CAMPBELL AINSWORTH GREY

FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

Environmental history and disaster studies in and of the Roman and post-Roman world. Risk, vulnerability and resilience as analytical concepts and tools of comparison. Roman social and economic history, particularly the internal dynamics and external alliances of non-elite and rural communities. Historiography in and of the ancient world, particularly methods and theories in history writing and the relationship between historiographical texts and their historical and intellectual contexts. Roman law and legal evidence. Interdisciplinary methodologies, microhistory, and comparative perspectives. Landscape studies, landscape archaeology, and phenomenological approaches to space, place, and agency.

My first book, entitled *Constructing Communities in the late Roman Countryside*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2011. Between 2010 and 2015, I co-directed *The Roman Peasant Project*, a multi-year, multidisciplinary archaeological project aimed at recovering the lifeways of Roman peasants based in Cinigiano, Tuscany. The full archaeological report of this project, together with substantial interpretative essays, was recently published (editor: Kim Bowes). My current book project, *Living with Risk in the Late Roman World* explores the mechanisms employed by late Roman individuals and communities in response to the manifest and manifold uncertainties of their world, from strategies for maximizing economic and/or social capital through the various experiences of disasters—both “man-made” and “natural”.

TEACHING INTERESTS AND AREAS

Roman history, from the Archaic period to Late Antiquity. Topics in Roman environmental, social, economic, agrarian and legal history. Disaster studies, climatic variability and human perceptions and experiences of their physical and metaphysical world(s). Roman and Greek historiography, both ancient and contemporary. Reading courses in Latin historiographical, legal, hagiographical and epistolary sources. The use and interpretation of non-literary texts, particularly Roman law. Archaeological interpretation, comparative methodologies, theoretical perspectives and model-building in ancient history. Reception of Roman cultural, literary, political and economic structures, especially in the early middle ages, early modern and contemporary United States.

**EMPLOYMENT**

* Associate Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania (July 2012‑Current)
* Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania (July 2005–June 2012)
* Visiting Assistant Professor, Departments of History and Classical Studies, University of Chicago (July 2002–June 2005)

## EDUCATION

* 2012‑2013: Master of Environmental Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Capstone Thesis title: ‘Dimensions of disaster in the (late) Roman world: the Vesuvius eruption of 472 CE’

* 1998–2002: Ph. D., St John’s College, Cambridge, UK

Dissertation title: ‘Peasants, patronage and taxation c. 280–c. 480’

* 1995–1997: M. Phil, Sydney University, Australia

Dissertation title: ‘The peasant economy and agricultural crisis in fifth-century A. D. Italy and Gaul’

* 1992–1994: BA in Ancient History (minor in Archaeology), Auckland University, New Zealand

**HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS**

* Ira H. Abrams Memorial Award for Distinguished Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, 2021.
* American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship: ‘Living with Risk in the Late Roman World’, 2019-2020.
* Langford Eminent Scholar, Florida State University, October 2013.
* National Science Foundation Grant: ‘The Archaeology of Rural Rome’, 2011‑2015: Faculty Associate (Principal Investigator: Kim Bowes).
* Mellon New Directions Fellowship, 2011‑2014: Master of Environmental Studies, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.
* University of Pennsylvania SAS Cross-Cultural Contacts Initiative/Mellon Course-to-Book Grant, 2011: ‘America’s Roman Legacies’.
* Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship: ‘Excavating the Roman Peasant’, 2011‑2012: Co-Principal Investigator (with Kim Bowes).
* Adjunct Fellow, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Philadelphia, PA: ‘Conversion’, Fall 2010.
* Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship: ‘Excavating the Roman Peasant’, 2010‑2011: Principal Investigator.
* Penn University Research Foundation Grant: ‘Excavating the Roman Peasant’, 2010: Principal Investigator.
* Penn Faculty Research Fellowship, Penn Humanities Forum, ‘Connections’ 2009–2010.
* Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship, 2008–2009.
* Solmsen Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 2008–2009 (declined).
* Moses Aaron Dropsie Term Fellowship, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Philadelphia, PA: ‘Jewish and Other Imperial Cultures in Late Antiquity: Literary, Social, and Material Histories’, Fall 2007.
* Poynton Scholarship, Cambridge University, 1998–2001.
* University Medal for M. Phil. Dissertation, Sydney University 1997.
* University of Auckland Masters/Honours Scholarship, 1995 (declined).
* Senior Scholar in Ancient History, Auckland University, 1994.

**UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING**

* ANCH 027/HIST 027: Rome, annually Spring 2006–current
* CLST 129: Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire? (with Kim Bowes, CLST), Fall 2018; Fall 2020
* ANCH 145/CLST 145 =ANCH 209/CLST 209: Structures of the Roman Empire, Fall 2005; Fall 2010; Fall 2011; Spring 2017
* CLST 311 = ANCH 311: Disasters in the Ancient Mediterranean World, Fall 2007; Fall 2010. Co-taught with Lauren Ristvet (ANTH), Fall 2015; Fall 2017; Spring 2022
* CLST 375/ANCH 375 = ANCH 307: Citizen in The Roman World/Social Exclusion and Marginality in the Roman World/Roman Underworld, Fall 2009; Fall 2015
* CLST 108: Travel and Tourism in the Ancient Mediterranean, Fall 2005
* ANC 028: Late Antique Rome, Fall 2006
* CLST 113: Introduction to Greek and Roman History, Fall 2010
* ANCH 300: Problems in Greek and Roman History = Lies My Ancient History Teacher Taught Me, Fall 2014; Fall 2016; Fall 2018; Fall 2020
* ANCH 115/CLST 115 = CLST 029 (Freshman Seminar): Ancient Rome and America: America’s Roman Legacies, Fall 2011; Spring 2015; Fall 2017; Spring 2019, Fall 2021

