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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Roman & Ancient Italic Social History & Material Culture
Domestic Architecture and Interior Design in the Hellenistic & Middle-Late Republican Periods
Latin Literature & Epigraphy of the Late Republic & Early Empire

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology, Florida State University – Fall 2006
Dissertation: *From Palaces to Pompeii: The Architectural and Social Context of Hellenistic Floor Mosaics in the House of the Faun.*
M.A. in Latin, Florida State University – Spring 2003
M.A. in Classical Archaeology, Florida State University – Spring 1997
Thesis: *The Glass Finds from Poggio Civitate (Murlo).*
B.A. *cum laude* in Classical Archaeology, University of Evansville – Spring 1994

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

Sangro Valley Project, Tornareccio, Abruzzo, Italy. Sponsored by Oberlin College.
Field Director, 2011-current
American-Ukrainian Scythian Kurhan Project, Zaporzha Region, Ukraine. Sponsored by Florida State University.
Co-Director of Mapping and GIS, 2004
Excavations at the Villa of Livia at Prima Porta, Rome, Italy. Sponsored by Swedish Institute in Rome.
Trench Supervisor, 1999
Excavations at Poggio Civitate (Murlo), Siena, Italy, 1992-1998. Sponsored by University of Evansville.
Site Director, 1995-1998
Trench Supervisor, 1993-1994

PUBLICATIONS

“Horatius Cocles, Mucius Scaevola and the Origins of Roman Republican Land Distribution in Livy’s *Ab Urbe Condita*.” (in preparation)
“Sangro Valley Project: report on the 2015 excavations at Acquachiara and San Giovanni di Tornareccio.” *Papers of the British School at Rome*, 84 (2016) 329-332. (co-authored with Susan E. Kane and China Shelton)
“Atessa (CH). Excavations at San Giovanni & Acquachiara, 2014.” *Quaderni di Archeologia d’Abruzzo* (forthcoming). (co-authored with Susan E. Kane, et al.)
“Sangro Valley Project: report on the 2014 excavations at Acquachiara and San Giovanni di Tornareccio.” *Papers of the British School at Rome*, 83 (2015) 329-332. (co-authored with Susan E. Kane and China Shelton)
“Sangro Valley Project: Report on the 2013 Excavations at San Giovanni di Tornareccio (Comune di Tornareccio, Provincia di Chieti, Regione Abruzzo).” *Papers of the British School at Rome*, 82 (2014) 343-346. (co-authored with Susan E. Kane, et al.)

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- “Atessa (CH). Excavations at San Giovanni, 2013.” *Quaderni di Archeologia d’Abruzzo* (forthcoming). (co-authored with Susan E. Kane, et al.)
- “The Sangro Valley Project.” *Papers of the British School at Rome*, 81 (2013) 375-377. (co-authored with Susan E. Kane, Robert Witcher, et al.)
- “Archaeological Fieldwork Reports: Sangro Valley Project: Report on the 2011 Excavation and Survey Work.” *Papers of the British School at Rome*, 80 (2012) 371-374. (co-authored with Susan E. Kane, et al.)
- “Tornareccio (CH). Excavations at San Giovanni, 2012.” *Quaderni di Archeologia d’Abruzzo*. (co-authored with Susan E. Kane, et al.)
- “Atessa (CH). Excavations at San Giovanni, 2011.” *Quaderni di Archeologia d’Abruzzo*. (co-authored with Susan E. Kane, et al.)
- “Students in Action.” *Etruscan News. Bolletino della Sezione Americana dell’Istituto di Studi Etruschi ed Italici* 4 (2004) 20. (co-authored with Elizabeth de Grummond)
- “Students in Action. Report from the Fellows.” *Etruscan News. Bolletino della Sezione Americana dell’Istituto di Studi Etruschi ed Italici* 2 (2003) 2-3. (co-authored with Elizabeth de Grummond)
- “Orientalizing Glass Finds from Poggio Civitate (Murlo).” *Annales du 14e Congrès de l’Association Internationale pour l’Histoire du Verre* (2000) 16-19.
- “Glass Finds from the Etruscan Site of Poggio Civitate (Murlo).” (abstract) *Etruscan Studies* 4 (1997) 19-20.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & INVITED LECTURES

