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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Boston University *Doctor of Philosophy in Classics* (in progress) **2020-present**

Dissertation: "Defilers of Delphi / Rivals of Rome:
Greek and Roman Constructions of "Gallic" Ethnicity"

Committee: Zsuzsanna Várhelyi (1st reader), Loren J. Samons II

Special Topic: "What Order? A Pragmatic Approach to Word Order in Lysias"

The University of Kentucky *Masters of Arts in Classics* 2018-2020

Institutum Studiis Latinis Provehendis : Certificate in Latin Studies

The University of Pennsylvania *Post-Baccalaureate in Classical Languages* 2014-2015

The University of Georgia *Bachelors of Arts in Classical Culture* 2010 - 2014

Bachelors of Arts in History

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ancient Ethnography: Representations of Celtic Peoples, Geography, Representation of the "Other", Race and Ethnicity in the Ancient World

Latin and Greek Historiography: Digressions, Theories of History, Exemplarity, Historiographical Speeches, Rhetoric of Narratives, Ancient History

Related Interests: Celtic Art and Archaeology, Appropriations of Celtic and Gallic Identity, the Gaulish Language, Modern Historiography

Secondary Interests: Rhetoric, Oratory, Latin Composition, Ancient Greek Composition, Word Order, Language Pedagogy

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

2025 "The Gallic Triumvirate: Embedded Political Thought in Caesar BG 1" [under review, *Classical Quarterly*]

Works in Progress

Chapter in Edited Volume "A Clean Celt? Ethno-Linguistic Comments in Catullus 23" in Lee, Tori and Katherine Lu Hsu edd. *Taking Stock: Stereotypes from Asian America to the Ancient Mediterranean* [under review with University of Michigan press]

OFFICES HELD and SERVICE

Conference Co-Organizer BU Graduate Conference: 'Comedy On & Off Stage' 2023

Vice President CAMWS - Southern Section 2018-2020

Site Coordinator Aegea 2018-2019

Member-at-Large CAMWS - Southern Section 2016-2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Celts, Gauls, and Galatians: the Introduction of the 'Gauls' to the Greek World as Celtic Mercenaries"	CANE Annual Meeting, 2025
"Ἑξω Ἑρακλέων στηλέων? Herodotus on the Celts in context"	SCS Annual meeting, 2025
"The Gallic Triumvirate"	CANE Annual Meeting, 2024
"A Clean Celt? Ethno-Linguistic Comments in Catullus 23"	SCS Annual Meeting, 2024
"Undermining Autochthony: Ethnicity and Structure in Thucydides' Sicilian Expedition"	UVA Graduate Student Conference, 2023
"Peer-Pressure: Persuasion in the Embassy to Achilles"	SCS Annual Meeting, 2023
"Getting to Know the Enemy: Livy's Ethnographic Introduction of the Gauls"	CANE Annual Meeting, 2022
"How to Read History: Meta-historiography in Sallust"	CAMWS Annual Meeting, 2020
"Aequora in Lexington"	CAMWS Annual Meeting, 2019
"Beginning to Speak Latin" (<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>)	CAMWS Annual Meeting, 2019
"How to Read History: Meta-historiography in Sallust"	UKY - MCLLC Graduate Student Conference, 2019

TEACHING

Harvard University - Teaching Assistant	2024-present
<i>Sole Instructor:</i> Latin 10: Introduction to Latin Literature (Seneca, Ovid)	
<i>Assisted:</i> Latin 122: Horace, <i>Odes</i>	
Boston University - Senior Teaching Fellow	2021-2024
<i>Instructor of Record:</i> CL 211: <i>Intermediate Latin Prose</i>	(Nepos, Caesar, and Cicero)
CL 111: <i>Latin 1</i> (Summer)	(Wheelock)
CL 112: <i>Latin 2</i>	(Wheelock)
<i>Assisted:</i> CL 213: <i>Greek and Roman Mythology</i>	
CL 321: <i>Greek History</i>	
CL 322: <i>Roman History</i>	
CL 101: <i>World of Greece</i> (Introductory Greek Culture Course)	
Latinitas Animi Causa (Online Classics outreach company) - Instructor	2024-present
<i>Courses taught:</i> "Under Pressure: Foreign Powers in Gaul" (Reading Class, Caesar)	
Living Latin In Rome High School (The Paideia Institute) - <i>Summer program instructor</i>	2022-present
Harvard Extension School - Teaching Assistant	2023
<i>Assisted:</i> CGRK E-1a <i>Beginning Ancient Greek</i>	(Reading Greek)
The University of Kentucky - Teaching Assistant	2018-2020
<i>Instructor of Record:</i> CLA 101-2 : <i>Elementary Latin I-II</i>	(Latin For the New Millennium)
CLA 201: <i>Intermediate Latin I</i>	(Latin For the New Millennium)
CLA 135: <i>Classical Myth</i> (Online)	(Powell, Barry, <i>Classical Myth</i>)
<i>Assisted:</i> CLA 131: <i>Medical Terminology</i> (Online)	
MCL 270: <i>Introduction to Folklore</i>	
Ashland Elementary School - Aequora Instructor & Coordinator	2018-2020
<i>Courses taught:</i> "Aequora: Teaching Literacy with Latin," Volunteer Literacy through Latin Outreach	
Tucker High School - Teacher	2015-2018
<i>Courses taught:</i> Latin I-IV, AP (4th yr)	(Ecce Romani)
Enrichment Ancient Greek	

