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Employment

University of Pennsylvania

Professor of Classical Studies	2022–
Associate Professor of Classical Studies	2010–2022
Assistant Professor of Classical Studies	2004–2010

Harvard University

Assistant Professor of the Classics	2002–2004
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Education

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Classics, 2002

Dissertation: “Nocturnal Letters: Roman temporal practices and Seneca’s *Epistulae morales*”
 (Committee: Anthony A. Long [director], Leslie V. Kurke, William Fitzgerald, Timothy Hampton)

M.A., University of California, Berkeley, Greek, 1996

B.A. (Hons.), University of Canterbury, New Zealand, Classics and Linguistics, 1994

Areas of Specialization

Imperial Latin Literature; Ancient Roman Culture; Reception Studies; Latin Pedagogy

Books

The Ordered Day: Quotidian Time and Forms of Life in Ancient Rome (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2023)

[458 pages] [reviews: *Journal of Roman Studies* (2024); *Sehepunkte: Rezensionenjournal für die Geschichtswissenschaften* [24.9](#) (Sept, 2024); *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [24.05.05](#) (May, 2024); *The New Criterion* [41.8](#) (April, 2023)]

The Values of Nighttime in Classical Antiquity: Between Dusk and Dawn, Penn-Leiden Colloquia on Ancient Values X, co-edited with Antje Wessels (Brill, 2020)

[359 pages] [reviews: *Journal of Astronomical History and Heritage* 25.2 (2022), 328-330]

Valuing the Past in the Greco-Roman World, Penn-Leiden Colloquia on Ancient Values proceedings, co-edited with Christoph Pieper (Brill, 2014)

[507 pages] [reviews: *Classical Review* February 2016, 1–3; *L'antiquité classique* 85 (2016), 466–67; *Gymnasium* 124.3 (2017), 295–296; *Ancient Jew Review* Nov. 17, 2017]

Elizabethan Seneca: Three Tragedies, co-edited with Jessica Winston, in *Modern Humanities Research Association Tudor & Stuart Translations*, vol. 8 (London, 2012)

[340 pages] [reviews: *Times Literary Supplement* April 4, 2013; *Translation and Literature* 22 (2013) 272–78; *Renaissance Quarterly* 66 (2013) 1513–14; *Sixteenth Century Journal* 45 (2014) 474–75; *Modern Language Review* 110.1 (2015) 238–39; *Spenser Review* 45.2.34 (Fall 2015)]

A Seneca Reader: Selections from Prose and Tragedy. Bolchazy Carducci Latin Readers series (Mundelein, Ill., 2011)

[166 pages] [reviews: *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2012.09.38; *Classical Journal* 2012.11.21; *Classical Outlook* Summer 2011.88. 4]

The Deaths of Seneca (Oxford University Press, 2009; paperback 2012)

[410 pages] [reviews: *Times Literary Supplement* April 23, 2010; *New England Classical Journal* 37.4 (2010) 312–14; *Journal of Roman Studies* 101 (2011) 288–90; *Choice Reviews* June, 2010; *Classical World* 105.1 (2011); *Greece & Rome* 58.2 (2011) 263]

Book in Preparation

Editor, *Persons and Authors in Ancient Rome: A Cultural History*, a posthumous book-manuscript of Thomas Habinek (under contract, Johns Hopkins University Press)

Articles and Chapters [* denotes refereed]

“Unlived Time in Seneca’s Prose Writings,” in *Lived Time: Routines, Temporal Norms and Identities* (in preparation)

“Resonance between Day and Life in Ancient Roman Social Time,” in *The Role of Time in Self-World Relationships* (in preparation)

“Synchronizing Diachronies in Seneca’s *Consolatio ad Marciam*,” in *Synchronizing the Body in Ancient Philosophy and Medicine* (De Gruyter, submitted)

“Roman Temporalities of Presence,” in *Temporalities, Texts, and Ideologies: Ancient and Early Modern Perspectives*, ed. Bobby Xinyue (Bloomsbury, 2023), 51–68

