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## POSITIONS

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2019– Associate Professor, Department of History, Whitman College  
2013–9 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Whitman College  
2012–3 Lecturer, Department of Classics, University of Texas at Austin

## EDUCATION

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2012 Ph.D., Classics, University of Texas at Austin  
2005 M.A., Classics, University of Texas at Austin  
2003 B.A., Classics, *summa cum laude*, Middlebury College

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS

2020 *Rome, Global Dreams, & the International Origins of an Empire*. Brill, *Impact of Empire* series, 35. <https://brill.com/abstract/title/54221>

### PEER-REVIEWED CHAPTERS / ARTICLES

(in prep.) “Unlearning Imperialism & Thinking Otherwise: Refusing the ‘Givens’ of Polybius & Rome.” Chapter 19 in F. Maier and B. Gibson, eds. *Brill’s Companion to Polybius*.

2019 “Weaving a Map of ‘Global’ Empire: Second-Century BCE Origins of Mediterraneanism.” *Mediterranean Studies* 27.1: 1-35.

2014 “Beginnings and Endings: 146 BCE as an Imperial Moment, from Polybius to Sallust.” in R. Rita Marchese and F. Tutrone (eds.). *Evil, Progress, and Fall: Moral Readings of Time and Cultural Development in Roman Literature*. EPEKEINA vol. 4, n. 1-2, pp. 177-218.

(ms.) “Before Zama: Polybius & Livy on the Failed Peace Negotiations of 203 BCE.”

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2013 “Carthage, Corinth, and 146 BCE: Shifting Paradigms of Roman *Imperium*.”

Ancient Borderlands International Conference (2010), *Beyond Borders: Ancient Societies & their Conceptual Frontiers*. University of California, Santa Barbara.

([http://escholarship.org/uc/ancient\\_borderlands\\_rfg\\_2010](http://escholarship.org/uc/ancient_borderlands_rfg_2010))

- 2011 "An Augustan Period Altar at Carthage: Freedman Status and Roman Provincial Identity." in S. Morton and D. Butler (eds.). *It's Good to Be King – The Archaeology of Power & Authority. 41<sup>st</sup> (2008) Annual Chacmool Archaeological Conference*. Calgary: Chacmool Archaeological Association, University of Calgary, pp. 213-224.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- (in prep.) *Journal of Roman Studies*. -invited book review. S. Bernard, L.M. Mignone, and D. Padilla Peralta, eds. *Making the Middle Republic: New Approaches to Rome and Italy, c. 400-200 BCE*.
- 2014 "Memorials and Their Voices." transcribed and edited for Daniel Libeskind, in K. Galinsky (ed.). *Memoria Romana: Memory in Rome & Rome in Memory*. University of Michigan Press, pp. 165-176.

#### AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2023-7 IANUA. -international project funded by the Spanish Research Agency. Invited researcher. Project title: *Environments for Dialogue: The Spaces of Diplomacy in the Roman Provincial Sphere during the Republic*. (PID2022-137408NB-I00).
- 2019 Robert Y. Fluno Award for Distinguished Teaching in Social Sciences, Whitman College.
- 2017 Innovations in Teaching and Learning Grant, Whitman College. "Inclusive Pedagogy in Encounters: Addressing Sense of Belonging and the Problem of Exclusion among Students and Faculty."
- 2015 "40 under 40" Professors Who Inspire. Nerdscholar 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Awards.
- 2012 Harry J. Leon Dissertation Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2010 Harry J. Leon Travel Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2009-10 William S. Livingston Dissertation Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2008 William J. Battle Travel Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2003-4 University Recruitment Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2003 Phi Beta Kappa, Middlebury Chapter

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2016 “(Re)imag(in)ing Republican Rome: Visions of State and International Power.” Jundt Art Museum Lecture Series, Fall Exhibition – *Ancient and Modern Perceptions of Roman Myth, Memory, and Culture*. October 6.
- 2014 “More Than One Place at the Same Time: Multiculturalism and Political Definition at Dougga.” APA/AIA Annual Meeting, Seattle. Colloquium session – *Pushing Boundaries: Regionality in the Frontier Zones of the Roman Provinces*.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS & ORGANIZED PANELS

