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### Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, Washington University in St. Louis	2013-present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Missouri	2012-2013
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, University of Arizona	2011-2012
Lecturer, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan	Spring 2011

### Education

Ph.D. (Greek and Roman History) University of Michigan "Vespasian Augustus: Imperial Power in the First Century CE" David Potter, Chair	2011
A.M. (Classical Studies – Latin) University of Michigan	2008
B.A. (History, Ancient Greek and Roman Studies) Trent University	2004

### Research and Teaching Interests

The construction of power in ancient societies, with particular attention to elite culture, leadership, and gender; history and historiography of late Republican and early Imperial Rome; Roman Republican and Imperial numismatics.

### Publications

"Vespasian and the Social World of the Roman Court." *American Journal of Philology* 132 (2011): 103-124.  
"Domitian", "Flavian Family and Dynasty" and "Year of the Four Emperors" in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*, ed. M. Gagarin. Oxford University Press, 2009.

### Presented Papers

"Ovid's imperial family in *Epistulae ex Ponto* 4.9," at XIV A.D. *Saeculum Augustum* (Lisbon, Portugal: Sept. 24-26, 2014)  
"The 'Sullan Restored' Denarius Types: RRC 263-265 and 369-371," at AIA (Seattle, WA: Jan. 3-6, 2013)  
"The World of the *Satyricon*: Petronius on Sex and Money in the Roman Empire," at CAMWS (Baton Rouge, LA: 3/29/2012)  
"Imperial Women and the Civil War: Poppaea, Berenice, and Triaria in Tacitus' *Histories*," at APA (Philadelphia, PA: 1/6/2012)  
"Galba and Pasiphaë: Nobility in the First Century CE," at CAMWS (Oklahoma City, OK: 3/26/2010)  
"Memory, Identity, and Power in Imperial Rome," at the Michigan Social Theory Conference, Department of Sociology (Ann Arbor, MI: 3/13/2010)  
"*Spes* and Imperial Succession: Claudian and Vespasianic Narratives," at APA (Anaheim, CA: 1/8/2010)

“Flavian Court Culture: the *Amici Caesaris* and the Political Elite,” at the Roman Archaeology Conference (Ann Arbor, MI: 4/3/2009)

“*Spes Imperii*: Hope in Suetonius’ Imperial Lives,” at CAMWS (Minneapolis, MN: 4/4/2009)

“The Festival of Bona Dea and Cicero’s Political Masculinity,” at Feminism & Classics V (Ann Arbor, MI: 5/9/2008)

“Bona Dea and Cicero’s Public Image,” at CAMWS (Tucson, AZ: 4/18/2008)

### Teaching Experience

Washington University in St. Louis

Latin 101	Fall 2014
Latin 301	Fall 2014
Classics 342C: Ancient History – the Roman Empire	Spring 2014
Latin 496: Tacitus (reading <i>Annals</i> 4 and the <i>Agricola</i> )	Spring 2014
Classics 341C: Ancient History – the Roman Republic	Fall 2013
Latin 3171: Survey of Latin Literature – the Republic	Fall 2013

University of Missouri

Latin 1200H: Honors Elementary Latin II	Spring 2013
Classical Humanities 3600: The Ancient Novel	Spring 2013
Classical Humanities 2200: Roman Culture	Fall 2012 & Spring 2013
Latin 2000H: Latin Reading – Honors	Fall 2012
Classical Humanities 1060: Classical Mythology	Fall 2012

University of Arizona

Latin 421/521: Latin of the Imperial Age (reading Velleius Paterculus, Ovid, Valerius Maximus, and select inscriptions)	Spring 2012
Classics 160B1: Roots of Western Civilization	Spring 2012
Classics 353: Roman Epic	Spring 2012
Latin 426/526: Roman Historians (reading Tacitus <i>Histories</i> 1 and 2)	Fall 2011
Classics/Women and Gender Studies 362: Women and Gender in Antiquity	Fall 2011
Classics 510A: Methods in Classical Scholarship	Fall 2011

University of Michigan

Greek 103: Intensive Elementary Greek	Spring 2011
Latin 231: Roman Kings and Emperors (as a graduate student instructor)	Fall 2009
Latin 101: Introductory Latin (as a graduate student instructor)	Fall 2008

### Awards, Fellowships, and Academic Experience

Honorable mention, Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Michigan (2012)

Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan (Winter 2011)

Attended Eric P. Newman Graduate Seminar in Numismatics, American Numismatic Society (Summer 2010)

APA Outstanding Student Award (2009)

Symons Medal, Trent University (2004)

Manson A. Stewart Scholarship, CAMWS (2003)

### Other Professional Activities

Departmental Liaison to University College (2014-)

Member of the ad hoc committee for the Graduate Student Educational and Professional Development Fund, Department of Classics, University of Arizona (2011-2012)

Member of MA Thesis Committee (Classics, University of Arizona):

C. Ellithorpe, “Concordia and Imperial Propaganda of the Civil War Emperors of A.D.

193-7" (2012)

M. Ferguson, "Ring Composition in Suetonius' *De Vita Caesarum*" (2012)

V. Shatillo, "A Balanced Approach to the Depiction of Themistocles in Herodotus" (2012)

D. Wright, "Pirates of the Mediterranean" (2012)

Member of the Graduate Student Issues Committee, CAMWS (2008-2011)

Panel Organizer, "Classics and the Humanities", (Grand Rapids, MI, 2011);

Co-organizer of graduate student pre-conference pedagogy workshop (at CAMWS Annual Meetings): "*Disce ut Doceas*: Preparing to be a TA in Latin", (Minneapolis, MN, 2009, and Oklahoma City, OK, 2010); "Creating Your Own Syllabus", (Grand Rapids, MI, 2011)

Co-chair of organizing committee, graduate student conference "Too Much Is Never Enough: Luxury and Decadence in the Ancient World," University of Michigan (Feb. 2009)