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**POSITION**

**University of Cincinnati**

Associate Professor, Department of Classics  
Assistant Professor, Department of Classics  
Affiliate Faculty, Department of History

Fall 2022–Present  
Fall 2016–Spring 2022  
Fall 2016–Present

**The Ohio State University**

Lecturer, Department of Classics

2015–2016

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., The Ohio State University, Classics

2015

B.A., University of Richmond, History and Classical Studies

2008

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS**

*The Field Armies of the East Roman Empire, 361–630 AD.* Co-authored with Anthony Kaldellis.  
(Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2023).

*The Politics of Roman Memory: From the Fall of the Western Empire to the Age of Justinian*  
(Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press 2019).

**ARTICLES & CHAPTERS**

“The Quality of East Roman Roads,” *Journal of Late Antiquity* 18.2 (2025) 231–255.

“Xiphilinus’ *Epitome* of Cassius Dio,” in *Studies in Byzantine Epitomes and the Greek Epitomizing Tradition*, ed. C. Mallan (Leiden: Brill 2025) 195–220.

“The Agency of Xiphilinos in the *Epitome* of Cassius Dio,” *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies* 62.2 (2021) 193–223.

“The Epitomator Ioannes Xiphilinos and the Eleventh-Century Xiphilinoi,” *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* 69 (2019) 257–274.

“Economic Thought and Ideology in Procopius,” in *Le monde de Procope*, ed. G. Greatrex and S. Janniard (De Boccad 2018) 39–54.

“Justinian’s Laws and Procopius’ *Wars*,” in *Procopius of Caesarea: Literary and Historical Interpretations*, ed. E. Turquois and C. Lillington–Martin (Routledge 2018) 186–200.

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS (CONT.)

“Archery in the Preface to Procopius’ *Wars*: A Figured Image of Agonistic Authorship,” *Studies in Late Antiquity* 1.4 (2017) 381–406.

“A Justinianic Debate Across Genres on the State of the Roman Republic,” in *Shifting Genres in Late Antiquity*, ed. G. Greatrex, H. Elton, and L. McMahon (Ashgate 2015) 233–245.

“The Speech of the Armenians in Procopius: Justinian’s Foreign Policy and the Transition between the Books of the *Wars*,” *Classical Quarterly* 63 (2013) 866–881.

TRANSLATIONS

*Four Byzantine Speeches on Kingship: Synesios of Kyrene, Theophylaktos of Ohrid, and Thomas Magistros* (Under Review with Dumbarton Oaks Medieval Library).

Book 2 of the Greek Anthology (Christodoros’ *Ekphrasis on the Statues*) with introduction and commentary, commissioned for *Greek Imperial Epic*, ed. P. Avlamis and E. Kneebone (University of California Press, In Preparation).

DICTIONARY AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Procopius,” *Oxford Classical Dictionary*, digital ed., Published 26 October 2017 (DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199381135.013.5349).

BOOK REVIEWS

B. MacDougall, *Philosophy at the Festival: The Festal Orations of Gregory of Nazianzus and the Classical Tradition* (Leiden: Brill 2022) in *Journal for the History of Rhetoric* 27 (2024) 423–427.

R. A. Bleeker, *Aspar and the Struggle for the Eastern Roman Empire, AD 421–71* (London: Bloomsbury 2022) in *The Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2023.08.53.

B. Bleckmann, *Die letzte Generation der griechischen Geschichtsschreiber: Studien zur Historiographie im ausgehenden 6. Jahrhundert* (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag 2021) in *Histos* 17 (2023) xxxiv–xxxix.

P. Heather, *Rome Resurgent: War and Empire in the Age of Justinian* (Oxford: Oxford University Press 2018) in *New England Classical Journal* 46.1 (2019) 113–115.

M.E. Stewart, *The Soldier’s Life: Martial Virtues and Manly Romanitas in the Early Byzantine Empire* (Leeds: Kismet Press 2016) in *Studies in Late Antiquity* 2.3 (2018) 423–426.

J.J. Arnold, M.S. Bjornlie, and K. Sessa (eds.), *A Companion to Ostrogothic Italy* (Leiden: Brill 2016) in *Medioevo Greco* 17 (2017) 450–452.