**GRADUATE TEACHING**

* RELS 609: Worlds of Late Antiquity, Fall 2021 (with Reyhan Durmaz, RELS)
* ANCH 535: Problems in Roman Imperial History, Fall 2016; Spring 2021
* ANCH 501: Comparative Legal Systems, Spring 2016 (with Joseph Lowry, NELC)
* ANCH 535: Methodologies for Writing Roman History, Spring 2006
* ANCH 616 = CLST 616: Ancient Economies, Fall 2006. Co-taught with Kim Bowes (CLST) Spring 2012; Spring 2018
* ANCH 612: Roman Law, Spring 2007
* ANCH 535: Problems in Roman History, Spring 2008; Spring 2011; Spring 2021
* CLST 609 = ANCH 535: Roman Letters (with Cynthia Damon), Fall 2009; Roman Imperial Biography (with Cynthia Damon), Fall 2014

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Books:*

* *Living With Risk in the Late Roman World* (in preparation).
* *Constructing Communities in the Late Roman Countryside*, Cambridge University Press (2011).

*Articles and Book Chapters:*

* ‘Retrospective Risk Assessment of Two Contrasting Earthquakes in the Early Byzantine Mediterranean’, with S. P. Phipps (in preparation).
* ‘Sacred Landscapes of Germanus: Movement, Power and Identity’ (in preparation).
* ‘The Countryside—Western Empire’, in L. V. Rutgers, J. Magness, R. Jensen and N. Christie, eds., *The Cambridge History of Late Antique Archaeology*, Cambridge University Press (submitted).
* ‘Chapter 2: Methodologies’, with A. Arnoldus-Huyzendveld, K. D. Bowes, S. Collins-Elliot, M. Ghisleni, M. MacKinnon, J. Mathieu, A. M. Mercuri, M. Sfacteria and E. Vaccaro, in K. D. Bowes, ed., *The Roman Peasant Project 2009‑2014: Excavating the Roman Rural Poor*, 2 vols., University of Pennsylvania Press (2021).
* ‘Chapter 3: Land and Locale’, with A. Arnoldus-Huyzendveld, K. D. Bowes, M. Ghisleni and E. Rattighieri, in K. D. Bowes, ed., *The Roman Peasant Project 2009‑2014: Excavating the Roman Rural Poor*, 2 vols., University of Pennsylvania Press (2021).
* ‘Chapter 5.1: Case Nuove: Situation’, with A. Arnoldus-Huyzendveld and E. Vaccaro, in K. D. Bowes, ed., *The Roman Peasant Project 2009‑2014: Excavating the Roman Rural Poor*, 2 vols., University of Pennsylvania Press (2021).
* ‘Chapter 12: Where Did Roman Peasants Live? Habitation and Distributed Habitation’, with K. D. Bowes and S. Collins-Elliott, in K. D. Bowes, ed., *The Roman Peasant Project 2009‑2014: Excavating the Roman Rural Poor*, 2 vols., University of Pennsylvania Press (2021).
* ‘Chapter 15: Non-Agricultural Production, Markets and Trade’, with K. D. Bowes, E. Vaccaro and S. Collins-Elliott, in K. D. Bowes, ed., *The Roman Peasant Project 2009‑2014: Excavating the Roman Rural Poor*, 2 vols., University of Pennsylvania Press (2021).
* ‘Chapter 17: Mobility’, with A. Arnoldus-Huyzendveld, in K. D. Bowes, ed., *The Roman Peasant Project 2009‑2014: Excavating the Roman Rural Poor*, 2 vols., University of Pennsylvania Press (2021).
* ‘Conclusions: The Roman Peasant Reframed’, with K. D. Bowes, in K. D. Bowes, ed., *The Roman Peasant Project 2009‑2014: Excavating the Roman Rural Poor*, 2 vols., University of Pennsylvania Press (2021).
* ‘Henry Charles Lea’s Italy: A Philadelphia Businessman and Scholar’s “Grand Tour from Home”’, in A. Canepari and J. Goode, eds., *The Italian Legacy in Philadelphia*, Temple University Press (2021).
* ‘Risk and Vulnerability on the Campanian Plain: the Vesuvius eruption of AD 472’, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 51.1 (2020), 1‑37.
* ‘Climate Change and Agrarian Change Between the Fourth and Sixth Centuries: Questions of Scale, Coincidence, and Causality’, in J. W. Drijvers and N. Lenski, eds., *Shifting Frontiers 12: The Fifth Century*, Edipuglia (2019), 35‑48.
* ‘Peasant agricultural strategies in southern Tuscany: convertible agriculture and the importance of pasture’, with K. Bowes (first author), A. M. Mercuri, E. Rattigheri, R. Rinaldi, A. Arnoldus-Huyzendveld, M. Ghisleni, M. MacKinnon, and E. Vaccaro, in *The Economic Integration of Rural Italy. Rural Communities in a Globalizing World*, edited by de T. Haas and G. W. Tol, (2017), 165‑94.
* ‘Hadrian the Traveler: Motifs and Expressions of Roman Imperial Power in the *Vita Hadriani*’, *História, São Paulo* 35 (2016), 20pp (http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/1980-436920160000000085).
* ‘Rural Society in North Africa’, in R. Miles, ed., *The Donatist Controversy*, University of Leicester Press (2016), 120‑41.
