph.D. in Classics, 1995, 1997.

Honors: Princeton University Graduate Fellowship. Stanley J. Seeger Fellowship in Hellenic Studies.

Dissertation: "A dangerous liberty and a servitude free from care: Political ELEUTHERIA and DOULEIA in Procopius of Caesarea and Thucydides of Athens."

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Oxford, United Kingdom. M.Phil. in Byzantine Studies, 1992.

Honors: Telluride Scholarship at Lincoln College, Oxford. Overseas Graduate Entrance Scholarship (Shuffery Scholarship), Lincoln College. British Overseas Research Studentship.

Thesis: "Justinian's Men: The political and cultural milieu of Procopius, John Lydus, and their contemporaries."

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, New York. B.A. *summa cum laude* in Classics, 1990.

Honors: Cornell University Merrill Presidential Scholar. Phi Beta Kappa. Distinction in All Subjects. Cornell College Scholar (self-directed studies program). Cornell Dean's Scholar. National Merit Scholar.

Thesis: "'Not for the sake of boasting, but of penitence': Modes and motives of (re)presentation in the Grottaferrata *Digenes Akritas*." Lane Cooper Prize for Best Thesis, Dept. of Classics.

Positions

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, Allendale and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Chair, Department of Classics, January 2008-June 2010; reappointed to serve July 2010-June 2013.

Associate Professor of Classics, joint appointment with the Frederik Meijer Honors College, August 2005-present.

Assistant Professor of Classics, joint appointment with the Honors College, August 2001-August 2005.

Honors: GVSU Pew Teaching Excellence Award, 2005.

Winner (representing Classics), inaugural GVSU Life Raft Debate, February 2011.

Faculty of Distinction Award, GVSU Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society (ODK), 2011-12.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR HELLENIC STUDIES, Washington, D.C.

Junior Fellow, September 2005-May 2006.

TRINITY SCHOOL, New York, New York.

Latin Instructor, Department of Classics, September 2000-August 2001.

EMORY UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mellon Fellow in Ancient Greek and Roman Law, August 1998-August 2000.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York.

Samuel I. Golieb Fellow in Legal History, September 1997-August 1998.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE, CUNY, Brooklyn, New York.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Classics, January-June 1998.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, New Jersey.

Graduate teaching assistant, 1995-1997.

Publications—Journal Articles and Contributions to Edited Volumes

- “Late Antiquity in Europe (c. 300-900 CE),” in progress for Craig Benjamin, ed., *The Cambridge World History, Volume IV: A World with States, Empires and Networks, 1200 BCE-900 CE* (Cambridge University Press).
- Editor, Book XII, in progress for Bruce W. Frier, gen. ed., *The Code of Justinian: A New Annotated Translation, with Parallel Latin and Greek Text*, translated by Justice Fred H. Blume (Cambridge University Press).
- “‘How then is it not better to prefer quiet, than the dangers of conflict?’: The imperial court as the site of shifting cultural frontiers,” forthcoming in *Shifting Cultural Frontiers in Late Antiquity*, David Brakke, Deborah Deliyannis, and Edward Watts, eds. (Ashgate Publishing).
- “Paying attention to the man behind the curtain: Disclosing and withholding the imperial presence in Justinianic Constantinople,” in *Bodies and Boundaries in Graeco-Roman Antiquity*, Thorsten Fögen and Mireille Lee, eds. (De Gruyter, 2009) 63-85.
- “The trembling of Cain’: Religious power and institutional culture in Justinianic oath-making,” in *The Power of Religion in Late Antiquity*, Andrew Cain and Noel Lenski, eds. (Ashgate Publishing, 2009) 143-154.
- “Fortune’s laughter and a bureaucrat’s tears: Sorrow, supplication, and sovereignty in Justinianic Constantinople,” in *Tears in the Graeco-Roman World*, Thorsten Fögen, ed. (De Gruyter, 2009) 397-418.
- “Xenophon’s *Hellenica* in Procopius’ *Wars*: Pharnabazus and Belisarius,” *Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies* 46 (2006) 175-206.
- “Justinianic ideology and the power of the past,” chapter in *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Justinian*, Michael Maas, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 2005) 185-212.
- “Justinian’s Novels and the law of succession: A chapter in the transformation of law and society, with special reference to *ius naturale*,” in *Confrontation in Late Antiquity: Imperial Presentation and Regional Adaptation*, Linda Jones Hall, ed. (Cambridge: Orchard Academic, 2003) 47-59.
- “Procopius and Thucydides on the labors of war: Belisarius and Brasidas in the field,” *Transactions of the American Philological Association* 130 (2000) 149-187.
- “Odysseus and his audience: *Odyssey* 9.39-40 and its formulaic resonances,” *The American Journal of Philology* 116 (1995) 347-69.
- “‘Our most pious consort given us by God’: Dissident reactions to the partnership of Justinian and Theodora, AD 525-48,” *Classical Antiquity* 13 (1994) 256-81.