- “Gladiators in the House: A Phenomenological Approach to Gladiatorial Imagery in the Roman Dining Room.” Classical Association of the Middle West & South, Lincoln, NE. April 2019. (Accepted)
- “Archaeology in Popular Comics and Graphic Novels.” Public Archaeology Twitter Conference. 28 April 2017
- “Katniss Everdeen as Modern “Bride of Death.”” Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, Salt Lake City, UT. 7 October 2016.
- “The Sangro Valley Project Excavations, 2011-2015.” Utah Classics in Italy Symposium, Salt Lake City, 24 February 2016.
- “Using Twine in the Classics Classroom.” Utah Classical Association, Salt Lake City, UT. September 2015.
- “Gladiator Politics from Cicero to the White House.” Classical Association of the Middle West & South, Iowa City, IA. April 2013.
- “Liminality, Legend, and Land Distribution in Livy’s *ab urbe condita*, Book 2.” University of Utah’s Department of Language & Literature Research Colloquia, Salt Lake City, UT. March 2013.
- “Sangro Valley Project (SVP) 2011-2012 Excavations in San Giovanni di Tornareccio.” Archaeological Institute of America, Seattle, WA. January 2013. (with Susan E. Kane, Oberlin College)
- “Horatius at the Plough: Roman Republican Land Distribution in Legend and Practice.” Invited lecture. Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH. February 2011.
- “Excavations at Murlo (Poggio Civitate) (a.k.a. Summers Spent with “Il Cowboy”).” Invited lecture for the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Department of Archaeology at the University of Evansville, Evansville, IN. November 2010.
- “Horatius Cocles, Mucius Scaevola & the Origins of Roman Republican Land Distribution in Livy, Book 2.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2010.

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- “Social Access in Two Pompeian Houses (VIII.2.14-16 and VIII.3.34).” Classical Association of the Middle West & South, Oklahoma City. March 2010.
- “Historical Perspectives on the Modern Olympics.” Invited lecture for The Iowa Olympic Ambassadors Project Conference on China, the Olympics and Global Media, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. March 2008.
- “Agony in the Dining Room: Competitive Imagery in Domestic Floor Mosaics.” Classical Association of the Middle West & South, Tucson, AZ. April 2008.
- “Paving the Way: Modern Theories of Spatial Analysis and Domestic Floor Mosaics of the Hellenistic Period.” Invited lecture for The Iowa Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, Iowa City, IA. April 2008.
- “Living Like a King: Re-Contextualizing Hellenistic Palatial Décor in the House of the Faun at Pompeii.” Classical Association of the Middle West & South, Gainesville, FL. April 2006.
- “The American-Ukrainian Scythian Kurhan Project 2004.” Classical Association of the Middle West & South, Southern Section, Winston-Salem, NC. November 2004. (with Elizabeth Colantoni, University of Rochester)
- “Going in Circles: Rewards for Heroism in Etruscan Rome and Scythia.” The Etruscans and the Others Conference, Istituto di Studi Etruschi ed Italici, New York, NY. March 2004.
- “Ovid’s Cipus (Met. 15.553-621) and the Intersection of Hellenistic and Roman Kingship.” Classical Association of the Middle West & South, Lexington, KY. April 2003.
- “Etruscan Glass Distaffs: A New Spin.” “Etruscan Technologies” Colloquium, Archaeological Institute of America, Dallas, TX. December 1999.
- “Orientalizing Glass Finds from Poggio Civitate (Murlo).” Association Internationale pour l’Histoire du Verre Annual Meeting, Venice & Milan, Italy. October & November 1998.
- “The Introduction of the *Aqua Marcia*: A Note on the Use of *perducere*.” Classical Association of the Middle West & South, Charlottesville, VA. April 1998.
- “Glass Finds from Poggio Civitate (Murlo),” Etruscan Foundation Annual Meeting, Siena, Italy. July 1997.
- “The Orientalizing Glass from Poggio Civitate (Murlo).” “The Etruscans Revisited” Symposium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. May 1996.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INVITED COURSE LECTURES

- “Trojan Wars.” Invited Lecture at Mt. Olympus Senior Center. Salt Lake City, UT. October 25, 2017.
- “Vergil’s *Eclogues* & *Georgics*.” Invited Discussion Leader for Paideia (Women’s Ancient Culture Reading Group). Salt Lake City, UT. May 18, 2017.
- “Mosaics in the Ancient Mediterranean.” Invited Discussion Leader for Paideia (Women’s Ancient Culture Reading Group). Salt Lake City, UT. December 12, 2016.
- “Roman & Samnite Archaeology.” Invited Discussion Leader for Paideia (Women’s Ancient Culture Reading Group). Salt Lake City, UT. December 17, 2015.
- “The Poetry of Catullus.” Invited Discussion Leader for Paideia (Women’s Ancient Culture Reading Group). Salt Lake City, UT. March 19, 2015.
- “Vergil’s *Aeneid*.” Invited Discussion Leader for Paideia (Women’s Ancient Culture Reading Group). Salt Lake City, UT. September 18 & November 20, 2014.
- “Augustine, Filth, and the Art of Persuasion.” Invited lecture for Honors IT, University of Utah. Salt Lake City, UT. January 24, 2014 (with Christine A. Jones, University of Utah)
- “Jason & Medea in Apollonius’ *Argonautica*.” Invited Discussion Leader for Paideia (Women’s Ancient Culture Reading Group). Salt Lake City, UT. January 16, 2013.

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“Archaeology in Ancient Samnium: The 2011 Sangro Valley Project Season.” Invited lecture for HIST 112, Western Civilization, at Westminster College. Salt Lake City, UT. September 29, 2011.

“Archaeology in Samnium: The Sangro Valley Project.” Invited lecture for the Classics section, University of Utah. Salt Lake City, UT. April 14, 2011.

“*Homeric Hymns*.” Invited Discussion Leader for Paideia (Women’s Ancient Culture Reading Group). Salt Lake City, UT. January 13, 2011.

“*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*: Roman Theater, Comedy & Slaves.” Invited lecture for The University of Utah chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, Salt Lake City, UT. November 2008.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH :: CENTER FOR TEACHING & LEARNING

Undergraduate Research Mentor Development Program - Spring 2017.

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Undergraduate Research Mentoring Development Program - Facilitator - Fall 2018-Spring 2019
World Languages & Cultures -Director of Undergraduate Studies - July 2015-current

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH :: DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR/LECTURER, FALL 2008- SPRING 2019

Lower Division Courses

Beginning Classical Latin I, *five sections*

Beginning Classical Latin II, *four sections*

Intermediate Latin I – *five sections* [authors covered: Eutropius, Cicero, Caesar, & Augustus]

Intermediate Latin II – *four sections* [authors covered: Catullus, Horace, Vergil, & Ovid]

Beginning Classical Greek I, *five sections*

Beginning Classical Greek II, *four sections*

Intermediate Classical Greek I – Xenophon & Herodotus

Classical Mythology, *eleven sections*

The Greeks, *four sections*

The Romans, *seven sections*

Ancient Epic, *two sections*

Ancient Greece & Rome in the Cinema

Introduction to the Study of Literature: Murder!, *two sections*

Honors Intellectual Traditions I – The World of Antiquity, *two sections*

Honors Intellectual Traditions II – Medieval to Renaissance, *three sections*

Upper Division Courses

Third & Fourth Year Latin Poetry – Catullus & Horace

Third & Fourth Year Latin Prose – Cicero & Sallust, *three sections*

Third & Fourth Year Latin Prose – Cicero & Pliny’s *Epistulae*

Third & Fourth Year Latin Prose – Augustus: *Res Gestae & Suetonius*

Third & Fourth Year Latin Prose – Cicero’s *Pro Caelio* & Augustine’s *Confessions*

Third & Fourth Year Classical Greek Prose – Xenophon & Herodotus

Graeco-Roman Sport as Culture & Religion, *two sections*

Women in Ancient Greece & Rome

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Special Topics - The Roman City
Special Topics - Trojan Wars
Graduate Level Courses
Roman Archaeology

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE :: DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, FALL 2011

Beginning Latin I - Fall 2011, Fall 2017
Beginning Latin II - Spring 2018

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA :: DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FALL 2006-SPRING 2008

Classical Mythology
Word Power: Building English Vocabulary, *two sections*
Second Year Latin II - Poetry, *three sections*
Ancient Sports & Leisure, *two sections*
The Olympics: Ancient & Modern
Love & Glory: Literature of Rome

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (FSU) :: DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS

VISITING INSTRUCTOR, FALL 2005-SPRING 2006

Ancient Mythology: East & West, *three courses*
Classical Mythology
Cicero's Speeches
Readings in Catullus and Horace

GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR, FALL 1995-FALL 2004

Beginning Latin I, *eight courses*
Beginning Latin II, *six courses*
Intermediate Latin: Introduction to Literature, *three courses*
Classical Mythology, *eight courses*
Ancient Mythology: East & West
Greek & Latin Elements in the English Language, *four courses*
Italian Art & Archaeology, *two courses*
Greek Art & Archaeology
The Greek Way: Introduction to Greek Civilization
The Roman Way: Introduction to Roman Civilization
Introduction to Greek & Roman Civilization

TEACHING ASSISTANT, FALL 1994, SPRING 1995, FALL 1999

Classical Mythology, *four courses*
Ancient Mythology: East & West, *web-based course*

FSU :: OFFICE FOR DISTRIBUTED AND DISTANCE LEARNING

ON-LINE MENTOR, SUMMER 2005

Gender & Society in Ancient Greece

FSU :: GREECE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR, SUMMER 2001

Greek Art & Archaeology

FSU :: LONDON STUDY CENTRE

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GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR, SPRING 1999
Great Discoveries in World Archaeology
Greek Art & Archaeology

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Nominated for *Early Career Teaching Award*, University of Utah, 2012.
Recipient of an *Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award*, Florida State University, 2002; nominated 2001.
Graduate Fellow of the Istituto di Studi Etruschi ed Italici, 2002-2006.
Teaching Associate, Program for Instructional Excellence, Florida State University, 2000-2001.
Graduate Student Research Grant, Etruscan Foundation, 1997.
Member Eta Sigma Phi, initiated 1997.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Languages & Literature, University of Utah, Fall 2015 - Spring 2018
President, Utah Classical Association, 2015-2016
President-Elect, Utah Classical Association, 2014-2015
Faculty Advisor, Eta Sigma Phi (Classics Honors Fraternity), 2012-2018.
Committee Member, Roger Macfarlane Curriculum Development Grant, Utah Classics Association, 2012-2013.
Associate Editor, *The Ancient World*, 2012-current.
Co-Faculty Advisor, Eta Sigma Phi (Classics Honors Fraternity), 2008-2012.
Session Chair, Hellenistic Egypt & Judaea Panel, Southwestern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, March 2011.
Member, M.A. Thesis Committee for Andrew Hillen, Department of History. Graduated December 2012.
Southeastern Regional Coordinator, Student Affairs Group of the Archaeological Institute of America, 2003.
Program for Instructional Excellence, Florida State University, Teaching Conference Participant, 1994-2000, 2002.
Student Archaeology Club, Florida State University: President 1999-2000; Treasurer 1997-1998; Vice-President 1995-1996; Secretary 1994-1995.
Conference Coordinator, "The Etruscans Revisited" Symposium, Florida State University. May, 1996.