N. Lenski, *Constantine and the Cities: Imperial Authority and Civic Politics* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press 2015) in *Medioevo Greco* 17 (2017) 505–508.

BOOK REVIEWS (CONT.)

D. Potter, *Constantine the Emperor* (Oxford: Oxford University Press 2012) in *Medioevo Greco* 15 (2015) 487–488.

P. Bell, *Social Conflict in the Age of Justinian: Its Nature, Management, and Mediation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press 2013) in *Medioevo Greco* 14 (2014) 445–447.

### CONFERENCE & INVITED PAPERS

#### INVITED PAPERS

“The Politics of Bureaucracy and the Fall of Rome”

Department of World Languages and Cultures  
Ohio Wesleyan University, April 2025

“‘Sparing the Vanquished’: Empire and the Provinces from Hadrian to Justinian”

*Byzantine Dialogues from the Gennadius Library*  
Gennadius Library, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, April 2022

“Roman and Christian Identity in the Revolt of Vitalianos.”

*Days of Justinian I*, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, November 2019

“Vicious Cycles and Virtuous Circles: Behavioral Economics in Procopius of Caesarea,”

*Late Mediterranean Society According to Procopius of Caesarea*,  
Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Mainz, December 2014

“Competing Histories in the Sixth Century: Justinian and Procopius,”

*Reinventing Procopius: New Readings on Late Antique Historiography*,  
Corpus Christi College, Oxford, January 2014

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The ‘Duty of Sovereigns’: An Alternative to the ‘Mirror of Princes’ in Byzantium”

*Byzantine Studies Conference*, 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Vancouver, CA, October 2023

“Xiphilinos and the Immediate Relevance of Ancient Roman History,”

*Byzantine Studies Conference*, 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
San Antonio, October 2018

“Administrative Reform and Imperial Authority in Justinian’s *Novels*,”

*Vandalia Conference on Late Antiquity*, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
University of Michigan, September 2013

“Roman History and Republican Offices in Justinianic Constantinople,”

*Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity*, 10<sup>th</sup> Biannual Meeting  
University of Ottawa, March 2013

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS (CONT.)

“The Surprising Reception of the Roman Republic in Late Antiquity,”

*Vandalia Conference on Late Antiquity*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting  
The Ohio State University, November 2011

“Reexamining the Speech of the Armenians in Procopius,”  
*Vandalia Conference on Late Antiquity*, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
Indiana University, November 2010

“Byzantine and Sassanian Imperial Competition in Sixth-Century Arabia,”  
*Byzantine Studies Conference*, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
University of Pennsylvania, October 2010

### **TEACHING AS PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**

**Classics 1003 (Freshman Seminar):** An Ancient Guide to Happiness  
**Classics/History 1012:** Roman History (8 Terms)  
**Classics/History 1011:** Greek History (3 Terms)  
**Classics 1021:** Greek and Roman Mythology (2 Terms)  
**Classics 3001/History 3101:** Ancient Warfare  
**Classics 7002:** Roman Historical Problems (4 Terms)  
**Classics 7004:** Graduate Proseminar (3 Terms)  
**Classics 9001 (Graduate Seminar):** Ancient Historiography; Introduction to Late Antiquity;  
Romanizing Christianity; Addressing the Emperor  
**Greek 4003:** Herodotos  
**Latin 4001:** Roman Historians (2 Terms)  
**Latin 4003:** Latin Epistolography

#### **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Classics 1101:** Introduction to Classical Literature in Translation  
**Classics 2201:** Greek Civilization  
**Classics 2202H:** Honors Roman Civilization  
**Classics 2220H:** Honors Classical Mythology  
**Classics 3100 (Special Topic):** The Legend of Alexander the Great  
**Beginning Greek** (2 Terms) and **Intermediate Greek** (1 Term)  
**Greek 7193:** Intensive Language Review for Graduate Students  
**History 3222:** Imperial Rome, AD 69–337  
**Beginning Latin** (5 Terms) and **Intermediate Latin** (6 Terms)  
**Latin 7193:** Intensive Language Review for Graduate Students

### **THESIS ADVISING**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**

##### **Doctoral**

Chair, Alessandro Battaglia, “Inventing the Roman State: Capacity and Consequences of the Late Imperial Bureaucracy,” Fall 2024.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI (CONT.)**

Committee Member, Ted Boivin, “The Marked Alternative in Tacitus’ *Annales* 1-6,” Spring 2025.

