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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Classics at Washington University in St. Louis (Assistant Professor: 2007-14)
Curator of the John Max Wulfing Coin Collection (2014-)
Courtesy appointment in Dept. of History (2013-)

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Ph.D. 2007, Department of Classics; "Dignity and Power: Athenian Sacred Treasurers from Solon to the Persian Wars" Ph.D. diss.

A.M. 1999, Committee on the Ancient Mediterranean World

University of Washington, 1998 *magna cum laude*

B.A. in History (Honors) and

B.A. in Greek, Minor in Latin

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

My work aims to elucidate not only the specific histories of certain communities and institutions in ancient Greece but also the dynamic intersection between economics, religion, and state that drove broader developments across the ancient Mediterranean world, c. 750-250. While much of my research focuses upon Athens and its immediate neighbors in central and southern Greece, I am currently engaged in extensive research on individual polities in Northern Greece, Cyprus, and the Cyclades, as well as the Achaemenid Empire. Much of this work involves intensive engagement not only with literary and historical texts but also with a wide range of archaeological, numismatic, and epigraphic evidence. In addition, my discrete economic work concentrates on the related areas of taxation, banking, and fiscal behavior; metrology and denominations; numeracy, monetary habit, and the use of tokens. Current projects include detailed investigations of the economics and religious geography of the cult of Sarapis and, separately, how the sacrificial calendars of Athens were intended to function.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Sterling and Elizabeth Dow Fellow of the Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies, at The Ohio State University, May 2011

Elected as Fellow of the American Numismatic Society, Oct. 2010
 Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2005-06
 Affiliated Doctoral Fellow of the Franke Institute for the Humanities, 2005-06
 Edward L. Ryerson Fellowship in Archaeology, Spring 2005
 John Williams White Fellow in Classical Archaeology, The American School of Classical Studies
 at Athens, 2002-03
 Phi Beta Kappa, 1997

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph:

Hallowed Stewards. Solon and the Sacred Treasurers of Athens (University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, MI: 2016), 288pp. ISBN 978-0-472-11942-4

Reviews: Colin McDonald on-line review for *Classics for All*:
<https://classicsforall.org.uk/book-reviews/hallowed-stewards-solon-sacred-treasurers-athens/> (posted Aug. 5, 2016)

Articles and Chapters (*= Refereed; † = Invited):

- * “The *Agorastikon* in Hellenistic Athens: Not a Market-Tax” in *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 185 (2013), 122-26.
- † “Imperial Numeracy? Athenian Calculation of Some Imperial Taxes” to be published by The Classical Press of Wales in a volume of papers on the techniques employed by Athens in pursuit of its imperial aims during the fifth century (eds. T. Figueira and A. Powell) (*forthcoming*, 2017). 24 ms. pp.
- † “Final Numismatic Report and Catalogue on the Coins of Bezmyannaya (Chersonesos)” to be published in the archaeological reports of the Institute of Classical Archaeology at the University of Texas, Austin (*forthcoming*). 24 ms. pp.
- * † “Inheritance, Priesthoods and Succession in Classical Athens: The *Hierophantai* of the Eumolpidae” in *Families in the Greco-Roman World* R. Laurence and A. Stromberg (eds.) (Continuum Publishers, London: 2012), 95-105.
- * † “Tokens and Imitation in Ancient Athens” *Marburger Beiträge zu antiken Handels-, Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte* 28 (2011) Peter van Alfen and Mark Lawall (eds.), 171-95.
- * (with G. H. Renberg) “The Epistolary Rhetoric of Zoilos of Aspendos and the Early Cult of Sarapis: Re-reading *P. Cair.Zen. I 59034*” *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 177 (2011), 169-200.
- * “The Sacred Triremes and their *Tamiai* at Athens” *Historia* 59 (4) (2010), 385-411.
- * “An Overstruck Stater of the Cypriot Kingdom of Salamis” *American Journal of Numismatics* 16-17 (2004-05), 1-5, pl. 1.

Reviews and Review Articles:

- † Nikolaos Papazarkadas, *Sacred and Public Land in Ancient Athens* (Oxford: 2011) in *Bryn Mawr Classical Reviews* 2012 (2012.07.16)
- † ‘Athenian Community and State’ rev. of Paulin Ismard, *La cité des réseaux. Athènes et ses associations VI^e – I^{er} siècle av. J.-C.* (Paris: 2010) in *Classical Review* 62.1 (2012), 205-07.
- † Katerini Liampi, *Argilos. A Historical and Numismatic Study* (Athens: 2005) in *Numismatic Chronicle* 167 (2007), 315-21.