- “Untold Times,” in *Making Time for Greek and Roman Literature*, eds. Kate Gilhuly and Jeffrey P. Ulrich (Routledge, 2023), 30–44
- “Consolation,” in *Oxford Handbook to Roman Philosophy*, eds. M. Garani, D. Konstan, and G. Reydams-Schils (Oxford University Press, 2023), 240–255*
- “Ethics and Social Relations,” in *A Cultural History of Ideas*, vol. 1: *A Cultural History of Ideas in Antiquity*, eds. T. Habinek†, C. Ando, and G. Sissa (Bloomsbury, 2023)
- “It’s the *Animae*, Stupid: Seneca’s Ovidian Afterlives,” in *The Lives of Latin Texts: Papers Presented to Richard J. Tarrant*, eds. I. Peirano Garrison and L. Curtis (Harvard University Press, 2022)
- “Diurnal Selves in Ancient Rome,” in *Down to the Hour: Perspectives on Short Time in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East*, eds. K. Miller and S. Symons (Brill, 2019), 184–213
- “Seneca and Augustan Culture,” in *Cambridge Companion to Seneca*, eds. S. Bartsch and A. Schiesaro (Cambridge, 2015), 112–121
- “On Providence,” “On the Happy Life,” “On the Constancy of the Wise Person,” translated with introductions and notes, in *Hardship and Happiness*, series *The Complete Works of Lucius Annaeus Seneca* (Chicago University Press, 2014) [contribution: 114 pages]* [review: *New York Review of Books* October 9, 2014; *Classics for All* August 2016; *Review of Metaphysics* 69.3 (2016) 641–643; *Classical Journal* 111.4 (2016) 503–506]
- “Seneca the Younger,” “Seneca the Elder,” “Time,” entries for *The Virgil Encyclopedia*, eds. R. Thomas and J. Ziolkowski (Wiley, 2013)
- “A Note on Jasper Heywood’s ‘Free Compositions’ in *Troas* (1559)”, co-written with Jessica Winston, *Modern Philology* 110 (2013) 564–575*
- “An Exciting Provocation: John F. Miller’s *Apollo, Augustus, and the Poets*”, co-authored with B. Bergmann, J. Farrell, D. Feeney, D. Nelis, C. Schultz, *Vergilius* 58 (2012) 3–20
- “Seneca in Tacitus,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Tacitus*, ed. V. Pagán (Malden, Mass., 2012), 305–330
- “Nundinae: The Culture of the Roman Week,” *Phoenix* 64 (2010) 360–385*

- “Socrates Speaks in Seneca, *De Vita Beata* 24–28,” in *Ancient Models of Mind: Studies in Greco-Roman Moral and Cognitive Psychology, in Honour of A. A. Long*, eds. Andrea Nightingale and David Sedley (Cambridge, 2010), 180–95*
- “Pliny the Younger,” “Roman Letters,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*, ed. Michael Gagarin (New York, 2010), 244–46, 325–27
- “Drinking from the Water-Clock: Time and Speech in Imperial Rome,” *Arethusa* 42 (2009) 279–302*
- “Seneca on Self-Examination: Rereading *De ira* 3.36,” in *Seneca and the Self*, eds. Shadi Bartsch and David Wray (Cambridge, 2009), 160–187
- “Outside and Inside: Senecan Strategies,” in *Writing Politics in Imperial Rome*, eds. J. Garthwaite and W. Dominik (Leiden, 2009) 249–271
- “Roman *Repraesentatio*,” *American Journal of Philology* 128.3 (2007) 341–365*
- “Seneca, Man of Many Genres,” in *Seeing Seneca Whole: Perspectives on Philosophy, Poetry, Politics*, eds. K. Volk and G. D. Williams (Leiden, 2006) 19–41
- “Nocturnal Writers in Imperial Rome: The Culture of *Lucubratio*,” *Classical Philology* 99 (2004) 209–242*
- “Solon’s *Theôria* and the End of the City,” *Classical Antiquity* 19 (2000) 304–329*
- English translation of J.-P. Vernant, “Odysseus in Person,” *Representations* 67 (1999) 1–26

Interviews

- Amy Pistone [interviewee], “The CO Interview: A College Educator Reflects Publicly on Classics Teaching,” *The Classical Outlook* 98.3 (2023) 101–106

Reviews

- F. Tutrone, *Healing Grief: A Commentary on Seneca’s “Consolatio ad Marciam”* (De Gruyter, 2023), *Gnomon* 2024
- M. Graver, *Seneca: The Literary Philosopher* (Cambridge, 2023), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 2024
- T. Geue and E. Giusti, eds. *Unspoken Rome: Absence in Latin Literature and Its Reception* (Cambridge, 2021), *Journal of Roman Studies* 2023
- M. Cholbi and T. Timmerman, eds. *Exploring the Philosophy of Death and Dying: Classical and Contemporary Perspectives* (Routledge, 2021), *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2022)