Publications—Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

- Entries “accusation,” “exile,” “Novels, imperial,” “treason,” in progress for O. Nicholson and M. Humphries, eds., *The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity* (Oxford).
- Entries “*Basileus/autokrator*, Byzantium,” “Dynasty, idea of, Byzantium,” “John Lydus,” “Provincial administration, Byzantium,” “Senate, Byzantium,” “Social structure and mobility, Byzantium,” forthcoming in R. Bagnall et al., eds., *Encyclopedia of Ancient History* (Wiley-Blackwell).
- Review of Peter N. Bell, *Three Political Voices from the Age of Justinian* (2010), *Speculum* 86 (2011) 728-30.
- Entry “Byzantine Political Thought,” in M. Bevir, ed., *Encyclopedia of Political Theory* (Sage Publications, 2010) I: 148-152.
- Review of Stephen Mitchell, *A History of the Later Roman Empire AD 284-641: The Transformation of the Ancient World* (2007), in *Electronic Antiquity* 12.2 (May 2009) <scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/EIAnt/V12N2/>.
- Review of Bruce W. Frier and Thomas A. J. McGinn, *A Casebook on Roman Family Law* (2003), *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2005.04.32 (2005).
- Review of Kurt Raaflaub, *The Discovery of Freedom in Ancient Greece* (2004), *The New England Classical Journal* 31 (2004) 407-410.
- Review of Anthony Kaldellis, *Procopius of Caesarea: Tyranny, History, and Philosophy at the End of Antiquity* (2004), *History: Reviews of New Books* 33 (2004) 36.

Publications—Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries, continued

Review of Jonathan J. Price, *Thucydides and Internal War* (2001), *The Classical Bulletin* 79 (2003) 295-298.

Review of J. A. S. Evans, *The Age of Justinian: The Circumstances of Imperial Power* (1996), in *The Classical Outlook* 77.2 (Winter 2000) 86-87.

Entries "Anicia Juliana" and "Theodora," in G. Bowersock, P. Brown, and O. Grabar, eds., *Late Antiquity: A Guide to the Postclassical World* (Harvard University Press, 1999) 300-01, 721.

Review of Jill Harries, *Law and Empire in Late Antiquity* (1999), *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 99.8.15 (1999).

Review of Leslie G. Rubin (ed.), *Justice v. Law in Greek Political Thought* (1997), *H-Law, H-Net Reviews* (December, 1998).

Review of David Ricks, *Byzantine Heroic Poetry* (1990), *Religious Studies Review* 21 (1995) 148.

Conference Papers

"Assessing the Effectiveness of Classics within Liberal Education," panel contribution ("Tenacity of Purpose: Growing Classics in a Harsh Climate"), given at the 106th Annual Meeting of The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Oklahoma City, March 2010.

"'How then is it not better to prefer quiet, than the dangers of conflict?': The Imperial Court as the Site of Shifting Cultural Frontiers," given at Shifting Frontiers VIII: Shifting Cultural Frontiers in Late Antiquity, Bloomington, April 2009.

