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Employment

Arion: A Journal of Humanities and the Classics at Boston University, Managing Editor	2022–
Boston University, Visiting Assistant Professor, Classical Studies	2018–22
Millsaps College, Visiting Assistant Professor, Classical Studies	2017–18
Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, Visiting Assistant Professor, Classics	2016–17
University of Puget Sound, Visiting Assistant Professor, Classics	2015–16
Avon High School, Instructor, Latin and English	2005–08

Education

University of Washington, Ph.D., Classics	2009–15
Boston College, M.A., Classics	2007–09
Emory University, B.A. <i>magna cum laude</i> , Classics and English	2001–05

Publications

“Greek Elites and Intellectual Networks in the Imperial Period.” In Flower, Horster, Hurlet, & Mathisen, eds. *A Companion to Roman Prosopography*. Brill, 2026: 353–66.

“The Renaissance of Cremutius Cordus.” *Arion* 32.3 (2025): 37–54.

Translation of “Marcel Detienne, a Young Man of Long Ago” by Vincent Genin. *Arion* 32.2 (2024): 19–27.

“Between Past and Present: Twombly at Boston’s MFA.” *Arion* 30.3 (2023): 91–104.

Entries for: Appius Claudius Caecus, Calvus, Laelius Sapiens, L. Crassus, L. Domitius Ahenobarbus, M. Tullius Cicero, Nicostratus, P. Vatinus, Saleius Bassus. In V. Pagán, ed. *The Tacitus Encyclopedia*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2023.

“Cassius Dio’s Novel World.” In A. Kemezis, C. Bailey and B. Poletti, eds. *Greek and Roman Pasts in the Long Second Century: The Intellectual Climate of Cassius Dio*. Brill, 2022: 327–54.

“*Laus Eloquentiae* and *Fama Rerum*: Viewing Political Shifts through Social Wonders in Tacitus’ *Dialogus* and *Agricola*.” In J. McNamara and V. Pagán, eds. *Tacitus’ Wonders*. Bloomsbury, 2022: 92–115.

“Teuta and Feminine Exemplarity in Cassius Dio’s *Roman History*.” In J. Madsen and C. Lange, eds. *Cassius Dio the Historian: Methods and Approaches*. Brill, 2021: 406–25.

“The Poetics of Legalism: Ovid and Claudian on the Rape of Proserpina.” *Arethusa* 52.1 (2019): 71–104.

“Cultural Interactions and Identities in Cassius Dio’s Early Books.” In C. Burden-Strevens and M. Lindholmer, eds. *Cassius Dio’s Forgotten History of Early Rome*. Brill, 2018: 285–310.

“Cassius Dio—*Pepaideumenos* and Politician on Kingship.” In C. Lange and J. Madsen, eds. *Cassius Dio: Greek Intellectual and Roman Politician*. Brill, 2016: 297–315. (2017 ALA Choice Award)

Reviews

Review discussion. “Cassius Dio and His Emperors.” *Histos* 19 (2025).

Review of E. O’Gorman. *Tacitus’ History of Politically Effective Speech*. *Classical Review* 71.1 (2021).

Review of A. Scott. *Emperors and Usurpers: An Historical Commentary on Cassius Dio’s Roman History Books 79–80*. *Classical Journal* (online), 10.1.2019.

Review of A. König and C. Whitton, eds., *Roman Literature under Nerva, Trajan and Hadrian*. *Classical Review* 69.1 (2019).

Review of D. Richter and W. Johnson, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the Second Sophistic*. *New England Classical Journal* 45.4 (2018).

In preparation and forthcoming

Greek Education, Roman Status: Studies of Paideia in Latin Prose. Univ. of Michigan Press.

“Bilingualism in Latin Prose: Popular or Prestigious?” In Bolt and Fulkerson, eds. *Langford Proceedings*.