- M. Griffin, *Politics and Philosophy at Rome. Collected Papers*, *Classical Journal* 113.1 (2020)
- B. Mulligan, *Cornelius Nepos, Life of Hannibal* (Open Book, 2015), *Classical Outlook* 91 (2016) 74
- E. Gunderson, *The Sublime Seneca* (Cambridge, 2015), *Classical Review* (February, 2016)
- G. Damschen and A. Heil, eds. *Brill's Companion to Seneca: Philosopher and Dramatist* (Leiden, 2014), *Journal of Roman Studies* 105 (2015) 440–441
- H. Baltussen, ed. *Greek and Roman Consolations: Eight studies of a tradition and its afterlife* (Cardiff, 2013), *Mnemosyne* 68 (2015) 696–699
- M. Griffin, *Seneca on Society: A Guide to De Beneficiis* (Oxford, 2013), *Journal of Roman Studies* 104 (2014) 333–334
- W. Johnson, *Readers and Reading Culture in the High Roman Empire*, *Classical Journal* 2012.02.03
- G. Staley, *Seneca and the Idea of Tragedy*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2010.08.05 [http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=20827]
- B. Inwood, *Seneca: Selected Philosophical Letters*, in *Rhizai* 6 (2009) 95–100
- G. Scarpat, *Lucio Anneo Seneca. Anticipare la morte o attenderla*, in *Classical Review* 59 (2009), 301–302
- J. Henderson, *Morals and Villas in Seneca's Letters*, in *Classical Review* 2005 (55) 143–145
- G. D. Williams, *Seneca. De otio, De brevitae vitae*, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2003.08.07
- P. Hadot, *The Inner Citadel: The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius*, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 38 (2000) 116–118

Series

Editor, *Cultural Histories of the Ancient World* (Johns Hopkins University Press)

Invited Presentations

- “Seneca’s First Intervention,” Department of Classical Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, March 2025
- “Seneca’s First Intervention,” Keynote Lecture, Australasian Society for Classical Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, February 2025
- “Unlived Time in Seneca’s Prose Writings,” Conference: Lived Time: Routines, Temporal Norms and Identities, University of Amsterdam, November 2024
- “Resonances between Day and Life in Roman Social Time,” International Graduate School Conference: The Role of Time in Self-World Relationships, University of Graz (via Zoom), September 2024
- “Synchronizing Diachronies in Seneca’s *Consolatio ad Marciam*,” Workshop: “Synchronizing the Body in Ancient Medicine and Philosophy,” Einstein Center Chronoi, Berlin, June 2024
- “Seneca’s First Intervention,” Yale University, March 2024
- “Seneca’s First Intervention: The *Consolation to Marcia*,” UMass Amherst, March 2024
- “Seneca and the Times of Consolation,” Peder Sather Center symposium on Transhistorical Communities, University of California, Berkeley, February 2024

- “How Did Romans Order their Day? What We Know and What We Don’t Know,” Middlebury College, March 2023
- “Untold Times: Beyond the Order of the Roman Day,” New York University, February 2023
- “Connecting Ancient Languages in the Museum,” Teacher Talk at Penn Museum, April 2022
- “Untold Times”, *Ancient Temporalities* conference, Wellesley College, October 2021
- “Quotidian Time and Forms of Life in Ancient Rome”, Early Modern Workshop: Resources in Jewish History, Fordham University-Lincoln Center, May 2020
- “Roman Consolations in Calamitous Times”, Free Library of Philadelphia Lecture Series on “Ancient Wisdom & Modern Heartbreak: How Rome Helped Shape the U.S.”, May 2019
- “The Hours in Martial’s Day”, Rutgers University, graduate seminar on time in Augustan poetry, April 2019
- “Seneca’s Ovidian Afterlife”, New York University, October 2018; Penn Classical Studies departmental colloquium, February 2019
- “‘It’s the *Animae*, Stupid’: The End of Seneca’s *Consolatio ad Marciam*”, Harvard University, September 2018
- “Hidden Rhythms: How Roman Authors Think With and Live By Everyday Time”, working group on “The Day Unit in Antiquity and the Middle Ages”, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem (via Skype), July 2018
- “Hidden Rhythms: Rituals of the Routine in Roman Time”, keynote address at conference “Social Time in the Ancient World: Rhythms and Rituals”, CHRONOS working group, University of Amsterdam, May 2018
- “Differentiating Ancient Histories of Clock Time at Rome”, meeting of the Delaware Valley Medieval Association, University of Pennsylvania, September 2017
- Response to Claudia Moatti, *The Birth of Critical Thinking in Republican Rome* (2015), panel at University of Southern California, March 2016
- Three-day faculty seminar on Neronian Literature for Sunoikisis at the Center for Hellenic Studies, June 2015
- “Daily Life in Ancient Rome: The Curious Career of a Modern Obsession”, University of Toronto, November, 2014; Columbia University, March, 2015
- “Seneca on Survival Beyond Death: Rereading *Epistulae Morales* 21.5–6”, given at Wake Forest University, March, 2014; Indiana University, April, 2014; Oberlin College, April, 2014
- Penn Authors forum, Perspectives in the Humanities, Kings College English House, University of Pennsylvania, December, 2013
- Chair, panel on “Judgment and Obligation in Roman Intellectual History”, APA meeting, Chicago, January 2014
- Chair, panel on “Seneca, *Thyestes*: Ethics, Theatricality, and the Passions”, APA meeting, Seattle, January 2013
- “The Order of the Day: Time, Community, and Self in Roman Literature”, Northwestern University, April 2012
- “The Roman Author’s Daily Life”, CUNY Graduate Center, March, 2012

