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Associate Professor, Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, Indiana University *since 2016*
Assistant and Associate Professor, History & Classics, University of Connecticut, Storrs 1999-2016
Primary Research: Late Antiquity/Early Byzantium; Early Philanthropy, Asceticism, Hagiography

ACADEMIC DEGREES AND EDUCATION

PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 1998: Ancient History & Mediterranean Archaeology
MA, University of California, Berkeley, 1992: Ancient History & Mediterranean Archaeology
AB, Princeton University, 1986: Classics (*magna cum laude*)

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND DISTINCTIONS

Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2015-2016
Visiting Professor, Monash University, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Spring 2014
Visiting Research Scholar, New York University, Institute for Study of Ancient World, 2011-2012
Fellow, University of Connecticut Humanities Institute (declined), 2011-2012
Provost Scholarly Development Award, University of Connecticut, Spring 2009
Visiting Research Scholar, Hebrew University, Institute for Advanced Study, Spring 2007
Fellow in Byzantine Studies, Harvard University Dumbarton Oaks, Washington DC, 2004-2005
Chancellor's Dissertation Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 1996-1997
William Kendrick Pritchett Fellowship in Ancient History, UC Berkeley, 1992-1994
Peter Brown-MacArthur Fellowship for Study of Ancient World, UC Berkeley, 1990-1991
Samuel T. Atkins Prize for Best Senior Thesis in Classics, Princeton University, June 1986

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS:

2010. *History and Hagiography from the Late Antique Sinai*. Translated Texts for Historians 53; Liverpool: Liverpool University Press.

2002. *Wandering, Begging Monks: Spiritual Authority and the Promotion of Monasticism in Late Antiquity*. Transformation of Classical Heritage 33; Berkeley: University of California Press

ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS:

2013. "From the Pillar to the Prison: Penitential Spectacles in Early Byzantine Monasticism." In *Ascetic Culture: Essays in Honor of Philip Rousseau*, ed. B. Leyerle and R. Darling Young. Notre Dame, Notre Dame University Press, 127-46.

2013. "Alms, Blessings, Offerings: The Repertoire of Christian Gifts in Early Byzantine Hagiography." In *The Gift in Antiquity*, ed. M. Satlow, London: Wiley-Blackwell, 25-44.

2009. "Charitable Ministrations (Diakoniai), Monasticism, and the Social Aesthetic of Sixth-Century Byzantium." In *Charity and Giving in Monotheistic Religions*, ed. M. Frenkel and Y. Lev. Studien zur Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients. Berlin & New York: Walter de Gruyter, 45-73.

2009. "'Not of This World': The Invention of Monasticism." In *The Blackwell Companion to Late Antiquity*, ed. P. Rousseau. London: Wiley-Blackwell, 588-600.

2008. "Wealth, Stewardship, and Charitable 'Blessings' in Early Byzantine Monasticism." In *Wealth and Poverty in Early Church and Society*, ed. S.R. Holman. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker, 221-42.

2006. "Towards a Miraculous Economy: Christian Gifts and Material 'Blessings' in Late Antiquity."

Journal of Early Christian Studies 14:329-77.

2004. "Sinai Pilgrimage and Ascetic Romance: Ps.-Nilus' Narrationes in Context." In *Travel, Communication and Geography in Late Antiquity: Sacred and Profane*, ed. L. Ellis & F. Kidner. Aldershot: Ashgate, 135-47.

2000. "Notions of 'Strict Discipline' & Apostolic Tradition in Early Definitions of Orthodox Monasticism." In *Orthodoxie, Christianisme, Histoire*, ed. S. Elm, É. Rebillard, and A. Romano. Collection de l'École française de Rome 270. Rome: École française, 23-34.

2000. "Nilus of Ancyra and the Promotion of a Monastic Elite." *Arethusa* 33:401-410.

1997. "The Practice & Prohibition of Self-Castration in Early Christianity." *Vigiliae Christianae* 51:396-415.

Submitted. Book Chapter: "Wandering Monks Remembered: Monastic Profiles and Commemorative Purposes in the *Lives* of Alexander the Sleepless and Barsawmo the Mourner" for J. Hahn and V. Menze, ed., *Essays on the Life of Barsawmo*.