"Brasidas *rhispaspis*?" given at the 105th Annual Meeting of The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Minneapolis, April 2009.

"Fortune's laughter and a bureaucrat's tears: Sorrow, supplication, and sovereignty in Justinianic Constantinople," given at the 104th Annual Meeting of The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Tucson, April 2008.

"Paying attention to the man behind the curtain: Disclosing and withholding the imperial presence in Justinianic Constantinople," given at the 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2007.

"The trembling of Cain': Religious power and institutional culture in Justinianic oath-making," given at Shifting Frontiers VII: The Power of Religion in Late Antiquity, Boulder, March 2007.

"ARETÊ KAI XUNESIS: Brasidas as moral exemplar," given at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, San Diego, January 2007.

"The body (politic) in (ceremonial) space: Shifting boundaries between rulers and subjects in Justinianic Constantinople," given at Boundaries Between Bodies: Human, Animal, Divine, CHS Symposium 2006, Washington, D.C., April 2006.

"Another Procopian allusion: *Wars* 4.6.17-22 and *Xen., Hell.* 4.1.35-36," given at the 137th Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Montreal, January 2006.

"HO GNËSIOS DOULOS: The master-slave metaphor as evidence of theological and political cross-pollination in the early sixth century," given at the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, San Francisco, January 2004.

"Public officials as 'slaves': The master-slave metaphor as evidence of political and administrative cross-pollination between West and East in the early sixth century," given at the 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2003.

"HO DOULOS TOU BASILEÏOS: The master-slave metaphor in the construction of elite identity in late antiquity," given at the 134th Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, New Orleans, January 2003.

"Cautionary tales: Geographical, cultural, and ideological distance in Procopius and Thucydides," given at Shifting Frontiers IV: Travel, Communication, and Geography in Late Antiquity, San Francisco, March 2000.

"*Libertas* and 'mixed marriages' in late antiquity: Law, labor, and politics in Justinianic reform legislation," given at the 131st Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Dallas, December 1999.

"A dangerous liberty and a servitude free from care: The case of Victorinus," given at the XXV. Byzantine Studies Conference, College Park, Maryland, November 1999.

Conference Papers, continued

"Procopius and Thucydides on the labors of war: Belisarius and Brasidas in the field," given at the 129th Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Chicago, December 1997.

"*Leges fundamenta libertatis*: Emperors and the law in late antiquity," given at the Legal History Colloquium, NYU School of Law, December 1997.

"Justinian's Novels and the law of succession," given at Shifting Frontiers II: The Transformation of Law and Society in Late Antiquity, Columbia, South Carolina, March 1997.

"Procopius and Thucydides on freedom and slavery," given at the XXII. Byzantine Studies Conference, Chapel Hill, October 1996.

"Procopius and Thucydides on the meaning of words," given at the XX. Byzantine Studies Conference, Ann Arbor, October 1994.

Professional Activities

Delivered public lectures, by invitation, at The University of Chicago (May 2009); Calvin College (October 2004); The University of Washington (November 2002); Colgate College (January 2001); New York University (January 2001); Wright State University (April 2000); U.C. Santa Barbara (March 2000); U. Missouri-Columbia (March 2000); DePaul University, Chicago (March 1999); Florida International University (May 1998); Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (May 1998); Davidson College (May 1997).

Member, program committee for the 108th annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS), 2011-12.

Member, local host committee; panel chair, 107th annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS), Grand Rapids, MI, 2011.

Lecturer on "The Unhurried Cruise" of the Tyrrhenian coast of Italy (Travel Dynamics Incorporated, 28 May-8 June 2007), on behalf of the Harvard Alumni Association.

Panel chair, 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2007.

Primary contact for GVSU Classics in the consortium of fifteen institutions invited to take part in the Teagle Assessment Project, "A Longitudinal Study of Critical Thinking and Postformal Reasoning: Assessing Undergraduate Outcomes Within Disciplinary Contexts." Attended meetings of TAP consortium, New York City, 2009-10.