- “Roman Seneca / English Seneca: Reflections on Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration”, Department of English and Philosophy, Idaho State University, January, 2012
- “Early Imperial Receptions of the Augustan Apollo”, in panel “*Apollo, Augustus, and the Poets: A Discussion of the Goodwin Prize-Winning Book*”, APA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2012
- “Epictetus”, Penn Faculty Reading Group, November 2011
- “Morning Makes Manifest: Time of Day as Interpretive Factor in Roman Culture,” *Explanations, Interpretations, and Causes in Classical Antiquity* conference, Stanford University, April 2010
- “Seneca’s Death: The Visual Tradition from Late Antiquity to the Nineteenth Century,” Johns Hopkins University, March 2009
- Chair, panel on “Roman Prose,” APA meeting, Philadelphia, January 2009
- “Who (or What) Is the Bat Man? (Varro, *Sat. Men.* 13),” Princeton University, “Varium Et Elegans: A Seminar Conference on Varro's Menippean Satires,” October 2008
- “Pompeia Paulina, Wife of Seneca,” Bryn Mawr College, January 2008; University of Washington, November 2007; Columbia University, April 2008; Wesleyan University, April 2008
- “Seneca’s Socrates,” *Models of Mind* conference (in honor of A. A. Long), University of California, Berkeley, September 2007
- Respondent to Robert A. Kaster, “Self-Aggrandizement and Praise of Others in Cicero,” Ancient History Colloquium of the Atlantic States meeting, March 2006
- “Seneca’s Dying Gift,” Temple University, November 2005
- “Waiting to be Roman: The Rhythm of the *Nundinae*,” Princeton University, November 2004
- “Reflexes of Imperial Time,” conference on “Temporalities” in Greek and Roman culture, Department of Classics, UCLA, April 2004
- “Seneca’s Genres,” symposium on “New Directions in Seneca Studies,” Center for the Ancient Mediterranean, Columbia University, February 2004
- “Time and Narrative in Seneca’s *Epistulae Morales*,” Amherst College, October 2003
- Roundtable discussion, “Seneca and the Self” conference, University of Chicago, April 2003

Other Presentations

- Welcome and Introduction, Martha Graham Dance Company Performance, Philadelphia Theatre Company, January 4, 2025
- Blog post, co-written with Nina Papathanasopoulou, “Martha Graham meets Ancient Greece in Philadelphia,” September 2024 <https://classicalstudies.org/scs-blog/jkerlb/blog-martha-graham-meets-ancient-greece-philadelphia>
- Interviewed by BBC for article “The Ancient Roman Alternative to Daylight Saving Time,” March 2024 <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20240328-the-ancient-roman-alternative-to-daylight-savings-time>
- “Teaching Texts with Technology”, invited contribution to Penn Center for Teaching and Learning session, March 2019