Other Publications:

- † Entries for *The Herodotus Encyclopedia* (Wiley-Blackwell) (*anticipated*: 2017):
 - “Amathus” (250 words)
 - “Curium” (100 words)
 - “First-Fruits” (500 words)
 - “Measures” (1500 words)
 - “Money” (1000 words; 1 image, supplied from the John Max Wulffing Collection)
 - “Salamis, Cyprus” (250 words)
 - “Soli” (100 words)
 - “Stesenor” (100 words)
 - “Talent” (750 words)
 - “Timonax” (100 words)
 - “Trade” (1000 words)
- † “Circular History” for Center for the Humanities, Washington University in Saint Louis (February 2, 2015)
- † “Taxation and the Ancient Greek Economy” *Iris*, a Classics outreach magazine for state secondary schools in the UK (2014), 53-55.
- † Entries for *Encyclopedia of Ancient History* (Wiley-Blackwell) (2013):
 - “Temple Economy” (1000 words, 2pp.)
 - “Archaic and Classical Greek Coinage” (3000 words, 7pp.; 10 images supplied by the American Numismatic Society)
 - “Greek Economy” (3000 words, 5pp.)
- † “Geometric Burial Uncovered at Corinth” *Ákoue* 50 (Summer 2003), 4.

SPECIAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS:

“Siglos and Drakhma: Numismatic Metrology of the Northwestern Satrapies in the Achaemenid Empire”

Initiated in 2014, the purpose of this research program is to create a series of chronologically-seriated digital maps of the various numismatic weight standards, spanning the period c. 500-300, employed by all mints in the Achaemenid Empire’s northwestern satrapies (e.g. Lydia and Bithynia) and in Thrace, a region briefly dominated by the Achaemenids but inhabited by native

peoples as well as Greek colonists. By employing data from recorded coin hoards and integrating it with the standards of all known mints in the region, these maps will illuminate to what extent the population of this region made use of coins of one or another standard. Of special interest is tracking diachronically and spatially the relative dominance of coins struck either on the standard of the Achaemenid *siglos* or that of the Attic-Euboic standard used by Athens.

This program operates in conjunction with the John Max Wulffing Collection and employs undergraduate students at Washington University both to develop key parts of the database and software.

PAPERS DELIVERED

- 'Siglos and Drakhma: Mapping the Coin Hoards of the Ancient Aegean' (*scheduled for March, 2016*)
- 'A Survey of Eion's Archaic Civic Coinage' for the XV International Numismatic Congress in Taormina, Sicily (Sept., 2015)
- 'Cost and Value in Athenian Sacrificial Calendars' for the panel *From Temple Banks to Patron Gods: Religion, Economy, and the Investigation of Ancient Mediterranean Ritual* organized by the Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions at the 144th Annual Meeting of the APA (Seattle) (Jan., 2013)
- 'Squeezing the Stone: The Study of Greek Inscriptions at Washington University' for Classics Colloquium, Washington University in St. Louis (Feb., 2012)
- 'Greek Tokens and the Unraveling of Identity' for the conference "Money and the Evolution of Culture in the Ancient World" Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand (July, 2011)
- 'Taxation, Coinage, and Tithes in *IG I³ 90: A New Text, New Questions*' for the 'Seminar on Athenian Hegemony and Finances' at the Celtic Conference in Classics, University of Edinburgh (July, 2010) (invited)
- 'Meat and its Value: Financial Expenditure and Nutritional Benefit at Greek Sacrificial Banquets' for the conference "Dining Divinely: Banqueting in Honour of the Gods" University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand (July, 2010).
- 'Family Matters: Becoming a Hereditary Priest or Priestess in Classical Athens' for the Classics Colloquium of Washington University in St. Louis (Nov., 2009)
- 'Not the Oikos: Priesthoods and Succession in Classical Athens' for the conference "*Oikos – Familia: The Family in Ancient Greco-Roman society. Framing the Discipline in the 21st century*" Göteborg, Sweden (Nov., 2009)
- 'Symbols, Fraud, and Citizenship in Ancient Greece' for the Classics Colloquium of Washington University in St. Louis (Nov., 2008)
- 'Feasts, Patronage, and Divine Treasure: The Spartans and their Gods' for the Classics Colloquium of Washington University in St. Louis (Nov., 2007)
- 'Divine Wealth in Early Sparta: Problems and Parallels at the Comparative Approaches to Sparta Conference, Nottingham UK (Sept., 2007)

