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Major research interests.

Ancient Greek and Roman philosophy and religion, especially of the Hellenistic and later periods; Cicero; philosophy of religion and philosophical skepticism.

Other major teaching interests.

Latin and ancient Greek literature; Augustine of Hippo, early Christian thought, and late antiquity.

Employment

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| 2018– | Associate Professor of Classics, Department of World Languages & Cultures, University of Utah |
| 2023–24 | Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Utah |
| 2014–2018 | Associate Professor of Classics, Northwestern University. |
| 2008–2014 | Assistant Professor of Classics, Northwestern University |
| 2007–2008 | College Fellow, Department of Classics, Northwestern University. |

Education

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| 2003–2008 | PhD, Classics (Ancient Philosophy track), Cornell University
Committee: Charles Brittain, Terence Irwin, Hayden Pelliccia |
| 1997–2001 | BA, Literae Humaniores (= Classics), University of Oxford |

Publications (most recent first)

- [1] 'The family in *De Officiis*' in Raphael Woolf (ed.), *Cicero De Officiis: A Critical Guide*, Cambridge University Press, 2023.
- [2] 'Cicero's *Tusculan Disputations*: a sceptical reading.' *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 58 (2020) pp. 205–238.
- [3] 'Cicero on the soul's sensation of itself: *Tusculans* 1.49-76.' Brad Inwood and James Warren (eds.), *Body and Soul in Hellenistic Philosophy*, the published volume from the July 2016 Symposium Hellenisticum (see below).
- [4] *Cicero on the philosophy of religion: On the nature of the gods and On divination*. Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- [5] 'Cicero', an invited chapter for *Skepticism: From Antiquity to the Present*, eds. Diego Machuca and Baron Reed, Bloomsbury Press, 2018.
- [6] 'Learned and Wise: Cotta the Sceptic in Cicero's *De Natura Deorum*.' *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 47 (2015) pp. 245-274.
- [7] 'God's Indifferents: Why Cicero's Stoic Jupiter Made The World', *Apeiron* 45.4 (2012), 354-383.
- [8] Review (invited) of D. Sedley, *Creationism and Its Critics in Antiquity*, Berkeley, 2007; for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=17526>

Work in progress.

Book research in progress (working titles):

- [9] *The problem of evil in ancient philosophy*
- [10] *Contemplation, Truth, and the Lust of the Eyes*

Invited contributions in progress:

- [11] 'Ethics in the Academy', for the *Oxford Handbook to Hellenistic Philosophy*, accepted for publication in September 2021 (awaiting publication as of Apr '23). Oxford University Press, edited by Nathan Powers (SUNY Albany) and Jacob Klein (Colgate).
- [12] 'What nature seems to have hidden: Cicero's *Timaeus* and Academic scepticism.' Editorial revisions in progress, for volume on Cicero the philosopher, edited by Andree Hahman and Michael Vazquez (UNC), De Gruyter.
- [13] '*Materia* in Cicero's philosophical writings.'

Other in progress:

- [14] 'The argument of Cicero's *On Fate*' Draft of journal article.
- [15] 'Stoic beauty.' Draft of journal article.

Conference participation and organization.

- Jan 2009 Organized, 'Plato and Aristotle Go to the Theatre', a one-day conference in the Sawyer Seminar Series, 'Theatre After Athens'.
Speakers: Stephen Halliwell (St. Andrew's), Richard Janko (Michigan), Jeffrey Rusten (Cornell), Pierre Destrée (Louvain).
- Sep 2009 Cornell-Bonn Workshop on Augustine *De Trinitate* bks 11-12; invited presentation on *De Trinitate* 12.13-16.
- Oct 2010 Commenter on Mark Schiefsky, 'Criteria of Truth in Later Greek Science and Philosophy', Chicago Area Consortium in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy biennial conference, 'Representation, Emotion and Cognition.'
- March 2011 'Could one dissent theologically at pagan Rome?' Northwestern-Pisa humanities conference on *Dissent and Conformity*, University of Pisa, 23-24 March.
- Oct 2011 Invited paper: 'Cicero's Laelius on friendship' at conference 'Friendship in the Aristotelian Tradition', University of Western Ontario.
- Oct 2012 Organizing committee for the Chicago Area Consortium for Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy biennial conference. Topic: 'Animality.'

