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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Classics, June 1998. University of California at Santa Barbara.
M.A., Classics, June 1993. University of California at Santa Barbara.
George Henry McFadden Fellow and Regular Member, 1993-1994
Student Associate Member, 1996-1997. American School of Classical Studies at Athens.
M.A., History (with Distinction), December 1990. California State University at Fresno.
B.A., Classical Studies, August 1991. California State University at Fresno.
B.A., News-Editorial Journalism, May 1987. California State University at Fresno.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Chair, Department of History, Grand Valley State University, May 2011-May 2020.
Co-Chair, Department of History, Grand Valley State University, January-April 2011.
Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of History, Grand Valley State University, 2009-present.
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of History, Grand Valley State University, 2004-2009.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Grand Valley State University, 2001-2004.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Greek, Roman, and Hebrew Classics, Temple University, 2000-2001.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Utah State University, 1999-2000.
Lecturer, Department of Classics, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1998-1999.
Instructor, Department of History, Santa Barbara City College, Fall 1998.
Assistant Director, Study Tour in Greece, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, May 1994.

COURSES TAUGHT

Grand Valley State University

Department of History:

HST 101: Introduction to World Civilizations (both face-to-face and online)

HST 203: World History to 1500 AD (both face-to-face and online)

HST 350: Ancient Greece (both face-to-face and online)

HST 351: Ancient Rome (both face-to-face and online)

HST 300 (now HST 200) Writing History: Alexander “the Great,” Writing History: Classical Sparta

HST 400: Junior Seminar: Athens: Democracy to Tyranny

HST 410: History Journal (both face-to-face and online)

HST 495: History Capstone: Use and Abuse of the Past

Meijer Honors College:

Classical World I and II (a team-taught survey of Greek and Roman history, literature, philosophy, and art)

Making of Europe I-IV (a team-taught survey of European history, literature, philosophy, and art from the Early Middle Ages through the Renaissance).

Department of Classics:

Latin 202: Intermediate Latin (Virgil, *Aeneid*, Book IV in Latin)

Greek 201: Intermediate Ancient Greek (Grammar/Syntax review; various short prose readings)

Greek 202: Intermediate Ancient Greek (Homer, *Iliad*, Book VI; introduction to the Homeric dialect)

Greek 350: Advanced Greek Prose (Herodotus, *Histories*, Book VIII in ancient Ionic Greek; and Plato, *Kritias* in Attic Greek)

Greek 380: Greek Narrative (St. Paul, *Letter to the Philippians* in Koine Greek)

CLA 101: Greek and Roman Mythology (online)

Temple University, Department of Greek, Roman, and Hebrew Classics: Greek Historians, Roman Historians, Greek History, Roman History, Homer (*Odyssey*, Books 21 and 22 in ancient Greek), Intermediate Latin prose, Classical Mythology, and Intellectual Heritage (undergraduate survey in the literature of ancient Greece, the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Qur’an, and the Renaissance).

Utah State University, Department of History: Greek History, Ancient Greek Culture (undergraduate seminar in Ancient Greek agriculture), Introduction to Greek I-II (a year-long, introductory course to Attic Greek prose), and Western Civilization to 1715.

University of California at Santa Barbara, Department of Classics: Ancient Comedy and Satire in Translation, Xenophon (*Hellenika*, Book 2 in Ancient Greek), Catullus (in Latin), Greek Literature in Translation, “Thucydides” and “Roman Satire” in History of Ancient Literature (a team-taught, graduate-level seminar).

Santa Barbara City College, Department of History: Western Civilization to 1715.

BOOKS AND ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

“Kritias of Athens and Oligarchic Propaganda,” in T. Figueira and R. Munson, eds. *Misinformation, Disinformation, and Propaganda in Greek Historiography* (Bloomsbury Academic 2025), 145-162. (solicited)

“Regional-Study 2: Athens in the Fifth Century BCE,” in C. Benjamin, ed. *The Cambridge World History. Volume IV A World with States, Empires, and Networks 1200 BCE—900 CE* (Cambridge University Press 2015), 350-374. (9,049 words). (solicited).

“Theopompos of Chios (115),” in *Brill’s New Jacoby*. Brill, 2014. (Second ed. submitted in May 2025). <http://referenceworks.brillonline.com.ezproxy.gvsu.edu/entries/brill-s-new-jacoby/theopompos-of-chios-115-a115?s.num=27&s.start=20>. (172,614 words).

“Pherekydes of Athens (3),” in *Brill’s New Jacoby*. Brill, Second ed. 2023; 2011. <http://referenceworks.brillonline.com.ezproxy.gvsu.edu/entries/brill-s-new-jacoby/pherekydes-of-athens-3-a3?s.num=4>. (100,789 words).