Submitted. Book Chapter: "Bishops and the Politics of Lithomania in Early Byzantium." for M. Domingo-Gygax and A. Zuiderhoeck, ed., *Benefactors and the Ancient Greek Polis*.

BOOK REVIEWS:

2011. G. Filoramo, *Monachesimo orientale: Un' introduzione*. In *Catholic Historical Review* 97: 757-58.

2009. J. Maxwell, *Christianization and Communication in Late Antiquity: John Chrysostom and His Congregations in Antioch*. In *Classical Bulletin* 84.1: 153-55.

2007. B. Bitton-Ashkelony, *Encountering the Sacred: Christian Pilgrimage in Late Antiquity*. In *American Historical Review* 112: 564.

2003. S.R. Holman, *The Hungry Are Dying: Beggars & Bishops in Roman Cappadocia*. In *American Historical Review* 105: 1111-1112.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

"Acoemetai," "Circumcellions," "Messalians," in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, ed. D. Patte (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

"Monasticism," in *The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, ed. O. Nicholson and M. Humphries (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

IN PROGRESS:

Monograph: *The Rich & the Pure: Wealth and the Evolution of Christian Philanthropy in Early Byzantium*

Article: "Not a Hospital but a Leprosarium: Basil's Basiliads and the Christian Concept of Ptocheia Revisited"

"Distinguishing between Offerings and Blessings in Early Byzantine Monasticism: The Significance of *P.Ness.* 79"

SELECT CONFERENCE/INVITED PAPERS

Participant. "PColt 79 and the Distinction between Offerings and Blessings in Early Byzantine Monasticism." Oxford University, "Monastic Economies in Egypt and Palestine," March 17, 2016.

Invited. "Response to Papers on Jacob of Seroug and Asceticism." North American Conference on Syriac and Arabic Christianity, Catholic University of America, June 22, 2015.

Invited. "From Civic to Christian Euergetism in the Late Roman East." Princeton University Benefactors and the Polis Invitational Workshop, Apr 10, 2015

Participant. "Not a Hospital but a Leprosarium: The Philanthropic Wing of Basil's Basiliad Revisited." University of Iowa, *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity* Conference, March 28, 2015.

Invited. "Christian Ethics of Wealth in the Early Byzantine Empire." University of New Hampshire, Department of Italian and Classics, Lectures on Ethics of Wealth, Feb 16, 2015

Invited. "Response to Susanna Elm." Yale University Annual Rostovtzeff Seminar, Nov 13, 2014

Invited. "Give to All Who Ask: A Challenge of Early Christian Philanthropy." Australian Catholic University Center for Early Christianity, May 8, 2014

Invited. "Wandering in Retrospect: Alexander the Sleepless and the Heroic Barsawmo Compared." Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Sept 7, 2013

Invited Keynote. "No Respector of Persons? Monastic Hospitality and the Ideal of Equality in Early Byzantium." Ohio State University Graduate Conference in Classics, Mar 30, 2013

Invited. "The Concept of Charity in Early Byzantium." Providence Patristics Group, Dec 8, 2012

Invited. "Christian Wealth & Philanthropy in Early Byzantium." NYU ISAW Public Lecture, Oct 4, 2011

Invited. "The Christianization of the Sinai Peninsula." Boston Patristics Society, Feb 16, 2011

Invited. "A Repertoire of Christian Gifts in the Late Roman East." Brown University, May 4, 2010

Invited. "Penitential Asceticism in Early Christianity." North American Patristic Society, May 22, 2009

Invited. "Lay Gifts in the Later Roman Empire." UC Berkeley History Colloquium, Apr 8, 2008

Invited. "Monastic Wealth in Late Antiquity." Wesleyan University Classics Colloquium. Apr 19, 2007

Invited. "Christian Philanthropic Ministries in Early Byzantium." Hebrew University, Institute for Advanced Study Conference on Charity in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, Feb 12, 2007

Invited. "Between Rich and Poor: Wealth and Monasticism in Early Christianity." Plenary Address, Hellenic College, Pappas Conference on Wealth and Poverty in Christianity, Oct 15, 2005

Invited. "Wealth, Holiness, and Christian Gifts in Early Byzantium." Harvard University, Dumbarton Oaks Fellow Lecture, Seminar in Medieval Studies: Feb 28, 2005

Invited. "Christian Charitable Economies." UConn Humanities Institute Colloquium, March 23, 2004

Participant. "Miraculous Economy & Material Blessings in Late Antiquity." Byzantine Studies Annual Conference, Bates College, October 18, 2003

Participant. "Epiphanius & Augustine on Monks with Long Hair: Penitential Asceticism Defined." North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Loyola Chicago, May 23, 2002.