Oct 2014	Invited paper, 'The <i>Tusculan Disputations</i> : a sceptical reading', Toronto-Cornell conference on Cicero the Philosopher.
Nov 2014	Lead organizer of the Chicago Area Consortium for Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy's biennial conference. Topic: 'The Human and the Divine.'
May 2015	Invited paper, 'The Gods' Apology: Plato's Theodicy', at Northwestern-Pisa Conference, 'Trials That Shook the World'.
April 2016	Invited paper, 'Cicero's <i>Timaeus</i> ', University of Edinburgh conference on the reception of Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> .
July 2016	Invited paper, ' <i>Tusculan Disputations</i> 1.50-66: Cicero's arguments for the eternity of the soul.' 14 th Symposium Hellenisticum, Utrecht. This is the most prestigious conference in the field of Hellenistic philosophy.
March 2017	Invited paper, 'Evil in Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> ', symposium panel on Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> , American Philosophical Association Central meeting, Kansas City.
March 2017	Invited paper, 'Beauty in Stoic Ethics', University of Toronto Ancient Philosophy Workshop.
April 2018	Invited presentation at workshop on Cicero's <i>Timaeus</i> , University of Toronto
July 2019	Invited expert attendee, 15 th Symposium Hellenisticum. Topic: Cicero's <i>Tusculan Disputations</i> . Hosted this year at University of Cambridge.
Nov 2019	Invited paper on the panel 'Cicero's Ethical Theory' at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy's annual conference at Christopher Newport University. Paper title: 'Cicero on Parental Love.'
June 2020	I have been invited to a conference at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, to deliver a paper on 'Moral exempla in Cicero's philosophical writing' at a conference on Genre in Ancient Philosophical writing. [Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.]
May 2021	'Materia in Cicero's philosophical writings', invited contributor to ' The Elusive Substrate : Prime Matter and Hylomorphism from Ancient Rome to

Qing China', an international collaborative research project, leading to an edited volume, convened over Zoom by Nicola Polloni, KU Leuven.

Feb 2022 'What nature seems to have hidden: Cicero's *Timaeus* and Hellenistic Epistemology', for Cicero's Philosophy Workshop international Zoom series, leading to an edited volume, convened by Michael Vazquez (UNC) and Andree Hahmann (Tsinghua).

Undergraduate Teaching at Utah

Fall 2018 Greek 1010: Beginning Classical Greek I.

Latin 3610 & 4610: Advanced Latin Prose: Cicero: Murder Speeches.

Spring 2019 Greek 1020: Beginning Classical Greek II.

Classical Civilization 1570: The Romans.

Fall 2019 Classical Civilization 4550: Ancient Mythology and Religion: Augustine, Confessions

Latin 3610 & 4610: Advanced Latin Prose: Augustine, Confessions

Summer 2019 Undergraduate directed reading, Virgil's *Eclogues*.

Spring 2020 Greek 1020: Beginning Classical and New Testament Greek II

Greek 2020/3620/4620: Intermediate Greek, Third Year Greek Poetry, and Fourth Year Greek Poetry, co-meeting

Undergraduate directed reading, Cicero's *De officiis*.

Summer 2020 Two undergraduate directed readings, on Virgil's *Aeneid* and Ovid's *Metamorphoses*.

Fall 2020 Classical Civilization 1550: Classical Mythology

Greek 2020 / 3610 / 4610: Plato on Poetry

Latin 2020: Pliny's *Letters*

Spring 2021 Classical Civilization 1570: The Romans

Latin 3620 / 4620: Advanced Latin Poetry: Lucretius

Honors Faculty Advisor for Samuel Mann's honors thesis, 'Gendered Language in Joseph Smith's Revision of the New Testament'

Undergraduate senior thesis, Ryan Cooper, 'Philosophy in Virgil's *Aeneid*'

Summer 2020 Undergraduate directed reading (several students): Hesiod

Fall 2021 Classical Civilization 4550: Ancient Mythology and Religion: Augustine, Confessions

Greek 2010 / 3610 / 4610: 'O tell me the truth about love'

Spring 2022 Latin 2020: Intermediate Latin II: Horace and Lyric Poetry

Latin 3620 / 4620: Third Year Poetry / Fourth Year Poetry: Virgil, Eclogues

Fall 2022 Latin 1010: Beginning Classical Latin I

Latin 3610 / 4610: Third Year Prose / Fourth Year Prose: Cicero's Tusculans

Spring 2023 Latin 1020: Beginning Classical Latin II

CL CV 1570: The Romans

Undergraduate Classics Practicum Research, Caleb Richardson: *Revelation 12* and the myth of Leto and Apollo

Spring 2023– Led the new *Mensa Latina* Latin conversation group (all welcome: come and speak some Latin!)

Summer 2023 Undergraduate directed reading, Caleb Curtis: Homeric Hymn to Demeter

Fall 2023 CL CV 4100 / PHIL 3013-005: Stoics, Skeptics, Epicureans: An Introduction to Hellenistic Philosophy

Greek 2010 / 3610 / 4610: Intermediate Classical Greek I, Third and Fourth Year Classical Greek: Plato, Republic

Undergraduate Classics Practicum Research, Zachery Thiede: Commentary on ancient Latin poetry by women

Graduate student supervision at Utah.

- Spring 2020 Completed: MA thesis committee for CLCS student Addison Eckhoff.
- Spring 2019 PhD dissertation committee for Christopher Wootton.
Dissertation title: *Modern Perspectives on Cruelty and Brutality in Ancient Greece.*
- Fall 2020– PhD dissertation committee for Robert Gambles
Dissertation topic: Antisemitism in Late Antiquity

Service at Utah.