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- 2024 “Imperial Debris in Polybius’ *Histories*.” 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Rome, Italy. June 26-28.
- 2018 “A Divine Majesty: On the Origins of the Goddess Roma.” Mediterranean Studies Association Annual Meeting, Sorrento, Italy. May 30 – June 2.
- 2018 “*Maiestas* Embodied: On the Origins of the Goddess Roma.” AIA/SCS Annual Meeting, Boston. January 4-7.
- 2015 “Weaving a Frayed Tapestry: Polybius & the Ancient Origins of ‘Mediterraneanism.’” *Power & the Mediterranean*, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. November 13-15.
- 2015 *Exploring Mobility and Interconnectivity in the Roman World*. Colloquium session sponsored by the Roman Provincial Archaeology Interest Group, AIA/SCS Annual Meeting, New Orleans. 2-5 January.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Department of History, Whitman College

#### 100-level courses:

- (HIST-180) *(Cities/Empires) Antiqui-tea: Spilling the Ancient Mediterranean*  
(spring 2014, spring ‘16, spring ‘18, fall ‘19, fall 2020, fall ‘22)
- (HIST-150/160) *Reading History through Sources: Troy & the Trojan War*  
(spring 2017, spring ‘19, fall ‘21, fall ‘24)
- (HIST-165) *Pompeii: Beyond the Time Capsule*  
(prev. Hist-215, spring ‘18; fall ‘23)
- (GENS-145/6) *Encounters: The First-Year Experience, I-II* (2013-4, 2014-5)
- (GENS-176) *Making Powerful Arguments: Confronting the Classical*  
(spring 2021)

200-level courses:

- (HIST-215) *Special Topics in Ancient History: Who Owns Antiquity?*  
(spring 2015)
- (HIST-215/225) *Cleopatra: History & Myth*  
(fall 2016, spring '19, spring '21)
- (HIST-224 / CLAS-224 / ARTH-224) *Powerful Art/ifacts*  
(fall 2019, fall '21)
- (HIST-226) *Meet the Ancient Greeks*  
(fall 2014, fall '16, fall '18, fall 2020, fall '22)
- (HIST-227) *Meet the Ancient Romans*  
(fall 2013, spring '16, fall '19, spring '22, fall '24)
- (HIST-280) *The "Other" Greece & Rome*  
(spring 2023)

300- and 400-level courses:

- (HIST-315/331) *A Tale of Two Cities: Carthage & Rome*  
(spring 2014, fall '16, spring '19, spring '22, fall '24)
- (HIST-320) *Alexander & the Hellenistic World*  
(fall 2014, spring '18, spring 2020, fall '23)
- (HIST-330) *Hail Caesar? The Roman Revolution*  
(spring 2016, fall 2018, fall 2020, spring 2023)
- (HIST-401) *Senior Colloquium: (Un)learning Imperialism*  
(fall 2021)
- (HIST-489) *Seminar. House of Mirrors: Roman Imperialism*  
(spring 2017, spring 2020, fall '22)
- (HIST/CLAS-498) *Honors Thesis*  
(2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

Department of Classics, University of Texas at Austin

Lecturer (sole instructor, Ph.D.):

- Intermediate Latin: Caesar, De Bello Civili III* (fall 2012, spring 2013)
- Introduction to Classical Mythology* (spring 2013)

Assistant Instructor (sole instructor, M.A.):

- Introduction to Classical Mythology* (summer 2011)
- Introduction to Medical Terminology* (summer 2010)
- Intermediate Latin: Vergil's Aeneid* (spring 2009)
- Introduction to Ancient Rome* (summer 2008, 2009)
- Intermediate Latin: Prose* (spring 2008)
- Beginning Latin I / II* (fall 2005 / spring 2007, fall 2007)
- Introduction to Ancient Greece* (summer 2005)

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

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- 2018 "The Goddess Roma: On the Origins of an Eternal Majesty."  
Faculty Forum Series, Jan. 24.