* ‘Landholding and Labour in the Rural Economy’, in J. Arnold, S. Bjornlie, and K. Sessa, eds. *A Companion to Ostrogothic Italy*, Brill (2016), 263‑95.
* ‘Historiography and Biography from Bede to Gerald of Wales’, in R. Copeland, ed., *The Oxford History of Classical Reception in English Literature, Volume 1—The Middle Ages*, Oxford University Press (2016), 323‑49.
* ‘Familiarity, Repetition, and Quotidian Movement in Roman Tuscany’, first author, with J. Mathieu, A. Arnoldus-Huyzendveld, A. Pattachini and M. Ghisleni, in *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 28.2 (2015), 57‑81.
* ‘Palaeoenvironment and land-use of Roman peasant farmhouses in southern Tuscany’, with K. Bowes (first author), A. M. Mercuri, E. Rattigheri, R. Rinaldi, A. Arnoldus-Huyzendveld, M. Ghisleni, M. MacKinnon and E. Vaccaro, *Plant Biosystems* (2015).
* ‘Countryside: The *Epistula de Rebus Rusticis Hopkinsensis*, Introduction, English Text, Commentary, and Afterword’, in C. Chin and M. Vidas, eds., *Late Ancient Knowing: New Intellectual History*, University of California Press (2015), 240‑58.
* ‘Rhetorics of land and power in the Polla inscription (*CIL*2 638)’, with S. Bernard and C. Damon, *Mnemosyne* 67 (2014), 953‑85.
* ‘Shock Horror or Same Old Same Old? Everyday Violence in Augustine’s Africa’, *Journal of Late Antiquity* 6.2 (2013), 216‑32.
* ‘Excavating the Roman peasant II: excavations at Case Nuove, Cinigiano (GR)’, with E. Vaccaro (first author), M. Ghisleni, A. Arnoldus-Huyzendveld, M. MacKinnon, A. M. Mercuri, A. Pecci, M. Ángel Cau Ontiveros, E. Rattighieri, R. Rinaldi and K. Bowes, *Papers of the British School at Rome*, 81 (2013), 129‑79.
* ‘Concerning Rural Matters’, in S. Johnson, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Late Antiquity*, Oxford University Press (2012), 625‑66.
* ‘The *ius colonatus* as a model for the settlement of barbarian prisoners-of-war in the late Roman Empire?’, in R. Mathisen and D. Shanzer, eds*., Romans, Barbarians, and the Transformation of the Roman World*, Ashgate (2011), 147–60.
* ‘Slavery in the Late Roman World’, in K. Bradley and P. Cartledge, eds., *The Cambridge World History of Slavery: The Ancient Mediterranean World*, Cambridge University Press (2011), 482–509. [republished as: ‘La esclavitud en el bajo Imperio Romano’, in Santos, D. (Ed. and Trans.). (2017). *Aspectos de la historia del Imperio Romano: Textos de Morstein-Marx, Rosenstein, Mattingly, Ziolkowski, Grey y Drinkwater*. La Plata: Universidad Nacional de La Plata. Facultad de Humanidades y Ciencias de la Educación. (Memorabilia; 1), pp. 136–180]
* ‘Civil War? What Civil War? Usurpers in the *Historia Augusta*’, in C. Damon, B. Breed and A. Rossi, eds., *Citizens of Discord: Rome and its Civil Wars*, Oxford University Press (2010), 87–101.
* ‘Two Young Lovers: An abduction marriage and its consequences in fifth–century Gaul’, *Classical Quarterly* 58.1 (2008), 286–302.
* ‘Contextualizing *colonatus*: the *origo* of the late Roman Empire’, *Journal of Roman Studies* 97 (2007), 155–75. [republished as: ‘Contextualizando el *colonatus*: la *origo* del Imperio Romano tardío’, in Santos, D. (Ed. and Trans.). (2017). *Aspectos de la historia del Imperio Romano: Textos de Morstein-Marx, Rosenstein, Mattingly, Ziolkowski, Grey y Drinkwater*. La Plata: Universidad Nacional de La Plata. Facultad de Humanidades y Ciencias de la Educación. (Memorabilia; 1), pp. 96–135]
* ‘Revisiting the ‘problem’ of *agri deserti* in the late Roman empire’, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 20 (2007), 362–76.
* ‘Salvian, the ideal Christian community and the fate of the poor in fifth–century Gaul’, in M. Atkins and R. Osborne, eds., *Poverty in the Roman World*, Cambridge University Press, (2006), 162–82.
* ‘Demoniacs, dissent and disempowerment in the late Roman West: some case studies from the hagiographical literature’, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 13.1 (2005), 39–69.
* ‘Letters of recommendation and the circulation of rural laborers in the late Roman West’, in L. Ellis and F. L. Kidner, eds., *Travel, Communication and Geography in Late Antiquity*, Ashgate (2004), 25–40.
* ‘Controlling the urban mob: the *colonatus perpetuus* of *CTh* 14.18.1’, with A. R. Parkin, *Phoenix* 57 (2003), 284–99.