- ‘From Athletes to Treasurers: Expressions of Power and Prestige in Early Athens’ at Washington University in St. Louis (Febr., 2007)
- ‘Sparta and Sacred Wealth in the Peloponnesian War’ for the Ancient Societies Workshop at The University of Chicago (2006)
- ‘Accounting for Tradition: Sacred Treasurers in Homer and The Early Athenian *Polis*’ for the Ancient Societies Workshop at The University of Chicago (2005)
- ‘The Hero Klaiophoros: Responses to Democratic Accountability in the Hellenistic Peloponnese’ 136th Annual Meeting of the APA (Boston) (2005)
- ‘Imperial Boundaries and Commercial Prosopography: The Case of Bankers in Ptolemaic Egypt’ 135th Annual Meeting of the APA (San Francisco) (2004)
- ‘Apoikia, Polis, Emporion, Phourion: The Settlement at Eion in Thrace’ for the Ancient Societies Workshop at The University of Chicago (2003)
- ‘Bankers and their Communities in Roman Egypt’ for the Chicago Consortium in Ancient History Colloquium (2001)
- ‘The Treasury Administration of Lydia under King Croesus, 560-546 B.C.’ Northwest Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta (Boise) (1997)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

- Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens (Dec. 2015-)
- Organizer of panel “Role-playing and Other Interactive Pedagogies in the Teaching of Ancient History,” sponsored by Committee on Ancient History, Society for Classical Studies, New Orleans, LA (2015) [Panel awarded Honorable Mention for Best Session Overall; 3 papers also awarded Honorable Mention]
- Chair, Committee on Ancient History, American Philological Association (2012-13) and member of the Committee (2012-2014)
- Moderator for Panel on Greek Historiography, Meeting of the Classical Association of the Midwest and South, Baton Rouge, LA (March 2012)
- Referee for publishers of major monographs and journals in the fields of Classics and ancient history (2010-)
- Referee for major award-granting institutions in the fields of Classics and ancient history (2014-)

COMMUNITY SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- ‘Roman Imperial Portraiture: Style and Significance on Roman Coins in the Age of Augustus’ for the Classical Club of St. Louis (*scheduled for Oct. 21, 2016*)
- ‘From Alexander the Great to Domitius Domitianus: Seven Centuries of Ancient Egyptian Coinage’ for the Classical Club of St. Louis (Oct. 24, 2015)
- ‘Ancient Athens and its Coins’ for the Gifted Resource Council’s Ancient Academy students (grades 3-8), St. Louis, Missouri (July 21, 2014)
- ‘Greek Olives and Olive Oil: A Brief Culinary History’ for ‘Extra Virgin, An Olive Ovation’ located in Clayton, Missouri (March 7, 2012).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Curator of the John Max Wulfing Coin Collection (2014-)
 Committees to choose speakers for George Mylonas annual lectures (2015-) and for the Biggs
 Residency (2014-)
 Advisory Committee to the Director, Kemper Art Museum (2014-)
 Faculty Associate for Eliot House freshmen (2013-2014)
 Neureuther Committee (2012)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2015-)
 Faculty Co-ordinator for University College (2011-14)
 Departmental liaison to bibliographer for Classics at Olin Library (2008-)
 Faculty Co-ordinator for Classics Colloquium series (2009-10)

TEACHING:

Courses taught at Washington University in St. Louis:

'Thucydides' (Greek 520)
 'Attic Orators' (Greek 432)
 'Introduction to Greek Literature: Homer' (Greek 318)
 'Intensive Beginning Greek II' (Greek 210)
 'Intensive Beginning Greek I' (Greek 190)
 'Beginning Greek' (Greek 101-02)
 'Greek History: Archaic and Classical' and 'Greek History: Age of Alexander' (Classics 345-346)
 'Not Members of This Club: Women and Slaves in the Greco-Roman World' (Classics 240)
 'Introduction to Latin Literature I' (Latin 301)
 'Writing about the Ancient World' (Classics 375W—concurrent with other courses)

Courses designed and taught at Washington University in St. Louis:

