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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2013-present Boston College:
Associate Professor of the Practice (2023-present)
Assistant Professor of the Practice (2016-2023)
Visiting Assistant Professor in Classics (2013-2016)
- 2012-2013 The University of Arizona: Visiting Assistant Professor in Classics
- 2011-2012 Creighton University: Resident Assistant Professor in Classics
- 2010-2011 The Ohio State University: Lecturer in Greek and Latin
- 2006-2010 Brown University: Teaching Assistant, Instructor

EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D., Classics, Brown University
Dissertation: *A Variable Tapestry: Identity and Politics in Greek Sicily and Southern Italy*
Adviser: Kurt Raaflaub; Readers: David Konstan and Susan Alcock
- 2004 B.A., Classics, Northwestern University
Thesis: *Educating the Statesman: Polybius and Cultural Conflict*
Adviser: Daniel Richter; Reader: Antonia Syson
Minor field: History, with concentration on the Middle East
- 2002 Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Greek history (especially Archaic)
Greek and Roman historiography
Ethnicity, identity, and cross-cultural interactions
Ancient Sicily

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph:

2021 *The Politics of Identity in Greek Sicily and Southern Italy* (Oxford University Press)

Articles:

Forthcoming “Being Syracusan in the Hellenistic World,” in S. Ager and H. Beck, eds., *Localism in the Hellenistic World* (University of Toronto Press).

Forthcoming “Building Communities: Myth and Identity in Sicily and Magna Graecia,” in K. Lomas, ed., *The World of the Western Greeks* (Routledge).

- Forthcoming “Thucydides, Segesta, and Leontoni: Rethinking the Sicilian Expedition,”
accepted to *Classical Quarterly*.
- 2019 “Aeschylus’ *Aetnaeans*, the Palici and Cultural Politics in Deinomenid Syracuse,” *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 139 (2019) 67-82.
- 2012 “Syracusan Identity between Tyranny and Democracy,” *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies of the University of London* 55 (2012) 73-90.
- “Greeks, Sikels, and the Palici in Hellenistic Sicily” (under review for B. E. McConnell, ed., *Rocchicella-Paliké: il santuario tra età arcaica ed età ellenistica*, Archeopress).

Reviews:

- 2022 Review of M. Intrieri, *Ermocrate: siceliota, stratego, esule* (Pisa: Edizioni ETS, 2021), in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2022.12.13.
- 2017 Review of R. Evans, *Ancient Syracuse: From Foundation to Fourth Century Collapse* (London: Routledge, 2016), in *Acta Classica* 60.
- 2017 Review of W. Broekaert et al., *Food, Identity and Cross-Cultural Exchange in the Ancient World* (Brussels: Editions Latomus, 2016), in *Classical Journal* 2017.01.11.
- 2014 Review of L. Beaumont, *Childhood in Ancient Athens: Iconography and Social History* (London: Routledge, 2012), in *Classical Review* 64.1 (2014).
- 2011 Review of M. Fronza, *Between Rome and Carthage: Southern Italy during the Second Punic War* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2011.09.22.

Work in Progress:

- “The Hellenistic West” (chapter commissioned for *The Oxford History of the Hellenistic World* (ed. S. Ager), Oxford)
- When the Athenians Came: A New History of the Sicilian Expedition* (monograph)

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Being Syracusan in the Hellenistic World,” McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario)
- 2021 “Greeks, Sikels, and the Palici in Classical and Hellenistic Sicily,” *Rocchicella-Paliké Workshop 2021: Il santuario tra età arcaica ed età ellenistica* (Catania, Italy)
- 2017 “Greeks and Barbarians? Identity in Classical Syracuse and Paliké,” Soprintendenza per i Beni Culturali e Ambientali di Catania (Catania, Italy)
- 2014 “Tales From the Roman Melting Pot,” The Middlesex School (Concord, MA)
- 2013 “‘Ruling Corn-Rich Sicily’: Demeter, the Deinomenids, and Sicilian Identity,” Association of Ancient Historians Annual Meeting (Columbus, OH)
- 2011 “From Tyranny to Democracy: Civic Identity in Greek Syracuse,” Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies (Creighton University)

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2023 “Restoring Sicilian Agency: Segesta, Leontini, and the Sicilian Expedition,” MACTe Junior Faculty Forum (Boston, MA)
- 2021 “Hieron II and Hellenistic Sicily,” MACTe Junior Faculty Forum (Boston, MA)
- 2019 “Myth at the Foundation: Building Identities in Magna Graecia,” *Mythical History and Historical Myth* (Patras, Greece)