Invited Lectures

- Greek Paideia and Latin Prose
- Cassius Dio and the Second Sophistic
- Prosopography and the Second Sophistic
- Latin Authors and the Second Sophistic
- Teaching the Roman Emperor (with) Greek
- Ancient Education (3-part lecture series)
- Ancient Historiography. Prefaces and Programs
- Using Greek in Rome: Learning from Pliny the Polyglot
- Quintilian on Education (seminar)

The Boston Area Roman Studies Conference, 2026
The 6th Second Sophistic Colloquium. Charlottesville, 2024
The 4th Second Sophistic Colloquium. Boston, 2022
The 3rd Second Sophistic Colloquium. Boston, 2020
Boston College, 2019
Evergreen Program, Metropolitan College, 2019
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Univ. of Mississippi, 2017
CANE Summer Institute. Brown Univ., 2016

Conference Papers

- Visualizing Rome in the Latin and Roman History Classroom
- Cassius Dio and the Greek Novel
- Tacitus' Greek
- Teuta as Test Case for Dionian Misogyny
- Reading and Writing Greek in Suetonius' *De Vita Caesarum*
- Tacitus' *Dialogus de... Re Publica*
- Why Monarchy is Better: Or Dio the Sophist
- Ovid and Claudian's Legalistic Discourse in Proserpine Poetics
- Paideia* and Invective: Achilles Tatius' Employment of Aeschines
- Place's Place in Banditry Narratives
- Calgacus and the Reinforcement of Tacitean Motifs
- Venus Incesta*: Incest as Device in Apuleius' *Metamorphoses*

CANE. Worcester, 2019
Univ. of Alberta & MacEwan Univ., 2018
CAMWS. Albuquerque, 2018
Univ. of Southern Denmark, 2016
CAPN. Olympia, 2016
SCS. New Orleans, 2015
Univ. of S. Denmark, 2014
CAMWS. Waco, 2014
CAPN/CACW. Vancouver, 2014
CANE. Needham; CAPN. Salem, 2012
CANE. Providence; CAPN. Seattle, 2010
CANE. Boston, 2009

Presentations and informal talks

- Early Career Publishing: Advice from a Managing Editor
- “Publication” in the Ancient World
- Greek Games in Sicily
- Ancient Pirates and Bandits: Criminals or Outsiders?
- Women Pirates: Teuta
- Tacitus’ *laus eloquentiae*
- Dies Atri*: Dark Days in Rome
- How We Learn about Ancient Learning
- Philosophia Graeca, Moderatio Romana*: Tac., Agr. 3.1
- Introduction to Villa Life and Tivoli

SCS. Philadelphia, 2025
JCL Classics Day. Boston, 2024
JCL Classics Day. Boston, 2023
JCL Classics Day. Boston, 2021
Sweetbitter podcast. 2021
MACTe 23. Brandeis Univ. (via Zoom), 2020
JCL Classics Day. Boston, 2019
Univ. of Puget Sound, 2015; Boston College, 2019
MACTe 21. Boston College, 2019
Boston College High School, 2017

Courses Taught

Boston University

- Tacitus' Minor Works
- Cassius Dio, Severan Culture, Second Sophistic
- Ancient Sicily
- Scientific Terminology from Greek and Latin
- World of Greece
- Introduction to Latin
- Greek History
- Imperial Reception of Greek Literature
- Race and Ethnicity in Ancient Greece and Rome
- Ovid's *Amores*
- Roman Views of Hannibal (Nepos, Livy, Eutropius)
- Proserpine Poetics: Ovid and Claudian

CL 451/502, Fall 2019; Spr 2026
CL 791, Spr 2024
CL 406, Spr 2022
08, Spr 2020; Fall 2020; Spr 2022
CL 101, Fall 2021
12, 2019–20; Fall 2020; Fall 2021
CL 321, Fall 2018, Sum 2021
CL 791, Spr 2021
CL 237, Spr 2021
CL 212, Spring 2020; Spr 2021
CL 211, Fall 2019
CL 3/451, Spr 2019