*Reviews:*

* ‘Review: P. Diarte-Blasco and N. Christie, eds. *Interpreting Transformations of People and Landscapes in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages*’, *The Medieval Review* 19.09.32 (2019).
* ‘Review: H. Weiss, ed., *Megadrought and Collapse: From Early Agriculture to Angkor*’, *Classical World* 112.4 (2019), 364‑65.
* ‘Writing Agrarian Histories of the Roman World: Seasonality and Scale as Tools of Analysis”, *International Labor and Working Class History* 93(2018), 228‑38.
* ‘Review: M. Kempshall, *Rhetoric and the Writing of History, 400‑1500* and P. Van Nuffelen, *Orosius and the Rhetoric of History*’, *Rhetorica* 34.2 (2016), 216‑18.
* ‘Historicizing the Lived Experience of Violence: Bryen’s *Violence in Roman Egypt*’, *Law & Social Inquiry* 40.3 (2015), 784–92.
* ‘Review: K. Harper, *Slavery in the Late Roman World AD 275‑425*’, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 25 (2012), 932‑39.
* ‘Review: A. Launaro, *Peasants and Slaves: The Rural Population of Roman Italy (200 BC to AD 100)*’, *Classical Review* 62.2 (2012), 579‑82.
* ‘Review: C. J. Richard, *The Golden Age of the Classics in America*’, *Journal of the Early Republic* 32.2 (2012), 312‑15.
* ‘Review: C. Corbo, *Paupertas: La Legislazione Tardoantica*’, *Journal of Roman Studies* 98 (2008), 274–75.
* ‘Review: D. S. Potter, ed., *A Companion to the Roman Empire*’, *New England Classical Journal* 34.3 (2007), 275–78.
* ‘Review: A. Gillett, *Envoys and Political Communication in the Late Antique West, 411–533*’, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 37.2 (2006), 267–68.
* ‘Review: T. Parkin, *Old Age in the Roman World*’, *Classical Philology* 100.1 (2005), 88–91.
* ‘Review: J. Banaji, *Agrarian Change in late Antiquity: gold, labour and aristocratic dominance*’, *Economic History Review* 56.2 (2003), 379–80.
* ‘Review: W. Scheidel and S. von Reden, eds. *The Ancient Economy*’, *Prudentia* 35.2 (2003), 202–203.
* ‘Review: P. Dark, *The Environment of Britain in the first millennium A. D.*’, *Prudentia* 33.1 (2001), 63–66.
* ‘Review: P. Cox Miller, *Dreams in Late Antiquity: Studies in the Imagination of a Culture*’, *Prudentia* 31.2 (1999), 149–52.
* ‘Review: E. Metzger, ed., *A Companion to Justinian’s Institutes*’, *Prudentia* 31.1 (1999), 46–47.
* ‘Review: M. Mirkovic, *The Later Roman Colonate and Freedom*’, *Prudentia* 30.2 (1998), 68–72.

*Other:*

* ‘Italy in the White House: A Conversation on Historical Perspectives’, in *Italy in the White House: A Conversation on Historical Perspectives*, White House Historical Association (2016), 3‑17.
* Dictionary entries on ‘Colonate’ and ‘Coloni Adscripti’ for the Blackwell’s *Encyclopedia of Ancient History* (2012).
* ‘Economic Inequality: Ancient Rome’, in *Penn Arts & Sciences Magazine* Spring/Summer 2012, 29.
* ‘Excavating the Roman peasant’, with K. Bowes, M. Ghisleni, and E. Vaccaro, in *Expedition* 53.2 (Summer, 2011), 4‑12.

**EXCAVATIONS, EXHIBITS, AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

* Co-Director, Project Historian, and Landscape Prospection, ‘Excavating the Roman Peasant’, Cinigiano, Tuscany, Italy 2010–2015.
* Co-Curator, ‘Ancient Rome and America’ Exhibit, National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA February–August 2010.