- 2019 “Ruling Grain-Rich Sicily,” MACTe Junior Faculty Forum (Boston, MA)
- 2019 “Defining Identity in Fifth-Century Syracuse,” CRASIS (Cultures, Religion and Society – Interdisciplinary Studies in the Ancient World) Annual Meeting (University of Groningen, Netherlands)
- 2018 “Becoming Achaean in Italy,” MACTe Junior Faculty Forum (Boston, MA)
- 2018 “Being Syracusan in the Hellenistic World,” *Localism in the Hellenistic World* (Waterloo, ON)
- 2017 “Integration or Imperialism? A Reassessment of Aeschylus’ *Aetnaeans*,” Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting (Toronto, ON)
- 2015 “Identity and Politics in the Peloponnesian War,” MACTe Junior Faculty Forum (Hartford, CT)
- 2015 “Between Athens and Sicily: Demeter, the Deinomenids, and Sicilian Identity,” *Fonte Aretusa* (Siracusa, Italy)
- 2014 “Apollonius, Reader of Xenophon: Ethnography, Travel, and Greekness in the *Argonautica* and the *Anabasis*,” American Philological Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)
- 2012 “Herodotus’ Athenian Nomads,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Meeting (Baton Rouge, LA)
- 2011 “Access to *Archaî*: Syracusan Identity between Tyranny and Democracy,” Association of Ancient Historians Annual Meeting (Erie, PA)
- 2011 “Beyond Ethnicity: Thucydides and Regional Identity,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Meeting (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 2011 “Civic Identity in Pindar’s Syracusan Odes,” American Philological Association Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX)
- 2010 “Greek Identity in Hannibalic Italy,” American Philological Association Annual Meeting (Anaheim, CA)
- 2009 “Educating the Statesman: Polybius and Cultural Conflict,” Association of Ancient Historians Annual Meeting (Vancouver, BC)
- 2009 “Thucydides and the Politics of Identity: Hermocrates and the Sikeliotai,” *Identity and Identification in Antiquity*, Florida International University (Miami, FL)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2023 Speaker at Classics Day, organized by the Massachusetts Junior Classics League, on “Greece, Egypt, and Herodotus’ *Histories*.”
- 2014-present Referee for *New England Classical Journal, Religion and the Arts*, Routledge Press
- 2014-2022 Respondent, MACTe Junior Faculty conference
- 2016, 2019 Co-organizer, MACTe Junior Faculty conference, Boston College
- 2019 Taught mini-course “Multiculturalism in the Roman Empire,” Classical Association of New English Summer Institute, Providence, RI
- 2018 Taught mini-course “Greeks, Barbarians, and Us,” Classical Association of New English Summer Institute, Providence, RI
- 2017 Excavator, Florida Atlantic University archaeological project at Palikè (Mineo, Sicily) (director: Brian E. McConnell)

AWARDS

2020	Boston College Faculty Fellowship
2017	Research Scholarship, Hardt Foundation for the Study of Classical Antiquity, Geneva, Switzerland
2014-17	Travel grants from the Behrakis Hellenic Endowment, Boston College
2013	Margo Tytus Summer Fellowship, University of Cincinnati
2009	Brown University Dissertation Fellowship
2008	Association of Ancient Historians Subvention Fund conference travel support

TEACHING

Boston College (2013-present)

Greek History
Greeks and Barbarians
Multiculturalism in the Roman Empire
Ancient Sicily
Drama and Society in Ancient Greece
Elementary Latin I-II
Elementary Greek I-II
Intermediate Greek I-II (Plato's *Symposium*, Homer's *Odyssey*, Xenophon's *Anabasis*)
Advanced Latin: Ovid (*Fasti* and *Ars Amatoria*)
Advanced Latin: Livy
Advanced Latin: Roman Civil War Literature
Advanced Greek: Thucydides
Advanced Greek: Herodotus
Advanced Greek: Sophocles' *Antigone*
Advanced Greek: Greek Rhetoric
Research supervision: senior thesis on "Classical Perspectives at the End of Antiquity (2017)

The University of Arizona (2012-2013)

Greek Mythology
The Roman Empire: Rulers and Ruled
Advanced Latin (Cicero and Sallust)
Advanced Greek (Apollonius)
Roman Epic
Research supervision:
MA thesis for Latin Pedagogy track
MA thesis on cannibalism in classical literature

Creighton University (2011-2012)

Introductory Latin (1st and 2nd semesters)
Introductory Greek (1st and 2nd semesters)
World Literature I (*Gilgamesh* to Shakespeare)
Greeks and Barbarians
Research supervision: senior thesis on women in Herodotus

The Ohio State University (2010-2011)

Classical Mythology

Intermediate Greek (Euripides)

Greeks and Barbarians

Greek Civilization

Latin Oratory (Cicero)

Research supervision: senior thesis on the Pyrrhic War

SERVICE

2018-present Pre-Major Adviser, Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Boston College

2014-present Director of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Ancient Civilizations, Boston College

2012-13 Curriculum Committee, Department of Classics, University of Arizona