- “Rome Wasn’t Built in a Minute”, 60 Second Lecture, Penn School of Arts and Sciences staff event, November 2018
- “The Distinguished Day: Diachronic Perspectives on Clock Time in Ancient Rome”, University of Pennsylvania Classical Studies Colloquium, September 2017
- “The Roman Author’s Daily Life”, University of Pennsylvania Classical Studies Colloquium, September 2011
- “Seneca for Students: Six Suggestions,” Classical Association of the Mid-West and South, Grand Rapids, April 2011
- “Seneca’s Final Consolation,” University of Pennsylvania Classical Studies Colloquium, September 2008
- “Death and Authorship in Neronian Rome,” class presentation at Wellesley College, April 2006
- “Timescapes of Seneca’s *Epistulae Morales ad Lucilium*,” APA meeting, Philadelphia, Jan. 2002
- “Reading Trimalchio’s Calendar,” British Classical Association meeting, Bristol, April 2000
- “The Antipodes in Seneca,” UC Berkeley Heller Conference “Mortal Boundaries: A colloquium on the Senecan corpus,” Nov. 1998
- “*Theôria*: Foreign Travel and the Archaic Construction of Wisdom,” Cultural Poetics panel, APA meeting, Chicago, Dec. 1997
- “The Day as a Unit of Philosophical Practice in Seneca’s Letters,” Greek and Roman Philosophy panel, APA meeting, New York, Dec. 1996

Courses Taught at the University of Pennsylvania

Undergraduate:

Classical Studies:

Nero and the Roman Imagination (seminar), 2004, 2006, 2008
 Authors and Audiences in the Greek and Roman World, 2012
 Technologies of the Mind in the Greek and Roman World, 2014
 Ancient Rome lecture course, 2020
 Ancient Dialogue Workshop, 2021
 Classical Studies in Philadelphia Schools (Academically Based Community Service Course), 2021

Latin:

Elementary Latin, 2005, 2006, 2017
 Intermediate Latin Prose, 2005
 Intermediate Latin Poetry, 2018
 Introduction to Advanced Latin Literature, 2011, 2012
 Seneca: Prose and Poetry, 2010, 2013
 Petronius/Latin Novel 2004, 2009, 2017
 Roman Tragedy, 2007

Conversion Tales in Latin Literature, 2014

Letters of Complaint, 2016

Love Letters, 2019

Postbaccalaureate Seminar in Classical Studies, 2006, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021

Greek:

Intermediate Greek Prose, 2009, 2014

Intermediate Greek Poetry, 2015

Herodotus, *Histories*, 2005

Homeric Hymns, 2015

Greek Dialogue, 2021

Graduate:

Required seminars:

Materials and Methods (graduate proseminar), 2018, 2023

Latin Prose Composition, 2007, 2008

Advanced Latin Survey, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2018

Greek Prose Composition, 2012, 2023

The Greek Text: Language and Style, 2016, 2019, 2020

Language Pedagogy Workshop, 2015–

Dissertation Prospectus Workshop, 2014, 2019

Research seminars:

The Roman Exemplary Tradition, 2005

Seneca, 2006

The Argonautica in Latin Literature (co-taught with Joseph Farrell), 2010

Progress and Decline, 2011

Consolation in Latin Literature and Ancient Philosophy, 2013

Latin Literature of Everyday Life, 2018

The Roman Novel, 2023

Students Supervised at the University of Pennsylvania

Undergraduate:

Sara Chopra, senior research paper on translations of Homer's *Iliad*, co-advisor, 2021

Jeremy Cohen, Penn Undergraduate Research Mentoring program project on graphic representation of ancient author information [summer 2015]

William Colsher, independent study on *cellae meretriciae* in Pompeii, 2006

Margaret Danaher, senior research paper on Petronius, 2019

Matan Davis, senior research paper on insult in Pompeian graffiti, co-advisor, 2020