'Money, Exchange, and Power: Society and Economy of the Ancient Mediterranean World'
 (Classics 476)
 'Topics in Greek Poetry: Verse Inscriptions' (Greek 437)
 'Independent Study: Alexander the Great and the Ancient Economy' (Classics 400)
 'Freshmen Seminar: Power and Persuasion: The Courts and Laws of Ancient Athens' (Classics
 176)

Additional Seminar Presentations at Washington University: (=employing objects in the John Max Wulfing Collection)*

*'A Conspectus of Roman Coinage: Between Iconography and Value' for Roman Art and
 Archaeology 334 (Classics 334), April 2016

- *‘Historical and Art-historical Developments in the History of Roman Coinage’ for students at Illinois State University (Prof. Lea Cline: ART 367: Greek Art and Architecture) (via Skype), April 2015
- *‘Numismatics and Classics: The John Max Wulffing Collection’ for Research and Publication on the Greco-Roman World (Classics 502), November 2014
- *‘Ptolemaic Coinage, Cleopatra, and Mark Antony’ for Freshman Seminar ‘The World of Cleopatra’ (Classics 1135), November 2014
- ‘Classics and Ancient History: Inscriptions and Thucydides’ Sicilian Expedition’ for Research and Publication on the Greco-Roman World (Classics 502), October 2014
- ‘Dareios, Achaemenid Kingship and The Revolt of Bardiya’ for Herodotus (Greek 430), April 2014
- *‘Numismatics and Classics’ for Research and Publication on the Greco-Roman World (Classics 502), November 2012
- ‘Classics and Ancient History’ for Research and Publication on the Greco-Roman World (Classics 502), October 2012
- ‘How Exceptional was the Athenian Democracy? Another Look at Aristotle on Slavery’ for the Democracy and Citizenship Program, led by Profs. A. Rehfeld and I. MacMullen, March 2010
- ‘Thucydides and his Melian Dialogue’ for Honorary Scholars Program, led by Asst. Dean E. Harrison, February 2010
- ‘Greek and Latin Epigraphy’ for Research and Publication on the Greco-Roman World (Classics 502), October 2008
- *‘Greek and Roman Numismatics’ for Research and Publication on the Greco-Roman World (Classics 502), October 2008
- ‘Governors and their Epigraphic Echoes in Roman Asia Minor’ for ‘Being a Roman Governor’ (Latin 520), November 2008
- ‘The Resonance of Achaemenid Practices in Herodotus’ for Herodotus (Greek 430), October 2007

Academic Advising at Washington University:

PhD Dissertations:

Member of Dissertation Committee:

- 2013 Autumn defense, for T. Huntsman (Dept. of Art and Archaeology), (on Etruscan funerary urns)
- 2013 Spring defense, for G. McClelland (Dept. of Art and Archaeology), (on childhood and the funerary monuments of Roman Athens)

MA Theses in Classics:

Director:

- 2015-16 J. Morgan “An Epic Hydrography: Riverine Geography in the *Argonautika* of Apollonios Rhodios”
- 2014-15 J. Dopico “*Ek tou Homerou ad Homerum: A Survey of the Roman Imperial Iconography of Homer*”

Reader:

2010-11 Second Reader for M. Claiborne “The Gracchan Agrarian Reform and the Italians”

Senior Honors Theses in Classics:

Director:

2014-15 L. Dorn on cardiovascular and anatomy and disease in the treatises of Erasistratos and Galen—thesis awarded *summa cum laude*

2014-15 J. Trosch on Spartan legal philosophy and militarism—thesis awarded *magna cum laude*

2011-12 J. Moynihan on Pretrial Procedure in Athenian Courts—thesis awarded *summa cum laude*

2009-10 N. Lam on Alexander the Great in the works of Plutarch and Arrian—thesis awarded *summa cum laude*

2009-10 M. Rosen on Religion and Prognostication in Greek Medicine—thesis awarded *summa cum laude*

Reader:

2015-16 C. Cotton on *polis* formation and the temples of Hera at Argos and Samos

2009-10 P. Katz on the Romanization of Sicily

2009-10 C. Sackett on Achilles and Patroklos in Aristarkhos

Academic Service involving other Colleges and Universities:

2014 External examiner at Knox College for Senior Honors Thesis by L. Madson “Hoplite Ideology: Poetics, Paideia, and Social Structure”

2013 Outside reviewer (‘Key Stakeholder’) for the Classics Programme at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand