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Research Interests: Constructions of identity and heroism
Agricultural production and rhetoric
Imperialism and environmental issues

Teaching Fields: Classical Mediterranean and Medieval Europe
Social and Military History
History and Cinema
Ancient Near East to Renaissance Europe

Education: **Ph.D. (History) University of Washington May 2010**
Dissertation Title: *The Good Farmer in Ancient Rome: War, Agriculture and the Elite from the Republic to Early Empire*

Committee: Sandra R. Joshel (Chair), Joel Walker, Alain Gowing

M.A. (History) San Francisco State University May 2003
Post Baccalaureate (Classics) 1999-2001

B.A. (History) San Jose State University June 1998

Academic Appointments: **University of Massachusetts, Lowell 2011-Present**
Director of the Hellenic Studies Center
Faculty Department of History

Whitman College 2010-2011
Visiting Assistant Professor Department of History

University of Washington 2008-2010
Adjunct Lecturer Department of History 2010
Graduate Instructor Department of History 2008-2010
Teaching Assistant Department of History 2008-2010

Publications and Presentations:

- 2012 *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, ed. Roger Bagnall et al., Wiley-Blackwell AGRARIAN LAND LAW; CROP SCHEDULE; DATES; DECUMANUS; FIGS; FRUIT; IRRIGATION; PLOUGH
- 2011 "The Wolf at the Door: Russian Archaeology in the Crimea" to be presented to the Archaeological Institute of America, Walla Walla Chapter, Whitman College
- 2008 "Ancient Farming: A Tale of Roman Agricultural Sustainability," presented to the annual conference of the Tilth Producers of Washington, Bellingham, WA
- 2007 "Renegotiation of Elite Status in the Roman Agricultural Landscape," presented to the national meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Iowa State University

- 2006 "Growing Imperialism: Trees, Power and Roman Farming in Landscape Studies" presented to the national meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians at Stanford University
- 2002 "The Generation Gap: Struggle for Civic Virtue in Thucydides VI.9-24," presented to the Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest, University of Oregon
- 2001 "The Fabrication of a Monster: Catiline and the Blood Oath of *Bellum Catilinae* 22.1-2," presented to the Classics Graduate Students Colloquium, Duke University

Honors and Awards:

- 2011 Nominated for Gilbert C. Fite Award: Best Dissertation in Agricultural History, AHS
- 2009 Rondau Award, History Dept., University of Washington
- 2004-8 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, US Department of Education
- 2007 Wilstadler-Snow Smith Fellowship, History Dept., University of Washington
- 2003 History Department Endowment for Academic Excellence, SFSU
- 2002 Kiana Dressendorfer Award for Archaeological Research, Classics Dept., SFSU
- 2000 Becker-Colonna Scholarship, Classics Department, Classics Dept., SFSU

Courses Taught:

2011-12 UMass, Lowell Faculty-Lecturer, History Department

Ancient History in Film -Continuing Studies
 Warfare in the Ancient World
 History of the Byzantine Empire
 History of the Ancient Near East
 History of Ancient Greece
 Western Civilization

2010-11 Whitman College Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department

Ancient History in Sword and Sandal Cinema
 Why We Fight: Warfare in the Ancient World
 Byzantine Civilization
 Europe Transformed
 Ancient Cities and Civilizations

2010 University of Washington Lecturer, History Department

Warfare in the Ancient World

2008-10 University of Washington Graduate Instructor, History Department

Roman Empire
 Roman Republic
 Warfare in the Ancient World

2008-10 University of Washington Teaching Assistant, History Department

Celtic Civilizations of the European Middle Ages (Dr. Robin Stacey)
 History of Chinese Civilization (Dr. Mahlon Meyer)
 Europe and the Modern World (Dr. Raymond Jonas)
 The Ancient World (Dr. Joel Walker)

Professional Experience:

2007 (Italy) Assisted in material analysis of Boscoreale and site survey of Terzigno under the direction of Grete Stefani (Sopintendenza archaeologica di Boscoreale) and independent site surveys of agricultural villas Le Colonne and Sette Finestre near Cosa in Tuscany.

2002 (Crimea) Participated in the Archaeological Field School with the Institute of Classical Archaeology (UT Austin) at Chersonesos, a Greek polis on the Black Sea near Sevastopol, Ukraine Excavation of Site 151, a farmhouse dating to the 3rd and 2nd centuries BCE under the direction of Joseph Carter and Adam Rabinowitz.

Languages: Classical Greek, Latin, French, German and Italian

References: Dr. Joseph Lipchitz
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