Attended Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Engaging Departments Institute as member of four-person team on behalf of GVSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, August 2009.

Conference co-organizer, "Boundaries Between Bodies: Human, Animal, Divine," CHS Symposium 2006, Washington D.C., 28-30 April 2006.

Invited participant and panel chair, Teagle Foundation "Listening" focus group on Classical antiquity, New York City, December 2004.

Conference organizer, "CVPIDAE LEGVM IVVENTVTI 'To Young Enthusiasts for Law': Teaching Ancient Law in the Modern University," Emory University, Atlanta, 4 March 2000.

Referee: *American Journal of Ancient History*; *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*; Hackett Publishing; University of Pennsylvania Press.

Selected University and Departmental Service, Public Outreach, and Community Service

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University and College Service

University Academic Senate (UAS).

Member, Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS), 2009-2012.

Senator, 2004-05.

Appointed member, GVSU Task Force on Shared Governance, 2010-11.

Invited contributor, "Completing a Unit Self-study: Process and product" for inaugural GVSU University-wide Assessment Conference, 2011.

Selected University and Departmental Service, Public Outreach, and Community Service, continued

Invited presenter, "Ready to work: A quick and dirty approach to holding students accountable for course content through Blackboard" for inaugural College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Teaching Showcase, 2010.

Invited panelist, "Writing compelling letters of recommendation" for CLAS Academic Advising Center, 2010.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Strategic Plan Revision Taskforce, 2010.

Panel presenter, "Thinking Strategically: How to Maximize the Strategic Planning 2010-15 Alignment Process" for GVSU Pew FTLC Fall Conference on Teaching and Learning, 2010.

GVSU IT Email Evaluation Taskforce, 2010.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, 2006-07.

Honors College Faculty Council, 2006-07.

General Education program Historical Perspectives Foundation Coordinating Cluster, 2006.

Divisional/College Curriculum Committee, Fall 2002–Fall 2003.

Padnos International Scholarship Committee, 2003-2005, 2007-2011.

Oldenburg Essay Contest Committee, 2002-2004, 2008.

University "Awards of Distinction" Scholarship interviewer, 2002-2004, 2007-2011.

Honors College Orientation Program, 2002-2009, 2011.

Departmental Service

Department of Classics Unit Strategic Plan Revision and Alignment Committee (as chair), 2010-11.

Department of Classics Unit Self-Study Committee (as chair), 2009-10.

Department of Classics Assessment, Strategic Planning, and Workload Initiative Committees.

Department of Classics web site coordinator.

Department of Classics Search Committees:

Visiting assistant professor search, 2002-03, 2004-05, 2006-07, 2011 (as chair);

Tenure-track assistant professor search, 2003-04, 2007-08 (as chair in 2008).

Department of Classics "HOMERathon" (co-organizer), Winter 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2010.

Department of Classics Pew Liberal Education Initiative Grant (collaborator), Summer 2005.

Department of Classics Pew Technology Grant—Imaging Lab (principal author), Fall 2002.

Department of Classics Policy Documents:

Unit Human Research Subjects Policy (collaborator), Fall 2009.

Unit Professional Development Funds Policy (principal author), Fall 2008.

Unit Personnel Policy (principal author), Winter 2005.

Joint Appointments Policy with Honors College (principal author), Winter 2005.

Unit Strategic Planning Document (collaborator), Winter 2005.

Department of Classics Curriculum Proposals:

Program change request—"Distributed Classical Civilization" program requirement (principal author), Fall 2009;

Course change proposal—add CLA 287 "Roman Law" to "Freedom and Social Control" General Education Theme (principal author), Winter 2005;

Course change proposal—add CLA 275 "Ancient Drama" to "Arts" General Education Foundation (principal author), Fall 2004;

Program change request—restructure Classics major (principal author), Fall 2003;

New course proposal—CLA 287 "Roman Law" (principal author), Fall 2002.

Honors College Curriculum Proposals:

New course proposal—HNR 324 "Worlds of Late Antiquity" (principal author), Fall 2006.