**PAPERS, COLLOQUIA, AND SEMINARS**

* ‘Localizing Crisis and Leadership in Late Roman Communities’, Invited Paper, Crises of Leadership in the Eastern Roman Empire, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia/via Zoom (May, 2021).
* ‘Localizing Risk in the Late Roman World’, Department of Classical Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania (October, 2020).
* ‘“An Earthquake That Shook the World”: Seismicity and Society in the Late Fourth Century CE’, Keynote Address, *Australasian Society for Classical Studies*, Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand (January, 2020).
* ‘Experiencing Risk in the Late Roman Empire’, Elaine Fromchuck Memorial Lecture, Brooklyn College, CUNY, New York, NY (December, 2019)
* ‘Sacred Landscapes of Germanus: Meaning, Power and Identity’, University Seminar in Classical Civilization, Columbia University, New York, NY (April, 2019)
* ‘A Curious Case of Cannibalism During the Gothic Wars’, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY (April, 2019)
* ‘Living With Vesuvius: Towards a Late Roman Culture of Risk’, *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity XIII: Local Responses to Disaster*, Claremont, CA (March, 2019).
* ‘Finding Meaning in Mobility: Power, Politics, and Collective Identity in Constantius’ *Vita Germani*’, Keynote Address, *The Micropolitics of Mobility in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages* (Kolleg-Forschergruppe ,,Migration und Mobilität in Spätantike und Frühmittelalter“), Tübingen, Germany (July, 2018).
* ‘Sacred Landscapes of Germanus: Phenomenology, Movement, and the Holy Man as Relic’, Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, Philadelphia, PA (March, 2018).
* ‘Femmes Fatales: A Curious Case of Cannibalism During the Gothic Wars’, Department of History, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (February, 2018).
* ‘Volcanic Ash’, *Six Things About Late Antiquity*, Annual SBL Meeting, Boston, MA (November, 2017).
* ‘Why Do We Walk Where We Walk? A Meditation on Movement, Meaning, and Agency’, Penn 60-Second Lecture Series (September, 2017).
* ‘Recognition, Subjectivity, and Interdependence: Some Claims to Human Rights in Late Antiquity’, *Ecce Homo (This is a Human!): Ethics, Engagement, and Human Rights*, University of Delaware, Newark, DE (April, 2017).
* ‘Climate Change and Agrarian Change: Questions of Scale, Coincidence, and Causality’, Featured Paper, *Shifting Frontiers XII*, Yale University, New Haven, CT (March, 2017).
* “‘History’ and ‘Fiction’, ‘Truth’ and ‘Lies’ from the *Historia Augusta* to the *Historia Regum Britanniae*”, *Futures of Medieval Historiography*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (February, 2017).
* ‘Risk, Vulnerability, and Disaster in Late Fifth-Century Italy’, Cornell Graduate History Association, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (November, 2016).
* ‘Femmes Fatales: A Case of Rural Cannibalism During the Gothic Wars’, *Listening to Silence: Rural Women and Children in Late Antiquity*, Brown University, Providence, RI (May, 2016).
* ‘A Late Antique Earthquake and its Cultural Reverberations’, Temple University Classics/Eta Sigma Phi, Philadelphia, PA (March, 2016).
* ‘An Earthquake off Crete in 365 CE: Cause, Impacts, and Implications’, University of California, San Diego, CA (April, 2015).
* ‘Climate, the Environment and Agricultural Crisis in Late Antique Europe: New Answers to Old Questions, or New Questions for Old Answers?’, Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College, CA (April, 2015).
* ‘Environmental Risk, Human Vulnerability, and Societal Disaster: the Vesuvius Eruption of 472 CE’, University of California, Riverside, CA (April, 2015).
* Session Organizer and Chair, *Travel, Travelers, and Traveling in Late Antique Literary Culture*, (Sponsored by the Society for Late Antiquity) 146th Annual Meeting, Society for Classical Studies, New Orleans, LA (January, 2015).
* ‘What Difference Did Empire Make? Peasants, Consumption, Infrastructure’, *Infrastructural and Despotic Power in Ancient States*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (April, 2014).
* ‘Rural Society and Economy in Late Roman North Africa’, *The Donatist Controversy in Context*, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, UK (April, 2014).
* ‘Vesuvius, 79 AD: Anatomy and Aftermath of an Eruption’, Camden County College, NJ (March, 2014).
* ‘Dimensions of Disaster in the (late) Roman world: the Vesuvius eruption of 472 CE’, Columbia University, NY (February, 2014).
* ‘Dimensions of Disaster in the (late) Roman world: the Vesuvius eruption of 472 CE’, Florida State University, FL (October, 2013).
* ‘Shock Horror or Same Old Same Old? Everyday Violence in Augustine’s Africa’, Annual APA Conference, Seattle, WA (January, 2013).
* ‘Hadrian the Traveler: Motifs and Expressions of Roman Imperial Power in the *Vita Hadriani*’, University of Auckland, NZ (July, 2012).
* ‘(Re-)re-reconsidering the Roman colonate’, *Legal Regimes and Legal Change in Antiquity*, Berkeley, CA (April, 2012).
* Co-Organizer (with Kim Bowes, Classics, University of Pennsylvania), *Finding Peasants in Mediterranean Landscapes: New Work in Archaeology and History*, Joint Panel 143rd Annual APA Conference/113th Annual AIA Conference, Philadelphia, PA (January, 2012).
* ‘Countryside: The *Epistula De Rebus Rusticis Hopkinsensis*’, *Late Ancient Knowing*, University of California, Davis, CA (November, 2011).
