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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 Boccard 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/9780199381135.013.5849).

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, 7th 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, 49th Annual Meeting
Vancouver, CA, October 2023

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

Byzantine Studies Conference, 44th Annual Meeting
San Antonio, October 2018

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

Vandala Conference on Late Antiquity, 4th Annual Meeting
University of Michigan, September 2013

“Roman History and Republican Offices in Justinianic Constantinople,”

Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, 10th 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, 2nd Annual Meeting
The Ohio State University, November 2011

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

“Byzantine and Sassanian Imperial Competition in Sixth-Century Arabia,”
Byzantine Studies Conference, 36th 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: Herodotus
Latin 4001: Roman Historians (2 Terms)
Latin 4003: Latin Epistolography

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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

Semple 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/>