Department of Classics Library liaison, 2001-2005.

Community Outreach

Organized informal (and unremunerated) Summer Greek Reading Group, 2002-2011.

Organizer, with GVSU Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies as co-sponsor, public lecture and panel discussion with W. Robert Connor, "What Happened to the Future? Lessons from Ancient Athens on Leadership and Its Limits," 2011.

GVSU Classics Program (outreach and continuing education for secondary school teachers)

Presenter, 2007, 2009; Convener, 2008, 2009.

Panel chair and speaker, GVSU Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies conference "President Obama and the Lessons of Antiquity," April 2009.

Interviews for WJRW's Tony Gates Show on the Ides of March; for WGVU's Morning Show on the HOMERathon, March 2007; on the ancient Olympics, August 2004.

Selected University and Departmental Service, Public Outreach, and Community Service, continued

Organized staged reading of Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*, Allendale campus, 31 March 2004.
Delivered Keynote Address, Michigan Junior Classical League State Convention, Allendale, Michigan, March 2002.

Community Service

TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION, Ithaca, New York. Trustee, June 1987-present.
Multi-million dollar non-profit educational trust founded in 1911; conducts major residential programs at Cornell University and the University of Michigan; sponsor of the Telluride Association Summer Programs (TASP). President, June 2000-June 2002.

Supervised Undergraduate Research

Jonathan Hatter, "Every-man's Orthodoxy: An Exploration of the *Poemata Arcana* of Gregory of Nazianzus" (Honors Senior Project, 2010).

Timothy Flanders and Jonathan Hatter, "*Doctrina Iacobi Nuper Baptizati: A Translation*" (Honors Senior Project/Greek Independent Reading, 2009).

Devin White, "A Grammatical Commentary on St. John Chrysostom's *Discourse on the Blessed Babylas Against the Gentiles*" (Honors Senior Project, 2008); GVSU Student Summer Scholars (S³) program, 2007-08; 2008 Outstanding Honors Senior Thesis Award.

Nathan Langerak, "Roman communications and the travels of St. Paul" (Senior Essay, 2003).

GVSU Student Scholarship Day Mentor: Timothy Flanders, "The City of God Amid the Fourth Century Christian Revolution" (2009); Matthew Ordowski, "Roman Heavy Cavalry: A Misjudged Maneuver?" (2009); Devin White, "*Parrhesia* in the Thought of John Chrysostom" (2008); Mary Sulek, "Determining human goodness through Greek lyric poetry" (2004).

Courses Taught

GREEK AND LATIN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Elementary Classical Greek I and II (Grand Valley State University)

Intermediate Greek:

Herodotus and Lyric poetry (Grand Valley State University)

Homer (Grand Valley State University)

Advanced Greek: Euripides; Greek literature and culture; Greek narrative (Grand Valley State University)

Intermediate Latin: Virgil (Grand Valley State University)

Second year, third year, and advanced Latin (Trinity School)

Intermediate Latin: The conspiracy of Catiline (initiated course at Emory University)

Intensive Elementary Greek (teaching assistant at Princeton University)

Intensive Elementary Latin (teaching assistant at Princeton University)

CLASSICAL LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION

Classical Literature (writing seminar at Grand Valley State University)

Core Studies I: The classical origins of Western culture (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

ANCIENT LAW

Roman Law (initiated course at Grand Valley State University)

Introduction to Greek and Roman Law (initiated course at Emory University)

Roman Law (initiated course; offered at both Emory College and the Emory University School of Law)

An Introduction to Roman Law (teaching assistant at Princeton University)

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION

Greek Civilization (initiated course at Grand Valley State University)

Roman Civilization (Grand Valley State University)

Classical World I-II (Honors arts and humanities sequence at Grand Valley State University)

Worlds of Late Antiquity (Honors Junior Seminar, initiated at Grand Valley State University)

Ancient Drama (Grand Valley State University)

Ancient Mediterranean Societies (initiated course at Emory University)

Archaic and Classical Greece (teaching assistant at Princeton University)