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EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D., Classics, University of Chicago
2006 B.A., Classics, Northwestern University (with departmental honors)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Mobility, Identity, and Colonization in the Roman Empire; Classical Reception in South Asia and North Africa

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2019 – Assistant Professor, Department of History, Columbia University
2018 – 2019 College Fellow of Ancient History, Department of the Classics, Harvard University
2016 – 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor, Classics Department, Trinity College (Hartford)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Romans Abroad: Associations of Roman Citizens from the Second Century BCE to the Third Century CE
(in progress)

Articles and Chapters

2023 “Slaves, Magic, and Agency in the Roman Empire” (N. Giannella). In *Handbook of Classics and Postcolonial Theory*, ed. B. Akrigg and K. Blouin. Routledge: Oxford (in progress)
2018 “Mobility.” In *A Cultural History of Western Empires in Antiquity*, ed. C.F. Noreña, 131-152. New York: Bloomsbury Academic UK.
2017 “One and Many: Associations of Roman Citizens in Greece.” In *Social Dynamics under Roman Rule: Mobility and Status Change in the Provinces of Achaia and Macedonia*, ed. A. Rizakis and S. Zoumbaki, 407–25. *Meletemata* 74. Athens: National Hellenic Research Foundation.

Edited Volumes

2025 *Futures of Ancient Greek and Roman History* (with N. Morley; in progress.)

Reviews

2022 “Moving through the Eastern Mediterranean World” (working title). *Journal of Roman Studies* (commissioned and in progress).
2020 Lo Cascio, E. and Laurens E. Tacoma, eds. *The Impact of Mobility and Migration in the*

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Humanities War & Peace Initiative Grant, Columbia University
- 2019 Lenfest Junior Faculty Development Grant, Columbia University
Career Development Award, Department of History, Columbia University
- 2018 Loeb Faculty Research Grant, Department of the Classics, Harvard University
- 2014 Emeline Hill Richardson Rome Prize, American Academy in Rome
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, American Research Center in Sofia (declined)
- 2013 Whiting Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Chicago
Edward L. Ryerson Fellowship in Archaeology, University of Chicago
- 2012 Ephron Research Scholarship, Department of Classics, University of Chicago
- 2010 Eric P. Newman Award, American Numismatic Society
- 2009 Edward L. Ryerson Fellowship in Archaeology, University of Chicago
Lord Scholarship, American School for Classical Studies at Athens
Semple Award, Classical Association for the Middle West and South (declined)

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Roman Settlers in the Eastern Mediterranean: Comparing Delos and Phrygia.”
Princeton University, March 26 (forthcoming)
“Mapping Associations of Roman Citizens.” University of Texas – Austin, April 9
(forthcoming)
- 2019 “Acculturation and Absence: Where Are Attica’s Associations of Italians and
Romans?” Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York
University, November 11
“Intermarriage in Moesia Inferior: Romans, Bessi, and Lai.” University of Pittsburgh,
October 16
“Roman Citizenship and Associations of Roman Citizens on the Western Coast of
the Black Sea in the Second and Third Centuries CE.” SAXO Institute,
University of Copenhagen, May 15
“Sound, Indian American Femininities, and the Archive.” Scripps College, April 15
“Italian Identities Abroad, 112 – 88 BCE.” Illinois Program for Research in the
Humanities, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, February 22
- 2018 “Intersectionality and the Mobility of Women, Slaves, and Freedpeople in the
Roman World.” Earlham College, March 2
- 2017 “Consuming Greek and Excreting Latin in Ostia’s Fresco of the Seven Sages.” Yale
University, April 28
“Proximity to Power: Rome, the Emperor, and the Roman Diaspora.” College of
the Holy Cross, March 3
- 2014 “Provincial Perspectives.” Babcock Lecture, Intercollegiate Center for Classical
Studies in Rome, November 5
“One and Many: Associations of Roman Citizens and Social Mobility in Achaia.”
Dynamiques sociales dans la péninsule hellénique sous l’empire: mobilité et
changement statutaire. National Hellenic Research Foundation/École
française d’Athènes, May 31
- 2013 “Associations of Roman Citizens and Peregrines in Moesia Inferior: Loyalty and
Inter-Diaspora Interaction.” University of Groningen, November 19

“Roman Collective Action in Asia Minor: Visibility in the *Polis*.” Université Charles-de-Gaulle – Lille III, November 13