“Pherekydes of Leros (475),” in *Brill’s New Jacoby*. Brill, 2010; Second ed. 2019). <http://referenceworks.brillonline.com.ezproxy.gvsu.edu/entries/brill-s-new-jacoby/pherekydes-of-leros-475-a475?s.num=5>. (1,767 words).

“Klei(to)demos of Athens (323),” *Brill’s New Jacoby*. Brill, Second ed. 2016; 2007. <http://referenceworks.brillonline.com.ezproxy.gvsu.edu/entries/brill-s-new-jacoby/klei-to-demos-of-athens-323-a323?s.num=4>. (20,424 words).

“Kritias of Athens (338A),” *Brill’s New Jacoby*. Brill, Second ed. 2018; 2007. <http://referenceworks.brillonline.com.ezproxy.gvsu.edu/entries/brill-s-new-jacoby/kritias-of-athens-338a-a338A?s.num=5>. (24,136 words).

“Property Leases for Athenian Cleruchs or Colonists?: Notes on IG I³ 420,” *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 145 (2003) 109-113.

“Attic Gymnasia and Palaistra: Public or Private?,” *The Ancient World* 31.2 (2000) 140-143. Reprinted in *The Dance of Hippocleides: A Festschrift for Frank J. Frost*, Robert M. Frakes and David L. Toye, eds. (Ares Publishers 2002).

“An Honorary Deme Decree and the Administration of a Palaistra in Kephissia,” *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 131 (2000) 93-98.

“An Encomium on the Life of Saint Theognius, Bishop of Bethelia by Paul of Elusa,” co-authored with the Rev. Dr. Tim Vivian, *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 30.1 (1995) 59-89. Reprinted in *Journeying into God*, Tim Vivian, ed. (Fortress Press 1996) 134-165.

The Alta Empire 1888-1988. A Story of Conquest and Development in the Central Valley. Dinuba, California: Jostens Printing 1988.

PEDAGOGICAL PUBLICATION

Instructor's Guide to Teaching the World: A History by Felipe Fernández-Armesto. Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice-Hall Publishers 2007. (solicited).

REVIEWS

"*The End of Greek Athletics in Late Antiquity*, by S. Remijsen. (Cambridge University Press 2015)," *Classical Review* 67 (2017), 460-461 (solicited).

"*Sport and Democracy in the Ancient and Modern Worlds*, by P. Christesen. (Cambridge University Press 2012)," *Classical Journal* (2015.01.09).

"*Inscriptions: The Dedicatory Monuments. Agora XVIII*, by D. J. Geagan. (Princeton 2011)," *Classical Journal* (2013.06.11).

"*Alcibiades*, by P.J. Rhodes. (Barnsley, South Yorkshire, UK)," *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2012.08.42).

"*Sparta. Comparative Approaches*, edited by S. Hodkinson. (Swansea 2009)," *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2010.10.49).

"*Olympic Victor Lists and Ancient Greek History*, by P. Christesen (Cambridge 2007)," *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 130 (2010), 212-213 (solicited).

"*The Story of Athens. The Fragments of the Local Chronicles of Attika*, by P. Harding (London and New York 2008)," *Classical Review* 59.1 (2009), 49-50 (solicited).

"*Athletics and Literature in the Roman Empire. Greek Culture in the Roman World*, by J. König (Cambridge 2005)," *The Classical Bulletin* 84.1 (2008), 140-142 (solicited).

"*The Oxford Dictionary of the Classical World*, edited by J. Roberts. (Oxford 2005)," *The Classical Bulletin* 84.1 (2008), 103-105 (solicited).

"*Testimonianze e frammenti / Ferecide di Atene. Introduzione, testo, traduzione e commento*, edited by P. Dolcetti. (Edizioni dell'Orso 2004)," *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 127 (2007), 200-201 (solicited).

"*The Art of War: Alexander the Great*. (A Discovery Channel Production 2004)," *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2006.12.03).

"*Ancient Greek Athletics*, by S. G. Miller (New Haven 2004)," *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2004.12.10).

"*Oligarchia. The Development of a Constitutional Form in Ancient Greece*, by M. Ostwald (Stuttgart 2000)," *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2002.06.32).

"*Plutarch. Greek Lives* (Oxford 1998) and *Plutarch. Roman Lives*, translated by R. Waterfield (Oxford 1999)," *Plutarchos* 17.1 (Fall 2000).

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES AND TRANSLATIONS

"Pherecydes of Athens," in R. S. Bagnall et al., eds., *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell 2011). (solicited).

"Lyceum," in *The Classical Tradition*. A. Grafton, G. W. Most, and S. Settis, eds. (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press 2009). (solicited).

"Critias," in *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
(<http://www.iep.utm.edu/c/critias.htm>) (Fall 2002).

"Cynosarges," in *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
(<http://www.iep.utm.edu/c/cynosarg.htm>) (Fall 2002).

"Garden of Epicurus," in *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
(<http://www.iep.utm.edu/g/garden.htm>) (Fall 2002).

"Lyceum," in *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
(<http://www.iep.utm.edu/l/lyceum.htm>) (Fall 2002).

"Palaestrae," in *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
(<http://www.iep.utm.edu/p/palaestr.htm>) (Fall 2002).

"Stoa Poecile," in *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
(<http://www.iep.utm.edu/s/stoa.htm>) (Fall 2002).

"Gymnastic Law from Beroea = SEG 27.261 261, Side B, 13-15, 26-32," a translation with notes in *Homosexuality in Greece and Rome: A Sourcebook of Basic Documents*, Thomas K. Hubbard, ed. Berkeley, Los Angeles, and London: University of California Press 2003.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Kritias of Athens and Oligarchic Propaganda in Late Fifth-Century Athens," at the Celtic Conference in Classics at the Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal on June 28, 2019 (invited).

"Kritias and Plato's *Ur*-Athens as Oligarchy," at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies in San Diego, California on January 4, 2019.

"Chasing a Silenos: Deceptive Appearances in Theopompos' *Thaumasias*," at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies in San Francisco, California on January 9, 2016.

"Theopompos and the (Re)writing of Athenian History," at the Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 9, 2011.

"IG II² 5768 Reexamined: Was Young Philetairos a Socratic?," at the *Greek Philosophy* panel at the Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 14, 2007.

"History as a Weapon: Kritias' *Politeiai Emmetroi*," at the *Athenian Culture and History* panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association in Boston, Massachusetts on January 8, 2005.

"Kritias the Historian: Politicizing the Past," at the *Athenian Lives* panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, Canada on May 9, 2003.

"Were Attic Gymnasia and Palaistra Public or Private?," at the *Ancient Athletics* Panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association in Dallas, Texas on December 28, 1999.

"The *Gymnasiarchês* and an Honorary Decree from the Deme of Kephissia," at the *Greek History* panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association in Washington, District of Columbia on December 30, 1998.

"A Family Tree and Athenian Politics: The Case Study of Kritias," at the California Classical Association Spring Conference at the University of California, Los Angeles on May 15, 1993.

INVITED LECTURES

"The Collapse of the Athenian Democracy in 404 BC", an invited lecture to The Grand Forum at Grand Valley State University on February 26, 2018.

"Classical Foundations and Colonial Education," a series of invited lectures and discussions for the Summer Institute of the West Shore Consortium for Dynamic History Education at the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Education Service Building on July 29, 2009.

"The Battle of Thermopylae," a series of invited lectures for the Aquinas Emeritus College at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September-October 2007.

"St. Valentine's Day" at a meeting of the *Phi Alpha Theta* History Honor Society on February 12, 2004.

"Ancient and Modern Views of the *Clades Varianae/Teutoberger Schlacht*" at the *Romans in Germany* seminar at Temple University, Ambler Campus on March 24, 2001.

"The M.A. Risk: A Doctoral Student's Perspective," at "Benefit or Burden? The Role of and Perceptions about M.A. and Post-Baccalaureate Programs" workshop at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association in New York, New York on December 30, 1996.

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

Peer-Reviewer (solicited), *The Classical Journal*, *Ancient Philosophy* and *The Grand Valley Journal of History*.

Member (invited), Academic Advisory Board for *Annual Editions: World History* (McGraw-Hill Higher Education), August 2008-present.

Member (elected), Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, January 2005-present.

RESEARCH IN DEVELOPMENT

(Re)constructing Classical Athens' Greatest Villain: The Historiography of Kritias of Athens (book contract with the series *Research Perspectives in Ancient History*, Brill Academic Publishers)

Kritias of Athens: An Historical Biography (complete manuscript in revision).

"Chasing a Silenos: Deceptive Appearances in Theopompos' *Thaumasia*" (article)

"Theopompos and the (Re)writing of Athenian History" (article)

SERVICE

Unit:

Chair of the Department of History and Coordinator of Social Studies, May 2011-May 2020.

Standard duties included scheduling courses, advising students, advocating for faculty, arbitrating grade and other disputes, approval of course equivalencies, overseeing mentoring of new faculty, doing salary evaluations, and managing the department budget.

Hired 1 new affiliate faculty, 4 new visiting faculty, and 1 new adjunct faculty in August 2011. Hired 3 new tenure-track and 1 new visiting faculty member in 2012. Hired 8 new visiting faculty members in 2013. Hired 1 new tenure-track and 4 new visiting faculty members in 2014. Hired 1 new tenure-track and 2 new visiting faculty members in 2015. Hired 1 new Affiliate and 3 visiting faculty members in 2016. Hired 1 new tenure-track, 2 new visiting, and 2 new adjunct faculty members in 2017. Hired 1 new visiting and 5 new adjunct faculty members in 2018. Hired 1 new visiting and 3 new adjunct faculty members in 2019.

Authored course change proposals to make HST 101, 103, 350, and 351 available for online or hybrid delivery in Winter 2019.

Completed the first Unit Head Stability Report for History and Social Studies, April 2019.

Collaborated with colleague Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin on the Assessment Plan for History in Fall 2018.

Collaborated with colleagues to write a new Strategic Plan for History and Social Studies in Winter 2016.

Authored new course proposals for HST 415: Museum Studies and HST 420: Introduction to Public History with colleagues Melissa Morison and Matthew Daley. Authored course change proposal for HST 605 (now HST 405): Archival and Local History with colleagues.

Developed a new committee structure for the History Department in Fall of 2015 that was adopted by the department.

Collaborated with colleagues on the department curriculum committee to revise the elementary and secondary Social Studies majors from 2015-2018.

Reviewed 426 course equivalencies for HST 203 and HST 204 to ensure that courses taken at other institutions are for World History and not Western or European Civilization courses in 2014.

Collaborated with colleagues in bringing the Michigan Council for History Education to Grand Valley in 2012.

Created the new position of Assistant Chair for Social Studies to assist with the growing Group Social Studies major in Fall 2011.

Assisted colleagues with the revision of the History minor and with the creation and/or revision of existing courses.

Authored (in collaboration with Profs. J. Cataldo and C. Shapiro-Shapin) a new course: HST 410: History Journal (final approval in Fall 2013).

Co-Chair of the Department of History (with Prof. G. Galbraith), Winter 2011.

Learned much about the job of chairing a large department.

Worked with Prof. Galbraith on salary evaluations.

Chaired a committee to revise personnel guidelines for tenure and promotion.

Chair (Fall 2007-May 2010) and member, History Department Curriculum Committee, Fall 2006-May 2010.

Led overall revision of the History major, the creation of 17 new courses, and the revision of more than 30 existing courses. This revision was passed unanimously by the History Department in March 2010 and received final approval from the Provost in April 2011.

Departmental Search Committees:

Academic Department Coordinator – History (Inclusion Advocate), 2021

Visiting faculty position in History of Science and Medicine, 2019

Visiting faculty positions in World and US History, Spring 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (Chair) and 2015 (Chair).

Public History position (member), Fall 2016-Winter 2017.

Social Studies Affiliate position (Co-Chair), Fall 2015-Winter 2016.

Middle Eastern History position (member), Fall 2008-Winter 2009.

African History position (member), Fall 2008-Winter 2009.

Visiting faculty for World History and Hebrew (with Classics Department) Member, Winter 2008.

Medieval History position (member), Fall 2007-Winter 2008.

Member, committee to advise the department chair on faculty activity projections, Winter 2008, and Winter 2009.

Judge, Michigan History Day at Grand Valley State University, Allendale every year since Winter 2003.

Chair/Commentator for “Military History in Classical Greece and Rome” panel at the Great Lakes History Conference on October 20, 2006, at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids.

Coordinator, History Department Committee for HST 203, Fall 2005.

Member, History Department Curriculum Committee, Winter 2005.

Subcommittee on History 300.

Judge, Scholarship Competition at Grand Valley State University, Allendale on multiple occasions since 2005.

Represented History and Social Studies at Recruitment Day on multiple occasions since 2004.

College:

CLAS Personnel Committee, Elected Member, April 2020-present.

Inclusion Advocate for Search Committee for Department of Political Science, Fall 2021-Winter 2022.

Museum Studies Task Force, Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, 2015-2017.

Russian Studies Task Force, Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, 2013-2014.

University:

Inclusion Advocate, Winter 2018-present.

Campus Life Advisory Committee, Elected Member, April 2021-April 2024.

University Academic Senate, Elected Member, Winter 2018-Winter 2020.

Student Media Advisory Board, appointed member (by Executive Committee of the Academic Senate), Fall 2016-Winter 2018.