* ‘Hadrian the Traveler: Motifs and Expressions of Roman Imperial Power in the *Vita Hadriani*’, Wofford College, SC (October, 2011).
* ‘Cunning Jews and Pragmatic Paupers: Charity and conversion in late antique Asia Minor’, Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH (December, 2010).
* ‘Is America Rome? Why do you ask?’ Penn 60-Second Lecture Series (September, 2010).
* ‘How to treat an Emperor: Norton I in Nineteenth-Century San Francisco’, *America and Rome’s Legacy*, a One-Day Conference at the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA (April, 2010).
* Organizer, *America and Rome’s Legacy*, a One-Day Conference at the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA (April, 2010).
* ‘Urban Poverty, Charity and Conversion in Late Antique Asia Minor’, Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Murphy Institute, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA (November, 2009).
* ‘Stuck in the Middle: Between Grand Survey and the Case Study in the Countrysides of the Late Roman World’, 8th Roman Archaeology Conference, Ann Arbor, MI (April, 2009).
* *Risk and its Management in the Ancient Mediterranean World*, Seminar Organizer, 140th Annual APA Conference, Philadelphia, PA (January, 2009).
* ‘Reciprocity and Risk, Cohesion and Conflict in the Rural Communities of the Late Roman World’, *Risk and its Management in the Ancient Mediterranean World*, 140th Annual APA Conference, Philadelphia, PA (January, 2009).
* ‘Finding the Masses: Some Methodological Considerations’, Keynote Address, *Minding the Masses: Methods of Recognizing Non–Elite Identity in the Ancient World*, University of Cincinnati, OH (April, 2008).
* ‘Germanus in Gaul: Constantius writes a sacred landscape’, *Landscapes of the Saints: Hagiography and Land in the Near East and Europe, ca. 500–900*, Princeton, NJ (March, 2008).
* ‘The Origins of the Medieval Serfdom? (Re)reconsidering the Roman colonate’, *The Dark Ages Enlightened: A Workshop*, University of Pennsylvania Museum
(February, 2008).
* ‘Civil War? What Civil War? Usurpers in the *Scriptores Historiae Augustae*’, *“See How I Rip Myself!” Rome and its Civil Wars*, Amherst College and University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA (November, 2007).
* ‘Charity and conversion as tools for analyzing Jewish/Christian relations in late antique Asia Minor’, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania (October, 2007).
* ‘The *ius colonatus* as a model for the settlement of barbarian prisoners-of-war in the late Roman Empire?’ Columbia University, NY (October, 2007).
* ‘Hadrian the Traveler: Reading the *Vita Hadriani*’, *Travel in the Ancient World: An interdisciplinary conference*, University of Pennsylvania (March, 2007).
* ‘Two Young Lovers: Abduction marriage and its consequences in late antique Gaul’, 138th Annual APA Meeting, San Diego, CA (January, 2007).
* ‘Revisiting the ‘problem’ of *agri deserti* in the late Roman empire’, University of Pennsylvania, PA (October, 2006).
* ‘Late Roman Slavery: Some new questions to some old answers’, Temple University, PA (November, 2005).
* ‘The *ius colonatus* as a model for the settlement of barbarian prisoners–of–war in the late Roman Empire?’ *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity* *6*, UIUC, IL (March, 2005).
* ‘Social Rationality and Fiscal Registration in a letter of Sidonius Apollinaris’, *Late Antiquity in Illinois*, UIUC (March, 2004).
* ‘*Agri Deserti* and Field Management Techniques in the late Roman Empire’, 135th Annual APA Meeting, San Francisco, CA (January, 2004).
* ‘Towards a multivocal reading of demonic possession in the late Roman West’, Late Antique and Byzantine Workshop, University of Chicago (October, 2003).
* ‘Rhetoric and Reality in Salvian of Marseille’s Portrayal of the Poor’, *Poverty in the Roman World*, Cambridge, UK (July, 2003).
* ‘Victims of Demonic Possession, Exploiters of Circumstances?’, *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity* V, UCSB (March, 2003).
* ‘Controlling the urban mob: the *colonatus perpetuus* of *CTh* 14.18.1’, Late Antique and Byzantine Workshop, University of Chicago (October, 2002).
* ‘*CTh* XIV.18.1: Urban beggars, rural tenants and the problem of *colonatus perpetuus*’, 133rd Annual APA Conference, Philadelphia, PA (January, 2002).
* ‘In search of late Roman rural labour relations… still’, Ancient History Seminar, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge (November, 2001).
* ‘The colonates of the late Roman Empire’, Classics Department, Reading University (November, 2001).
* ‘Factions and Fictions: the appearance of dissent in early Byzantine hagiographies’, Interdisciplinary Seminar, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge (June, 2001).
* ‘Circulation of rural labourers in the late Roman West: the evidence of the letters’, *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity* IV, San Francisco State University (March, 2001).
* ‘The Roman Western: An Examination of Genre’, Interdisciplinary Seminar, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge (November, 2000).
* ‘*Dominus* and *patronus* in late Roman rural contexts’, Department of Ancient History, Sydney University (September. 2000).
* ‘476 and All That: The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire in 27 minutes’, Interdisciplinary Seminar, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge (May, 2000).

