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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Greek and Roman medicine, philosophy, and intellectual history; Galen; medical sectarianism; Aristotelian psychology

POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor of Classics, Washington University in St. Louis (2015-)
Visiting Scholar, University of Texas at Austin (2014-2015)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Classics), The University of Texas at Austin, 2013
Joint Graduate Program in Ancient Philosophy
Dissertation: *Anatomy and Anatomical Exegesis in Galen of Pergamum*
Lesley Dean-Jones and R.J. Hankinson, directors
M.A. (Philosophy), The University of Texas at Austin, 2012
M.A. (Classics), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 2003
B.A. (Liberal Arts), St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, 1998
Majors: Philosophy, History of Math & Science

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

"Fighting with the Heart of a Beast: Galen's Use of the Elephant's Cardiac Anatomy against Cardiocentrists", *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies* 54 (2014) [697-726](#)
(Duke University Press)
"P.Oxy.inv. 35 4B 64-K(1-3)a: Homer, *Iliad* A.18-26", *forthcoming* in *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri*

Book Reviews

Peter Adamson, Roald Hansberger, James Wilberding (ed.). *Philosophical Themes in Galen. BICS supplement, 114*. London: Institute of Classical Studies: London, 2014. *BMCR* [2016.05.27](#).

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Refereed by Abstract

"Cutting Words: Polemical Dimensions of Galen's Anatomical Experiments", Society for Classical Studies (SCS), San Francisco, CA January 6-9, 2016.
"Fighting with the Heart of a Beast: Galen's Use of Exotic Animal Anatomy against Cardiocentrists", Society of Classical Studies (SCS), New Orleans, LA January 8-11, 2015.

Invited

"Fighting with the Heart of a Beast: Galen's Use of Exotic Animal Anatomy against Cardiocentrists", History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine Series, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis MO November 18, 2015.

"The Licensing Function of Galenic Anatomical Procedures, Text and Practice", 48th Historia Medica Lecture, Center for the History of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, St. Louis MO November 12, 2015

"The Scalpel and Pen: Galen's Anatomical Guide to Medical Authority", Department of Classics, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO February 3, 2015.

Response to David Kaufman, " Non-rational Feelings and Desires in Galen's Psychology", Medicine and Philosophy in Antiquity Conference, St. Norbert's College, De Pere, Wisconsin October 1-3, 2015

Response to Jesús Araiza, "The sensory organ's activity and its contribution to contemplative life in Aristotle", 32nd Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Universidad Nacional Autónoma De México, Ciudad de México, March 4-6, 2009.

Podcasts

"Galen and the Elephant's Heart", Hold That Thought, Washington University in St. Louis, August 3rd, 2016 (<https://thought.artsci.wustl.edu/podcasts/galen>)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Committee on Medical Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis (2015-)

Associate Editor, *APEIRON: a journal for ancient philosophy and science* (2015-)

Editorial Board, *APEIRON: a journal for ancient philosophy and science* (2015-)

Managing Editor, *APEIRON: a journal for ancient philosophy and science* (2007-2015)

Referee, *APEIRON: a journal for ancient philosophy and science*

Referee, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*

AWARDS AND HONORS

William J. Battle Travel Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin (2013, 2011)

Harry J. Leon Fellowship in Classics, University of Texas at Austin (2011)

Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin (2010-11)

Travel Grant 32nd Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas at Austin (2009)

William James Battle Fellowship in Greek, University of Texas at Austin (2004)

Trustee's Minority Graduate Fellowship, Rutgers University (2000-2002)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Washington University in St. Louis

Graduate:

Imperial Greek Literature

Undergraduate:

Science and Medicine in Greece and Rome

Ancient Greek and Roman Medicine

Introduction to Greek

University of Texas at Austin

Undergraduate:

Introduction to Ancient Philosophy

Introduction to Medical Terminology

Introduction to Mythology

Elementary Greek

Intensive Greek

Elementary Latin

Intermediate Latin (Cicero, Livy)

Intermediate Latin II (Vergil, Ovid, Catullus)