Newspaper Advisory Board, elected member, Fall 2014-Winter 2016. Served previously in Winter 2006-Winter 2010 and Winter 2011-Winter 2012.

Advisor, Harry Potter Club, Fall 2012-Fall 2020.

University Academic Senate, elected member, Winter 2007-Winter 2009.

Final Plan Task Force for a Minor in Archaeology, Appointed member, June 2006-December 2008.

Pew Faculty Teaching & Learning Center Presidential Grant for creating guides for writing consultants and students at the Fred Meijer Center for Writing & Authors, Invited member in Summer 2009.

Teaching Portfolio Workshop conducted by the Pew Faculty Teaching & Learning Center, Invited mentor in June 2005, 2006, and 2008.

Teaching Portfolio Workshop conducted by the Pew Faculty Teaching & Learning Center, Discussant on June 21, 2007.

History Department representative for the General Education Coordinating Cluster for the Foundation—Historical Perspectives Category, Fall 2006-Fall 2009.

Created Assessment plans for HST 102 and HST 203.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

President (since January 2018) and Board Member, Archaeological Institute of America, Central West Michigan Society, Member from December 2016-present.

Interviewed by the Grand Valley Lanthorn for an article about the origins of Valentine's Day in February 2007.

Interviewed by WOOD-TV 8 about the historical background of the election of a new Pope and a second time about the choice of Benedict XVI in April 2005.

"*Clades Varianae: Ancient and Modern Perspectives*," with lesson plans and a PowerPoint presentation for Latin teachers at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Classical Conference at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 24, 2005.

Interviewed by WZZM-TV 13 about the history of the papacy in February 2005.

Interviewed both by WGVU Radio and by Michigan Radio about the movie, *The Passion of the Christ* in February 2004.

TEACHING AND FACULTY IMPROVEMENT SEMINARS ATTENDED

Blackboard Ultra "Pioneer", Summer 2022. Attendance at multiple webinars regarding the new LMS package and the development of HST 101 and HST 203 in Ultra BB.

"CLAS Teaching Roundtable" on "Online Education" attended on November 19, 2018.

Multiple BB seminars attended in 2018-2020.

"CLAS Teaching Roundtable" on "Trigger Warnings, Colorblindness, and the Persistence of Social Problems" attended on November 21, 2016.

"Title IX for Employees" and "Bystander Intervention" online courses completed on August 29, 2016.

"Grant Writing Workshops and Consultation", conducted by David Bauer on May 1, 2015.

"Foundations of Online/Hybrid Course Development", conducted by Matthew Roberts in three, three-hour sessions on May 9, 16, and 23rd, 2014 from 9-12 p.m.

“28th Annual Academic Chairpersons Conference” conducted by Kansas State University on February 8-11, 2011 in Orlando, Florida.

“Preparing a Pew FTLC Grant” conducted by Kurt Ellenberger on November 2, 2007 from 10-12:00 p.m.

“Using Peer Groups in the Writing Classroom Workshop” conducted by SWS Director Kay Losey on Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 9-10 a.m.

“Workshop On Responding To And Evaluating Writing” conducted by SWS Director Kay Losey on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 from 3-4:00 p.m.

“Teaching as Performance Seminar” conducted by Theater Prof. Karen Libman and the Pew Faculty Teaching & Learning Center on March 2, 16 and 23, 2005.

“Personnel Policy” Seminar as part of the Faculty Seminar Series on March 21, 2005 from 3-5:00 p.m.

“Research” Seminar as part of the Faculty Seminar Series on November 30, 2004 from 6-8:30 p.m.

“Advising” Seminar as part of the Faculty Seminar Series on October 21, 2004 from 6-8:30 p.m.

“Teaching Effectiveness” Seminar as part of the Faculty Seminar Series on September 20, 2004 from 4-6 p.m.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Travel grant from Faculty Teaching and Learning. January 2020. (GVSU).

Dissemination Grant. Summer 2019. (GVSU).

Dissemination Grant. Fall 2018. (GVSU).

Catalyst Grant. Fall 2017. (GVSU).

Sabbatical Grant. Fall 2017. (GVSU).

Dissemination Grant. Fall 2015. (GVSU).

Sabbatical Grant. Fall 2010. (GVSU).

Summer Research Grant. 2008. (GVSU).

Travel grant from Faculty Teaching and Learning. January 2008. (GVSU).

Multiple travel grants from Research and Development. May 2003-April 2007. (GVSU).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American School of Classical Studies at Athens

Society for Classical Studies/American Philological Association

Archaeological Institute of America

Association of Ancient Historians

Society for Greek and Latin Epigraphy

Classical Association of the Middle West and South

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society