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING**

Louis Capozzi (BA, Ancient History and History), University Scholars Program 2013‑2016.

Hannah Basta (Georgia State University), Leadership Alliance Program, Summer 2015.

Honors Theses/Senior Research Projects, Department of Classical Studies: Princess Rahman (2021); James Nycz (2020); Rachel Winicov (2020); Claudia Epley (2017‑18); Samantha Warrick (2017‑18); John Stiffler (2016‑17); Louis Capozzi (2015‑16); Nina Kaledin (2015‑16); Christian Gilberti (2014‑15); Madeleine Brown (2014‑15); Taylor Williams (2011‑12); Caitlin Foley (2009‑10).

**DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED**

[current]: Danielle Perry (UPenn, ANCH), *North African Identity Construction under Roman the Empire*

[current]: Ben Truesdale (UPenn, ANCH), *Eusebius as Roman Historian*

2021: Jordan Rogers (UPenn, ANCH), *Vicinitas in Urbe: Neighborliness and Urban Community in Republican Rome*

Bryn Ford (UPenn, ANCH), *Tota Italia: The Creation of a Unified Italy in the Late Republic*

2020: Ryan Pilipow (UPenn, ANCH), *Little Men of Roman Law*

Cindy Susalla (UPenn, ANCH), *Heritage Thinking and Cultural Destruction in Early Imperial Rome*

2018: Jane Sancinito (UPenn, ANCH), *Merchants and Artisans in the Late Roman World*

2013: Kevin Funderburk (UPenn, ANCH), *Expressions of Affection and Communal Dynamics in Some Roman Letter Collections*

2012: Arthur Jones (UPenn ANCH), *Romanization in North African Contexts*

2009: Kathryn Milne (UPenn ANCH), *The Republican Soldier: Historiographical Representations and Human Realities.*

Amanda Coles (UPenn ANCH), *Not* Effigies Parvae Populi Romani*: Gods, Agency, and Landscape in Mid-Republican Colonization.*

**DOCTORAL COMMITTEES**

*University of Pennsylvania*

Ancient History Graduate Group

Tim Warnock (current); Kyle West (current); Max Dietrich (current); Ruben Post (2020); Caroline Kelly (2010); Bryan Hudak (2009); Trevor Luke (2007)

Graduate Group in the Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World

James Gross (current); Lara Fabian (2018); Margaret Andrews (2015)

Classical Studies Graduate Group

Wesley Hanson (2021); Jennifer Gerrish (2012); Michael Klaassen (2010); Roshan Abraham (2009)

Religious Studies Graduate Group

Alex Ramos (2017); Doug Finkbeiner (2010)

Anthropology Graduate Group

Amy Zoll (current); Rikke Giles (2008)

*University of Chicago*

Committee/Program in the Ancient World

Philip Venticinque (2009)

Department of History

Cameron Hawkins (2008); Matthew Perry (2007)

I am currently a member of the Graduate Groups in Classical Studies, Ancient History, AAMW (Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World), Religious Studies, and Early Modern History at the University of Pennsylvania.

**PANELS AND WORKSHOPS**

* Faculty Leader, ‘Teaching Large Lectures’, Center for Teaching and Learning Discussion Series, University of Pennsylvania (2017; 2021)
* Faculty Leader, ‘What does it mean to be an ethical researcher?’, Program in Undergraduate Research Mentorship Discussion, University of Pennsylvania (June, 2021).
* Panelist, *Green Faiths? Laudato Si and Other Religious Responses to Ecological Pressures*, (comments: ‘Laudato Si and the Fathers of the Church: Environmental Perturbations and Meaning in the fourth century CE’), A Roundtable Co-Organized by Penn Program in Environmental Humanities and the Collegium Institute (September, 2015).
* Guest Lecturer, ENVS 399: Junior Research Seminar: ‘Qualitative Research Methods’ (March, 2014; 2015).
* Invited Speaker, Stouffer College House Fellows Night (Spring, 2014).
* Rodin Faculty Research Seminar, ‘Research in Classical Studies: The Roman Peasant Project’, Rodin College House (Spring, 2012).
* Penn Authors Forum, *Constructing Communities in the Late Roman Countryside*, Perspectives in Humanities program, KCECH (Spring, 2012).
* Preceptorial, University of Pennsylvania ‘Getting Started in Research’, CURF (Spring, 2012).
* Preceptorial, University of Pennsylvania ‘Non-elites in the Roman World’ (Fall, 2011).
* Preceptorial, University of Pennsylvania ‘Swords, Sandals, and Cinema: Gladiators and Games in Hollywood’, *Year of Games* NSO (September, 2011).
* Invited Respondent, Peter Temin (MIT), ‘Price Behavior in the Roman Empire’, Penn Economic History Forum (April, 2011).
* Faculty Leader, ‘Teaching the Long Ago and the Far Away’ Center for Teaching and Learning Discussion Series, University of Pennsylvania (November, 2010).
* ‘How the other 95% lived: slumming it in ancient Rome’, *CHAS Thought for Food Series*, KCECH, University of Pennsylvania (February, 2008).
* ‘Beggars and prostitutes, foreigners and magicians in the Roman world: studying marginal populations in antiquity’, Dinner Discussion, Harrison College House, University of Pennsylvania (October, 2007).
* Guest Lecturer, College 005.301: ‘The Great Books: A Selection’, Spring, 2007, University of Pennsylvania: Augustine, *Confessions*.
* Invited Panelist, Graduate Humanities Forum on Travel Writing, University of Pennsylvania (October, 2006).
* Invited Panelist, *The Subjective Origins of the Power of Objects*, Ethnohistory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania (September, 2006): Roundtable Discussion of D. W. Winnicott’s essay, ‘Transitional Objects and Transitional Phenomena’.
* Co–convener, *The Spirit Within: Inspiration, Possession and Disease in the Ancient Mediterranean Basin*: Three–day conference, Franke Institute, University of Chicago (March 4–6, 2005).
* Faculty convener of the Ancient Societies Workshop, University of Chicago, 2004–5.
* ‘Two Perspectives on Classical Archaeology: Daily Life and Marital Strife’, 2003 Fall Classics Convivium, University of Chicago (November, 2003).
* ‘How I write non–elite history and why’, Graduate Historiography Workshop, University of Chicago (April, 2003).
* Invited Panelist, ‘Ancient History and Interdisciplinary Research: Future Prospects’, Annual Meeting of graduate students in Ancient History (Britain and Ireland), Oxford (March, 2001).
* ‘The Roman defeat at Hadrianople: representations, repercussions, reverberations’, Open Day for Classics Teachers, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge (August, 2000).