HONORS, AWARDS, HONOR SOCIETIES, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Excellence in Classics Teaching Award	Boston University	2023
SCS Outstanding Student	University of Kentucky	2019
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CAMWS Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in Classics	University of Georgia	2014
ΗΣΦ Classics Honors Society	University of Georgia	2012-2014
Gantz prize for excellence in Greek	University of Georgia	2011

GUEST LECTURES

"Who Were the Gauls? Historical, Linguistic, and Archaeological Constructions of Gallic Identity" and Oct. 2023
 "Caesar's Gaul: Strategic Geography and Ethnography"

Guest Lectures for WR120: "Understanding Race and Ethnicity in Ancient Greece and Rome"
 (Freshman Writing Seminar) taught by Dr. Maya Chakravorty, Boston University

OTHER ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Prof. Cynthia Damon (University of Pennsylvania)	2014-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross-referencing variations in scholarly editions for Prof. Damon's Loeb of the <i>Bellum Civile</i> - Transcribing manuscripts of the <i>Bellum Alexandrinum</i> 	

STUDIES ABROAD

The Gallic Sack of Delphi	Greece	BU - Graduate Research	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visited Corycian Cave (Pan's Cave), the Museum, and Archaeological site of Delphi - Examined the landscape with reference to textual accounts 			
Gallic Art and Archaeology	Italy and France	BU - Graduate Research Abroad	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visited Iron Age Gallic Sites and Museums containing Iron Age Gallic artifacts - Examined Inscriptions on Victory and Funeral Monuments - Collected Materials and Visual Aids for Future Research and Teaching 			
Caesar in Gaul	France	The Paideia Institute	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visited sites from the Gallic Wars and Roman Gaul and read Latin accounts of them - Attended lectures about current scholarship, issues and debates on <i>de Bello Gallico</i> - Led by Prof. Luca Grillo (Notre Dame) and Prof. Christopher Krebs (Stanford) 			
Celtic and Pre-Celtic Prehistory	Switzerland and Scotland	University of Georgia	2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Studied Pre-Celtic, Celtic, and Roman archaeology through site visits, and guided tours - Traveled extensively throughout Switzerland and Scotland - Led by Prof. Ervan Garrison (UGA) 			

CONTINUING EDUCATION

<i>Mythographers</i>	Spoken Ancient Greek	Bibliophilo	2024
<i>Biduum Pennsylvaniense</i>	Spoken Latin & Active Pedagogies	SALVI	2024
<i>German for Students of Classical Studies</i>	Academic German	U. Köln (Online)	2021
<i>Ancient Greek in Virginia</i>	Spoken Ancient Greek Immersion	The Polis Institute	2019
<i>Ὅμιλία Ἑλληνιζόντων</i>	Spoken Ancient Greek Immersion	SALVI	2019
<i>Conventiculum Lexingtoniense</i>	Spoken Latin at U. of Kentucky	Humanitas	2018

<i>Rusticatio Tironum</i>	Spoken Latin & Active Pedagogies	SALVI	2018
<i>Biduum Georgianum</i>	Spoken Latin & Active Pedagogies	SALVI	2018
<i>Active Latin Pedagogy</i>	UNC Chapel Hill	Indwelling Lang	2018
<i>Strategies for Building Language Proficiency</i>		Literacy Education Services	2018
<i>Biduum Virginianum</i>	Spoken Latin & Active Pedagogies	SALVI	2017

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Latin and Anc. Greek Sight Reading Group	Organizer	Boston University	2023-present
Spoken Language Group	Co-leader	Boston University	2022-present
Spoken Ancient Greek Reading Group	Co-leader	University of Kentucky	2021-2022
Medieval and Renaissance Society	President 2013 - 2014	University of Georgia	2010-2014
	Vice President 2012-2013	University of Georgia	
Ár Va Alda - Germanic Studies Club	Founding Member	University of Georgia	2012-2014

LANGUAGES

Ancient	<i>Advanced:</i>	Latin, Ancient Greek
	<i>Studied:</i>	Gaulish, Old Irish
Modern	<i>Reading:</i>	French, German, Italian

REFERENCES

Contact for References