Banditry in Roman Law, Literature and Society	CL305, Spr 2019
Greek Historiographers of Rome	CL 948, Spr 2019
Roman History	CL 322, Spr 2019
The Vulgate Gospels	CL 211, Fall 2018
Introduction to Ancient Greek	CL 161, Fall 2018
<u>Millsaps College</u>	
Banditry in Roman Law, Literature and Society	FYCS 1020, Spr 2018
Plato's <i>Symposium</i>	GRK 2010, Spr 2018
Thucydides' <i>Peloponnesian War</i> 6-7	GRK 4080, Spr 2018
Sexuality and Gender in Greece and Rome	CLCS 2750, Fall 2017
Catullus	LATN 2000, Fall 2017
Ovid's Erotic Poetry	LATN 4750, Fall 2017
<u>Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome</u>	
The Ancient City	CLST 341, 2016–17
Social Circles & Spaces in Imperial Rome (Statius, Martial, Pliny, Juvenal)	LAT 301, 2016–17
<u>University of Puget Sound</u>	
Suetonius' <i>Lives of the Caesars</i>	LAT 301, Spr 2016
Greek and Roman Epic	CLSC 231, Fall 2015
Introduction to Ancient Greek	GRK 101–2, 2015–16
<u>University of Washington</u>	
Greek and Roman Mythology	CLAS 430, Winter 2015
Intensive First-Year Greek	GRK 301, Sum 2014
Introduction to Latin	LAT 101-103, 2012–14
Intensive First-Year Latin	LAT 301, Sum 2013
Imperial Epistles: Seneca and Pliny	LAT 463, Spr 2013
Bioscientific Terminology from Greek and Latin	CLAS 205, 2011-12, 2014
Latin and Greek in Current Use	CLAS 101, 2010–11
<u>Avon High School</u>	
Latin I-II: Introductory and Intermediate Latin	2005–08
Latin III: Caesar	2005–08
Latin IV: Livy, Ovid, and Vergil	2005–08
<u>Fellowships and Awards</u>	
Tri Alpha National Honor Society for First Generation Students	Boston Univ., 2021
Excellence in Teaching Award	College of Arts & Sciences, Boston Univ., 2020
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Cassius Dio Network, funded member	Danish Council for Independent Research, 2015–18
Presidential Dissertation Fellowship (university-wide)	Univ. of Washington, 2015
Jim Greenfield Dissertation Fellowship (departmental)	Univ. of Washington, 2014
<i>Modern Language Quarterly</i> Travel Grant	2014
DeLacy Travel Grant	Univ. of Washington, 2014
Jim Greenfield Travel Grant	Univ. of Washington, 2012–14
Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship	ASCSA, Eta Sigma Phi, 2012
Joff Hanauer Endowment for Excellence in Western Civilization	Univ. of Washington, 2011–12
Foreign Language and Area Studies in Italian	US Dept. of Education, 2010
Research Fellow. <i>Dura-Europos: Crossroads of Antiquity</i>	McMullen Museum, Boston College, 2008–09
Reppard Prize in Classics	Emory Univ., 2005
Emory University Prize in Greek	Emory Univ., 2004

Service**External**

Faculty advisor, Tri Alpha National Honor Society	Boston University, 2025–26
Tour guide, Sicily	Thayer Academy, 2023; 2024
Organizer, MACTe XXIV & XXVI (for pre-tenured scholars in the northeast)	2021; 2023
Graduate Student Interests Committee	SCS, Education Division, 2018–22
Committee on Career Planning and Development	SCS, Professional Matters Division, 2018–21
<i>Actus</i> Examiner	Homeric Academy, Boston College High School, 2018–19
Mentoring Program	Women’s Classical Caucus, 2016–20
Advisory Committee on Graduate Student Interests	SCS, 2015–17
Referee	<i>CJ, Histos, HSCP</i> , Wiley-Blackwell

Internal

Latin PhD Translation Examiner	Boston Univ., 2024
Honors thesis advisor: Ellie Goldberg, “Myth and Poetry”	Boston Univ., 2023–24
Greek PhD Translation Examiner	Boston Univ., 2020–22
Teaching Fellow Supervisor. CL111-212: Latin 1-4	Boston Univ., 2019–21
PhD History of Greek Literature Examiner	Boston Univ., 2021
Faculty Remote Technology Coach	Boston Univ., 2020–21
Translation mentor: Tom Bailey, “Marcus Aurelius’ Letters”	Boston Univ., MFA in Lit. Translation, 2020
Graduate and Professional Student Library Advisory Committee	Univ. of Washington, 2013–15
McDiarmid Lecture Committee	Univ. of Washington, 2012, 2014

Dissertation and Examination Reader

Brayden Hirsch, “Ekphrasis and Second Sophistic Literature.” Special Topic Exam.	Boston Univ., 2024
Ryan Pasco, <i>Saturnalia as Political Discourse in Martial, Pliny, and Dio Chrysostom</i> . Diss.	Boston Univ., 2022
James Aglio, “Tacitus: Prosopography and Narrative History.” Special Topic Exam.	Boston Univ., 2021

Other Interests

Cycling: Tours throughout Emilia-Romagna, Lazio, Lombardia, Sardegna, Sicilia, Toscana, Umbria and Veneto

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