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2019 “Diversities of Mobility in the Roman Empire: Women, Slaves, and Freedpeople.” Congress of the Fédération internationale des associations d’études classiques and the Classical Association Annual Conference, London, July 7
- 2018 “Patrons at Home, Patrons at Rome: The Responses of Asia’s Cities to Associations of Roman Citizens.” New Scholars Symposium, Bates College, September 29
- 2017 “Friends and Enemies: Associations of Roman Citizens and Strategies of Empire.” Annual Meeting of Postgraduates in the Reception of the Ancient World, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, November 24
- “Expats of Empire: Associations of Roman Citizens in Provincial Cities in the Roman Republic.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, Toronto, Canada, January 7
- 2014 “Local and Translocal Networks: Contact between Associations of Roman Citizens and Local Communities of the Empire.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, Chicago, January 4
- 2013 “A Dedication to the Deified Augustus: Contact between Associations of Roman Citizens and Local Communities in Roman Africa.” Heartland Graduate Workshop in Ancient Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 27-28
- “Religion and Associations of Roman Citizens: Parsing the Cult Practices of the Roman Diaspora.” Real and Imaginary Borders Across the Mediterranean, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 9
- 2009 “*Hypsipolis* or *Apolis*: Legal Terminology and Problems of Citizenship in the *Antigone*.” Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, May 20
- 2008 “*Italia Restituta*: The Economic Policy of Trajanic Road Construction.” Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, April 16-19

CAMPUS/DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2019 “Displaced Communities and Associations of Roman Citizens in North Africa and the Western Black Sea Coast.” Center for the Ancient Mediterranean, Columbia University, November 9
- 2012 “Religion and the Roman Diaspora.” Ancient Societies, University of Chicago, October 16
- 2009 “*Ex Montibus in Agros*: The Settlement of Ligurians in Samnium in 180 BCE.” Ancient Societies, University of Chicago, May 25
- “Bilingual Text as Object: Parodying Wisdom in the Seven Sages Fresco at Ostia.” Seeing Through Walls: New Approaches to Roman Painting, University of Chicago, March 13-14
- “*Hypsipolis* or *Apolis*: Legal Terminology and Problems of Citizenship in *Antigone*.” Rhetoric and Poetics, University of Chicago, November 18; Northwestern University, March 9
- 2008 Respondent. Contradictory Selves: Multiplicity and Conflict in Roman Representations of Character, University of Chicago, October 17-19

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2017 Women of Color in the Academy—Staying Fit: Mind, Body, and Soul, Stanford University
- 2011 University of Chicago Writing Program: Training in Teaching Composition
- 2010 Eric P. Newman Summer Graduate Seminar in Numismatics, American Numismatic Society
- 2009 American School of Classical Studies at Athens (Summer Session)
- 2004 Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome

SERVICE

- 2020 – Professional Development Officer, Department of History, Columbia University
History Representative of Columbia University to the Advisory Council of the American Academy in Rome
- 2020 Judge, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 2019 – Advisory Board Member, *Global Antiquities*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ancient History and Civilization

- Mobility and Identity in the Roman World, Columbia University (Fall 2020)
- The Romans and their World, Columbia University (annually)
- Introduction to the Ancient Roman World, Harvard University (Spring 2019)
- Mobility and Identity in the Roman World (graduate seminar), Harvard University (Fall 2018)
- Classics and Colonialism, Harvard University (Fall 2018)
- Classics and Colonialism, Trinity College (Spring 2018)
- Magic in Ancient Rome, Trinity College (Fall 2017; Spring 2018)
- Sex and Sexualities in Ancient Greece and Rome, Trinity College (Fall 2016)
- Greek Thought and Literature (TA), University of Chicago (Spring 2016)

Literature Surveys

- Masterpieces of Western Literature and Philosophy, Columbia University (2019-2021)

Latin

- Latin 319, *Virtus*: Masculinity, Trinity College (Fall 2017)
- Latin 332, Catullus, Trinity College (Fall 2016)
- Latin 101, University of Chicago/Trinity College (Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Fall 2017)
- Latin 101 (TA), University of Chicago (Fall 2012; Fall 2011; Fall 2009)
- Latin 102, University of Chicago (Winter 2012; Winter 2010)
- Latin 103, University of Chicago (Spring 2010)

Attic Greek

- Greek 103, University of Chicago (Spring 2011)
- Greek 102 (TA), University of Chicago (Winter 2011)
- Greek 101 (TA), University of Chicago (Fall 2010)

Composition

Instructor and Advisor, Classics, University of Chicago (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)
Instructor and Advisor, Public Policy Program, University of Chicago (Fall
2015-Spring 2016)
Instructor and Advisor, Environmental Studies Program, University of Chicago
(Fall 2015-Spring 2016)

LANGUAGES

Tamil, proficient speaker
Latin, proficient reader and writer
Attic Greek, proficient reader and writer
French, proficient reader
Italian, proficient reader
German, proficient reader

AFFILIATIONS

Society for Classical Studies

REFERENCES

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