- 2017 "The 'Public Thing' Goes Public: Rome's International Image in the Second Century BCE." AIA Lecture Series, Walla Walla chapter, May 9.
- 2017 "Roman *Imperium*: Rewinding the Mental Map." Walla Walla Woman's Reading Club Annual Luncheon, Feb. 14.
- 2016 "Archaeologies of Destruction and Memory: The Case of Carthage and Corinth." AIA Lecture Series, Walla Walla chapter, Apr. 14.
- 2016 "Threading a Map of 'Global' Empire: Second-Century BCE Origins of Mediterraneanism." Faculty Forum Series, Apr. 6.
- 2015 "Burning Questions: The Debate over Child Sacrifice at the Tophet of Carthage." AIA Lecture Series, Walla Walla chapter, Jan. 29.
- 2014 "*Vita vinum est*: The Life of Wine in Ancient Rome." Whitman College Summer Alumni College, *In Vino Veritas*.

#### MUSEUM PROJECTS & EXPERIENCE

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- 2016 Invited workshop participant. Visual Culture Colloquium, Northwest Five Consortium. University of Puget Sound, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2015 Co-coordinator. "Beyond a Cabinet of Curiosities: A Pedagogical Investigation of College Collections." Whitman College Cross-Disciplinary Learning & Teaching Initiative.
- 2010-12 Graduate Research Assistant. Max-Planck Award Project, *Memoria Romana*. Ruhr-Universität Bochum and University of Texas at Austin.
- 2009-13 Educator. Blanton Museum of Art, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2009-10 Graduate Researcher. GeoDia: Spatial Timeline of the Ancient Mediterranean. <http://geodia.laits.utexas.edu/>
- 2004-5 Digital Archivist. Institute of Classical Archaeology, UT Austin.
- 2002 Collections Intern. Penn Museum, Mediterranean Section.

#### ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

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- 2007 Team Member. ArchaeoSpain, Roman Theater at Colonia Clunia Sulpicia (Peñalba de Castro, Spain).
- 2004 Survey Team Supervisor. Iklaina Archaeological Project, Pylos (Messinia, Greece).
- 2004 Trench Supervisor. Petsas House Excavations, Mycenae (Greece).
- 2001-4 Field Supervisor. MARWP Excavations of the Heroön at Messene (Messinia, Greece).

SERVICE

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WHITMAN COLLEGE

- 2023 Tenure-Track Search Committee, Department of History  
Tenure-Track Search Committee, Department of Classics  
Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of History
- 2022 Library Director Search Committee
- 2022 Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committees, Department of  
Classics & Departments of Classics and Religion
- 2021 Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Classics
- 2020- Academic Information Technology Advisory Group (Chair, '22-23; fall '23)
- 2020 FPC Review Committee
- 2019-20 Tenure-track Search Chair, Department of History
- 2019-22 Library Advisory Committee (Chair, 2021-22)
- 2019- Truman Scholarship Committee
- 2018- Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) Steering Committee
- 2017-9 Encounters Syllabus Committee (Chair, 2018-9)
- 2017 Paul Garrett Scholarship Selection Committee
- 2016 Fulbright Committee
- 2015-8 Summer Read Committee
- 2015 Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of History
- 2014-7 Encounters Curricular Subcommittee (Chair, 2016-7)
- 2014-7 Collections Committee
- 2014-5 Tenure-track Search Committee, Department of Spanish
- 2013-4 Tenure-track Search Committee, Department of History

COMMUNITY

- 2018- Walla Walla Historic Cemeteries, Board President
- 2018- Walla Walla 2020, History Committee
- 2016-7 Fort Walla Walla Museum, Archaeology Camp Instructor
- 2015- AIA Walla Walla Society President & Programs Coordinator
- 2013-8 Secretary-Treasurer, Board of the Friends of Pioneer Park Aviary

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)
- Society for Classical Studies (SCS)
- American Historical Association (AHA)
- Association of Ancient Historians (AAH)
- Mediterranean Studies Association (MSA)
- The Association for Political Theory (APT)
- American Association of University Professors (AAUP)