Erica Evans, independent study on the Roman tribune, 2008

Jacob Finkel, masters thesis on Cicero, 2011–12
 Giselle Furlonge, senior research paper on Medea in Roman literature, 2006–7
 Kate Goldenberg, senior research paper on Mussolini’s Rome and Bacon’s Philadelphia, co-adviser, 2013
 Heather Gorn, independent study on Apuleius, 2006
 David Kestenbaum, senior research paper on the Trojan War in Greek historiography, 2019
 Hanzhao Kuang, senior research paper on sense perception in Lucretius, 2023
 Marguerite Leone, senior thesis on the Justinianic plague, 2012–13
 Amelia Marion, independent study in Intermediate Latin Prose, 2018; senior research paper on literary representations of Carthage and Carthaginians 2020
 Catherine McNally, senior research paper on Rubens and the *Judgment of Paris*, 2018
 Alyssa Mulé, independent study on renaissance Latin, 2019
 Alex Olsman, senior thesis on Roman sexuality, 2011–12
 Ashley O’Neill, independent study on adolescent Latin learning, 2023
 Elizabeth Potens, senior research paper on Dionysus on coins in ancient Thrace, co-adviser, 2013
 Christina Recto, senior research paper on early childhood education, 2020
 Allison Resnick, senior research paper on *pallor* in Juvenal, 2015
 Christopher Santoli, senior thesis on cannibalism in Roman literature, 2009–10
 Jessica Shore, senior thesis on Pompeii, 2005–6
 Kelly Sloane, independent study on ancient philosophy, 2006
 Johan Tatoy, senior thesis on Valerius Flaccus’ *Argonautica*, 2009–10
 Sam York, Penn Undergraduate Research Mentoring program project on the Stoic “martyr” Julius Canus [summer 2015]; senior research paper, “Julius Canus: A Case Study in the Exemplarity of Death,” fall 2017

Graduate (dissertations directed):

Virginia M. Closs, Ph.D. dissertation, “Conflagration: *Urbs*, *Incendium*, and *Princeps* in the Early Imperial Imaginary,” supervisor, 2011–13 [completed 2013]
 Jay Lucci, Ph. D. dissertation on Martial and Greek epigram, supervisor, 2013–2015 [completed 2015]
 Theodora Naqvi, special topic on Senecan tragedy, 2019; dissertation on *fortuna* in early imperial Roman tragedy, supervisor 2020–
 Tiffany Nguyen, special topic on Roman Stoicism, 2023; dissertation on identity in Seneca, supervisor 2023–
 Tim Warnock, independent study on facial hair in Roman culture, 2018, dissertation on facial hair in Roman culture, supervisor 2019–2022 [completed 2022]
 Kyle West, independent study on disability, old age, and veterans in the Roman world, 2019; dissertation “Disability in the World of Cicero”, supervisor 2020–2023 [completed 2023]

Graduate (dissertation committees and independent studies):

Roshan Abraham, special topic on Apuleius, 2006; Ph.D. dissertation, “*Sophos* and *Sophia*: Philostratus’ Defense of Apollonius of Tyana;” reader, 2006–9 [completed 2009]
 Adrienne Adkins, special topic on Latin Pedagogy, 2018
 Robyn Barrow, independent study in medieval Latin, 2019
 Sam Beckelhymer, Ph.D. dissertation on Catullus and the grammatical tradition, reader, 2012–2014 [completed 2014]
 Caroline Bishop, Ph.D. dissertation, “Interpreting Cicero: Exegesis in the Latin Tradition,” reader, 2008–2011 [completed 2011]
 John Paul Christy, special topic on epistolography, 2006; independent study on Senecan tragedy, 2007; Ph.D. dissertation, “Writing to Power: Tyrant and Sage in Ancient Greek Epistolography,” reader, 2007–2010 [completed 2010]