Service in the Department of World Languages & Cultures

- 2018-19 At large member of Executive Committee.
- Spring 2019 Member of the Merit Committee.
- 2019-20 Teaching Peer Review Committee
- 2019-20 Search committee for assistant professor in the field of contemporary peninsular Spanish literature.
- 2020– Religious Studies Program Coördinator
- Spring 2021 Member of the Merit Committee.
- AY 2021–22 Department Retention, Promotion, and Tenure Committee Chair
- AY 2022–23 Department Colloquium Committee (chair)
- 2023 Ad hoc committee chair for Cindi Textor's promotion and tenure

Service in the College of Humanities

Spring 2019 College flagbearer at Commencement and Convocation

University Service

2020–23 University Faculty Committee on Academic Misconduct and Appeals

Professional Service

Anonymous reviews of submissions to peer-reviewed journals in my field.

Anonymous reader of book manuscript for major press.

Outreach

February 2020 Led discussion on Pliny the Younger's letters at the Paideia Group.

~~March 2020~~ Invited to lead discussion on mystery religion and Apuleius' *Metamorphoses* at the Paideia Group (postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic)

April 2022 Invited to lead discussion on mystery religion and Apuleius' *Metamorphoses* at the Paideia Group

Sept 2022 Invited lecture on 'The Contemplative Life: A *very* long history' to the Lay Dominicans of the Western Province

Nov 2022 Invited to lead discussion on Plutarch's *Moralia* at the Paideia Group

Graduate student doctoral dissertation committees at Northwestern.

Completed: Haewon Jeon (Philosophy) Spring 2012.
 The virtue of the economic class in Plato's *Republic*
 Oksana Maksymchuk (Philosophy) Summer 2013.
 The Measure Doctrine in the *Protagoras*
 Daniel Tovar (Philosophy)

Perception and reason in Aristotle's *Ethics*.
Hung Nguyen (Philosophy) Summer 2017
Birth in Beauty: Truth, Goodness, and Happiness in the Platonic
Dialogues
Giuseppe Cumella (Political Science) Fall 2018
Aristotle on Experience and Political Activity

Undergraduate honors theses supervised at Northwestern.

- 2009–2010 Amy Lather, 'Heraclitus & Heraclitean Style'

Louis Liss, 'Stoic and Aristotelian Ethics' (in Philosophy).
- 2010–20 Kimberley Helseth, 'Leprosy in the Ancient World.' (joint with
Anthropology)
- 2011–2012 Sarah Topol, 'Good Grief: Cicero, Grief, and the Stoic Critique of the
Emotions.' Selected for oral presentation at NU's Undergraduate Research
Symposium, winner of the Classics Department's Joseph Clyde Murley Prize
for Excellence in an Undergraduate Honors Thesis.
- 2012–2013 Christopher Rowe, 'Pleasure in *De finibus*: Cicero's Treatment of Epicurus',
winner of the Classics Department's Joseph Clyde Murley Prize for Excellence
in an Undergraduate Honors Thesis.
- 2014–2015 Kaela Walker, 'Subjective Beings Within an Objective Reality: How Ancient
Tragedy is Uniquely Suited to Address Apparent Dissonance in Collapse' (in
Philosophy).
- 2014–2015 Daniel Schlessinger, 'Can the mentally ill become Stoic sages?' Winner of the
Classics Department's Joseph Clyde Murley Prize for Excellence in an
Undergraduate Honors Thesis.

Other work with graduate students at Northwestern:

Presiding at the Greek Philosophy Reading Group.

Setting and grading language skills exams for graduate students from philosophy and
comparative literary studies.

Service in the Department of Classics at Northwestern.

- 2008.9. Search committee for open-rank position in Latin literature.
- 2008.2010. Served on the advisory committee for the Northwestern Classics Department's Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series 'Theatre After Athens', on the reception of Attic drama.
- 2009.10. Search committee for Mellon post-doctoral fellow in medieval Latin.
- Search committee for lecturer in Greek.
- 2009-10 Faculty advisor to Northwestern's chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, the Classics honors society.
- 2009-2012 Undergraduate honors thesis coordinator, Department of Classics.
- 2013 – 2017
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Classics.
- 2015-16 Co-author for Department's Key Questions and Self-Study documents during
- 2016-17 Evaluation and letter-writing for retention / promotion review.

Northwestern Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences and University service.

- 2007-2018 British & Irish Scholarships Committee, Northwestern Office of Fellowships.
- We nominate and prepare candidates for Rhodes, Marshall and Mitchell Scholarship interviews.
- 2010: mentored Kelly Kirkpatrick through the Mitchell Scholarship process. (The Mitchell is the extremely competitive Irish analogue of the Marshall.) She was awarded a Mitchell Scholarship.

2012: mentored Samuel McAleese through the Mitchell Scholarship process. He reached the first interview round.

2016: helped to mentor Claire Dillon, who was awarded a Mitchell Scholarship.

2017: helped to mentor Hadley Pfalzgraf. She was awarded a Mitchell Scholarship.

2008-9: Freshman adviser for 18 students in my Freshman Seminar (above).

2009-18: Faculty Fellow, Willard Residential College, Northwestern.

2010: Classics Graduate Cluster admissions committee.

2011-12: Freshman adviser for 15 students in my Freshman Seminar (above).

2015-17: Applications reader for graduate admissions to the Philosophy department's Ancient Philosophy program.