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

* ‘An Earthquake that Shook the World: Seismicity and Society in the Late Fourth Century CE’, Penn Museum Great Lectures Series; Great Catastrophes (May, 2020).
* ‘America’s Rome: Mores, Morality and Models from Cicero and Caesar to the Current Day’, Penn’s Village Lecture Series, Philadelphia, PA (October, 2019).
* ‘Rome and America: Legacy and Lessons’, Right Angle Club, Philadelphia, PA (September, 2019)
* ‘Ordinary Romans and Daily Life’, Free Library of Philadelphia Lecture Series, Philadelphia, PA (April, 2019).
* ‘Rome: A History, and a Modern Legacy’, Free Library of Philadelphia Lecture Series, Philadelphia, PA (April, 2019).
* ‘Pompeii, Vesuvius, and the Campanian Plain’, ATRIA Senior Living Community, Philadelphia, PA (March, 2018).
* ‘Climate Change and the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire?’, a conversation with Dr. Richard Hodges (President, American University in Rome), Cosmos Club, Washington, DC (February, 2018).
* Keynote Speaker, *Italy in the White House: A Conversation on Historical Perspectives*, White House Historical Association/Italian Embassy, Washington, DC (March, 2016).
* ‘“An Earthquake That Shook the World”: Seismicity and Societal Change in the Fourth Century CE’, Penn Lightbulb Café, World Café Live, Philadelphia PA (February, 2016).
* Guest Lecturer, The Philadelphia School Senior Democracy Unit: ‘The Roman Republic’ (2014‑Present).
* ‘Is America Rome? And why do you ask the question?’ History Honors Class Special Lecture, Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newton Square, PA (December, 2010).
* Interviewed Consultant, *Journey Across Time Chapter 9: Roman Civilization* (September, 2004): General Learning Communications and Glencoe McGraw–Hill video series.

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:**

* Chair, Graduate Group in Ancient History, University of Pennsylvania (2013/14‑2015/16).
* Faculty Advising, Postbaccalaureate Program in Classical Studies
* Member, Departmental BAAS (Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences/Liberal and Professional Studies Program) Curriculum Planning Committee
* Member, Departmental Curriculum Sub-Committee

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

* Faculty Director, Lauder College House (July 2016-Present)
* Member, Graduate Council of the Faculties (2020/21-Present)
* Co-Chair, CHAS Identity Working Group (2020)
* Member, Faculty Governing Board, Price Center for Digital Humanities, University of Pennsylvania (2015/16-Present).
* Consulting Scholar, University of Pennsylvania Museum (2013/14-Present).
* Member, University of Pennsylvania Press Faculty Editorial Board (2015/16‑2020/21).
* Co-Leader, “Networks in the Humanities” Mentoring Program for Pre-Tenure Faculty in the Humanities (2018/19).
* Member, College Humanities and Social Sciences Committee, University of Pennsylvania (2013/14‑2018-19).
* Member, Faculty Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, University of Pennsylvania (2013/14‑2017/18).
* Member, University Council Committee on Campus and Community Life, University of Pennsylvania (2012/13‑2015/16).
* Member, SAS Faculty Advisory Committee on IT (2016‑Present).
* Faculty Advisor, University of Pennsylvania Rugby Club (2007/8–Present).
* Faculty Organizer and Chair of the Quaker Days/Penn Previews Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of Pennsylvania (April, 2010–June 2016).
* Faculty Director, College House Research Fellows Program, University of Pennsylvania (September 2009–June 2016).
* Resident Faculty Fellow, King’s Court English College House, University of Pennsylvania (July 2006–June 2016).
* Member, SAS Planning Committee for Humanities in the Digital Age, University of Pennsylvania (2013/14).
* Member, Undergraduate Research Working Group (Mid-Atlantic States Re-accreditation), University of Pennsylvania (Spring, 2012‑Fall, 2012).
* Member, Steering Committee of the Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania (Academic Year 2007/8–2011/12).
* Faculty Panelist, Penn Previews (2007–2010/11).
* Faculty Panelist, Penn Parents’ Day: ‘College Life’ (2010; 2016).

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMITTEES:**

* Review of book manuscripts and proposals for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Princeton University Press, University of Texas Press, Routledge, University of Pennsylvania Press (2005–Current).
* American Philological Association/Society for Classical Studies
* Society for Biblical Literature
* Society for Late Antiquity; Steering Committee (2005/7); Program Committee (2009)