Amanda Coles, Ph.D. dissertation on Roman colonization in Italy, reader, 2006–9 [completed 2009]
 Josiah Davis, Ph.D. dissertation on Praeneste and Latin literature, reader, 2006–7 [completed 2007]
 Paolo Di Leo, Ph. D. dissertation, “Augustine’s Interpretation of Genesis,” reader, 2008–10 [completed 2010]
 Emma Dyson, Ph.D. dissertation on ancient philosophy and biography, reader, 2022–
 Ryan Eisenman, independent study in medieval Latin, 2020
 Irene Elias, Ph.D. dissertation on the Greek symposium in the Roman world, reader, 2022–
 Zachary Elliott, Ph.D. dissertation on myth in Lucian, reader, 2022–
 Elisa Galardi, independent study on koine Greek, 2019
 Caitlin Gillespie, Ph.D. dissertation, “Goddesses on Earth: Tacitus on Exemplarity and Excess in the *Domus Augusta*,” reader, 2010–12 [completed 2012]
 Anna Goddard, Ph.D. dissertation on first-century receptions of Ovid, reader, 2013–15 [completed 2015]
 Nikola Golubovic, Ph.D. dissertation on the Minor Declamations and Ancient Education, reader 2020–2022 [completed 2022]
 Charles Ham, Ph.D. dissertation on Empedocles in Ovid, reader, 2011–13 [completed 2013]
 Wesley Hanson, special topic on Greek Rhetoric and Latin Oratory, 2017; dissertation on structure in Suetonius’ *Lives of the Caesars*, reader, 2018–2021 [completed 2021]
 Cianna Jackson, independent study on Euripides, 2021
 Laurie Jensen, M.A. thesis on consolation in early Christian literature, 2015
 Joanna Kenty, Ph.D. dissertation on the Roman oratorical tradition in the age of Cicero and after, reader, 2012–14 [completed 2014]
 Jeremy Lefkowitz, special topic on Latin fable, 2007
 Daniel Mackey, special topic on Seneca, 2021; Ph.D. dissertation on Aristotle, reader 2021–
 Marian Makins, special topic on Lucan, 2007
 Melody Mark, Ph. D. dissertation on Plutarch’s *Virtues of Women*, reader, 2006–2010
 Jason Nethercut, Ph. D. dissertation, “Lucretian Poetic Theory,” reader 2010–12 [completed 2012]
 Katherine Milne, special topic on Roman historiography, 2006; Ph.D. dissertation on the making of the Roman soldier, reader, 2006–09 [completed 2009]
 Carrie Mowbray, special topic on Senecan tragedy, 2009; Ph.D. dissertation, “Knowing in Time? The Limits of Prophecy in Senecan Drama,” supervisor 2009–2011; reader, 2011–12 [completed 2012]
 Ryan Pilipow, dissertation on late imperial Roman law, reader, 2018–2020 [completed 2020]
 Isabella Reinhardt, special topic on Seneca, 2018
 Nathaniel Fleury Solley, Ph.D. dissertation on Horace, reader 2022–
 David Urban, Ph.D. dissertation, “The Rhetoric of Masculinity and the Public Formation of Roman Identity,” reader, 2007–11 [completed 2011]
 Abigail Worgul, Ph.D. dissertation, reader 2025–

Service in the Department of Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Assistant Professor Search Committee, 2024–2025
 Undergraduate Chair in Classical Studies, 2009–10, 2011–14, 2017–2020
 Graduate Chair in Classical Studies/Greek and Latin Languages and Literatures, 2023–
 Member of Graduate Group in Classical Studies/Greek and Latin Languages and Literatures, 2004–
 Member of Graduate Group in Ancient History, 2004–
 Supervisor of Latin Program, 2004–7, 2008–
 Anti-Racism Working Group Outreach Committee, 2020–21
 Course-developer for new summer online Latin courses, 2018
 Supervisor of Aequeora ABCS course, 2018; volunteer program, 2019

Credit Transfer Advisor in Classical Studies, 2008–2014, 2017–

Service in the School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania

SAS Committee on Undergraduate Academic Standing, 2024–26

Pre-Major Advisor in the College, 2012–2014, 2018–2022, 2023–

Middle States Review, SAS Working Group #1: “Classroom-Based Teaching”, 2022–2023

SAS Strategic Planning Working Group on Language and Literature, 2019–2020

College of Liberal and Professional Studies Executive Committee, 2009–10, 2012

SAS Committee on Graduate Continuing Education, 2012–2013

Penn Humanities Forum Fellowship Selection Committee, 2013–14

SAS Committee on Undergraduate Education, 2015–2017

SAS Cluster Hire in Digital Humanities Search Committee, 2016–2017

BAAS Classical Studies course-development committee, 2018–2020

SAS Curriculum Committee, 2019–2021

Judge, Penn Grad Talks, Professional Masters section, spring 2019; Natural Sciences section, spring 2022; Professional Masters section, spring 2023; Professional Masters section, spring 2025

Participant, faculty seminar on Inclusive and Equitable Teaching, Center for Teaching and Learning, 2023–24

Professional Activity

Presider, “Latin Letters” panel, Society for Classical Studies annual meeting, Philadelphia, January 2025

American Academy at Rome: juror 2025 Rome Prize competition, History and Literature, 2024–25

Classical Outlook journal: Editorial Board, 2015–, Associate Editor 2023–

Society for Classical Studies Committee on Classics in the Community, 2022–, Chair 2023–

Society for Classical Studies Selection Committee for Masciantonio K-12 Fellowship, Chair 2023–

Member, American Philological Association/Society for Classical Studies, 1995–2014, 2018–