Committee Member, Simone Agrimonti, "Interstate Arbitrations in the Hellenistic Peloponnese," Spring 2021.

Committee Member, Tianqi Zhu, "Boom during Crisis: Festival Cultures and Performance Spaces in the Third-Century Roman East" (In Progress).

### **Masters**

Co-Chair (with Caitlin Hines), Kimberly Passaro, "Ausonius of Bourdeaux's Poetic Prefaces: Introduction, Text, Translation, and Commentary," Summer 2022.

### **Undergraduate**

Supervisor, Elaine Suer, "Roman Attitudes towards War," Fall 2021.

Supervisor, Andrew Rivadeneira, "Romanizing Armies," Fall 2021.

Supervisor, Casey Barnett, "Rome's First Tryant: The Legacy of Sulla in the Late Republic," Spring 2021.

Supervisor, Erin Roche, "The Fluidity of Law in the Roman Republic," Fall 2020.

Supervisor, Connor Martin, "Epistolarity in Marcus Aurelius' *Meditations*," Fall 2019.

Supervisor, Kendall Smith, "Family, Gender, and Self-Presentation in the Letters of Cicero," Fall 2019.

Supervisor, Mary Piper, "Claudius' Argument for Citizenship: Tacitus and the Lyons Tablet," Spring 2019.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

Preparation Grant,  
Dumbarton Oaks Medieval Library, 2023

Sample Summer Fellowship  
Department of Classics, University of Cincinnati, 2017-2023

Dean's Graduate Enrichment Fellowship  
College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, 2008-9 and 2014-15

Arts and Science Small Research Grant  
College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, 2013

### **SERVICE**

#### **GREEK, ROMAN, AND BYZANTINE STUDIES**

Co-Editor, 2025-Present

#### **DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**

Graduate Pedagogy Director 2024-Present

Prospective Graduate Student Weekend Coordinator 2025

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2023-2024

Enrollment Committee, 2016-2022, as Chair 2017-2022

History Pedagogy Mentor, 2017-2021

Undergraduate Committee, 2018-2021

#### **DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI (CONT.)**

Graduate Committee, 2020-2021

Burnam Library Committee, 2016-2017, 2019-2021, as Chair 2021-2022

Tytus Fellowship Committee, 2016-2019, 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Representative, 2017–2018

### Search Committees

Member, Assistant Professor (Philology), 2021–2022

Chair, Christopoulos Professorship (History), 2020–2021

Member, Assistant Professor (History), 2018–2019

Member, Assistant Professor (Philology), 2017–2018

### UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Grievance Committee, 2023–2024

Yates Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee, 2022

Faculty Advisor, UC College Democrats, 2019–2022

### TO THE FIELD

Peer Reviewer, *Phoenix*, *Studies in Late Antiquity*, *War in History*, *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Journal of Roman Studies*, *Estudios bizantinos*

### INTERVIEWS AND OTHER MEDIA

“Peer Review: the good, the bad, and the amusing with Tina Sessa and Marion Kruse,” *Byzantium and Friends Podcast* 134 (17 April 2025): <https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-p2iix-1882c55>

“Our New Book on the Armies, and On Revisionism in History with Marion Kruse,” *Byzantium and Friends Podcast* 100 (21 September 2023): <https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-6fjff-14af441>

“On Writing Narrative History with guest-host Marion Kruse,” *Byzantium and Friends Podcast* 84 (29 December 2022): <https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-vg3we-134c925>

L.I. Jukić, “Kids are learning history from video games now,” *The Atlantic* (26 March 2022): <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/03/history-video-games-europa-universalis/622892/>

“Byzantium in Video Games with Troy Goodfellow,” *Byzantium and Friends Podcast* 42 (28 January 2021): <https://byzantiumandfriends.podbean.com/e/42-byzantium-in-video-games-with-troy-goodfellow/>

“When Does Roman History End and Byzantine Begin? with Marion Kruse,” *Byzantium and Friends Podcast* 15 (16 January 2020): <https://byzantiumandfriends.podbean.com/e/15-when-does-roman-history-end-and-byzantine-begin-with-marion-kruse/>