Member, American Classical League, 2021–

APA Committee on Minority Student Scholarships, 2012–2015

Manuscripts refereed for: Penn-Leiden Colloquium on Ancient Values; *Classical Outlook*; *Classical Philology*; *Classical Quarterly*; *American Journal of Philology*; *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*; *Classical Antiquity*; *Classical Journal*; *Helios*; *Antichthon*; University of Wisconsin Press; Johns Hopkins University Press; Oxford University Press; American Philological Association; *Classical Quarterly*; *Speculum*; *Classical Outlook*; Cambridge University Press; *Mnemosyne*; *Materiali e discussioni*; *LAS (Lucio Anneo Seneca)*; University of Oklahoma Press; Cambridge University Press; *Transactions of the American Philological Association/TAPA*; etc.

External examiner for doctoral dissertations: CUNY Grad Center; Columbia University; Sapienza Università di Roma

Rare Book School Mellon Fellowship Selection Committee, 2013, 2015

American Academy in Berlin Fellowship Peer Reviewer, 2013–2014
 ACLS Dissertation Fellowship Reviewer, 2014–2015
 Book Review Editor, *American Journal of Philology* 2018–2020

Organizing Activity

Co-organizer, Martha Graham Dance Company performance, Suzanne Roberts Theatre, Philadelphia, January 4, 2025
 Co-organizer, American Classical League Panel on “How We Teach the Languages,” Society for Classical Studies annual meeting, Philadelphia, January 2025
 Co-organizer, American Classical League Panel on “Reaching over the Divide: Perspectives from K-12, College, and University Classics Teaching,” Society for Classical Studies annual meeting, Chicago, January 2024
 Co-organizer, Classics in the Community Panel, Society for Classical Studies annual meeting, Chicago, January 2024
 Co-organizer, “Penn Certamen,” Outreach event for Penn Classical Studies serving 200 high school students from Pennsylvania and the Tri-State area, March 2023 and April 2024
 Co-organizer, “Extending Roman Personhood and Authorship,” Society for Classical Studies annual meeting, San Francisco, Jan. 2022
 Co-organizer, “Personhood and Authorship: Living Commentary on a Project of Thomas Habinek,” Society for Classical Studies annual meeting, Washington, DC, Jan. 2020
 Organizer, “Recovered Language Pedagogies” faculty working group, 2017–2018
 Co-organizer, “Between Dusk and Dawn: Nocturnal Values in Antiquity” conference, Penn-Leiden Colloquium in Ancient Values, June 2018
 Co-organizer, “Valuing Antiquity in Antiquity” conference, Penn-Leiden Colloquium in Ancient Values, June 2012
 Co-organizer, NE Corridor “Latin Fest” colloquium (involving students and faculty from Princeton, Penn, Rutgers, Columbia, and NYU): “Plautus, *Rudens*” (April, 2010); “Octavia” (April, 2009); “Phaedrus” (April, 2006); “Cicero’s Openings” (April, 2005)
 Co-organizer, “Nocturnal Greece and Rome” panel, APA annual meeting, Boston, Jan. 2005
 Co-organizer, “Mortal Boundaries: A Colloquium on the Senecan Corpus,” University of California, Berkeley, Nov. 1998

Fellowships and Awards

Mellon Fellows Program and Provost’s Leadership Academy, University of Pennsylvania, inaugural cohort, by invitation, 2021–2022
 Weiler Fellowship for sabbatical, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, spring 2022
 Center for Ancient Studies conference grant and School of Arts and Sciences conference grant, “Between Dusk and Dawn: Valuing Night in Classical Antiquity”, summer 2018
 Faculty Working Group grant, “Recovered Language Pedagogies”, School of Arts and Sciences, 2017–2018

Weiler Fellowship for sabbatical, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, spring 2017

Penn Undergraduate Research Mentorship (PURM) grant, summer 2015; summer 2022

American Council of Learned Societies sabbatical fellowship, 2010–11

Loeb Classical Library Foundation Grant, 2007–8

National Humanities Center Fellowship, 2007–8 (declined)

Teaching Innovation Grant, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania, 2006–7

SAS Computing Instructional Technology Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2006–7

Loeb and Clark Funds, Faculty Research Grants, Harvard University, 2002–4

Chancellor's Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2001–2

Townsend Center for the Humanities Fellowship Group, University of California, Berkeley, 2001–2

University Predoctoral Humanities Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1995–2001

Outstanding GSI Teaching Award, University of California, Berkeley, 1998–9