Participant. "Sinai Pilgrimage & Ascetic Romance in Late Antiquity." *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity* Conference, San Francisco State University, March 10, 2001

Participant. "The Last Ancient Romance: Ps.-Nilus Narrations." Byzantine Studies Annual Conference, Harvard University, October 29, 2000

Participant. "Nilus and the Making of Monasticism in Fifth-Century Ancyra." University of California, Los Angeles, Conference on Elites in Late Antiquity, February 13, 1998

Participant. "Akribeia & Apostolic Tradition in the Formulation of Orthodox Monasticism," École française de Rome Colloque international de Orthodoxie et Histoire, June 6, 1998

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

North American Patristics Society Nominating Committee, 2014-present

Advisory Board, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, 2012-present
Advisory Board, North American Patristic Society Monograph Series, 2005-2008
Tenure Review, University of Hawaii, Department of Religion, 2006
Peer Reviews, Research Grant Proposals: Austrian Science Fund, Durham University Institute of Advanced Study, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Dutch Council for the Humanities, Israel Science Foundation
Peer Reviews, Book Manuscripts: Catholic University of America Press, University of California Press, University of Michigan Press
Peer Reviews, Article Manuscripts: *American Historical Review*, *Classical Review*, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, *Journal of Late Antiquity*, *Journal of Religious History*

TEACHING: DOCTORAL SUPERVISION

Mark Pearsall, University of Connecticut Graduate Program in Medieval Studies, 2006-present
Scott McCurdy, University of Connecticut Graduate Program in Medieval Studies, 2000-2001

ACADEMIC TEACHING

Introduction to MacroHistory: F17, IU Hutton Honors College
Ancient Greek History: Sp01, F01, F05, F07, F08, F10, F13, U. Connecticut
Ancient Roman History: Sp02, F02, Sp06, Sum08, Sum09, F11, Sp15, U. Connecticut
Early Church History: F06, 07, 09, 12, 13, U. Connecticut
World of Late Antiquity: Sp00, 01, 04, 08, 10, 13, U. Connecticut
Medieval Latin: F99, 01, 05, Sp03, F08, F10, F12, F13, Sp15, U. Connecticut
Ancient Greek Civilization: F01, U. Connecticut
Undergraduate Seminar: "Greeks and the Irrational" Sp10, 13, U. Connecticut
Graduate Seminar: "Christian Asceticism and Monasticism" F09, F13, U. Connecticut
Ancient Greek (Elementary & Intensive): Sum 96,98; F00, 02, F03, F07, UC Berkeley/U. Connecticut
Western Civilization: F94,95,97; F99,Sp00,F01,F02,F03,F08,Sp11, UC Berkeley/U. Connecticut
Greek New Testament: Sp99, UC Berkeley (Lecturer)
Roman Imperial History: F98, UC Berkeley (Lecturer)
Classical Mythology: Sum98, UC Berkeley (Lecturer)

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

U.Connecticut Norian Armenian Programs Committee, 2012-2016
CLAS Committee Committee, 2009, 2012
CLAS Study Abroad Program Review Committee, Greece, 2012
Graduate Program in Medieval Studies, Admissions Committee, 2009, 2010, 2015
Graduate Program in Medieval Studies High School Outreach Presenter, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2009
History Department, Promotion, Tenure and Review Committee, 2012
History Department, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2006, 2009, 2013
History Department, Honors Advisor, 2010-2015
History Department Prize Day Committee Chair, 2011
History Department, Caribbean Faculty Search, 2003, Latin American Faculty Search, 2013
History Department, Courses and Curriculum Committee Chair and Representative, 2005-2009

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

Participant. San Vincenzo al Volturno, British School, Rome, Summer 1994

Participant. Nemea Excavations, U.C. Berkeley, Summer 1992

Participant. Koukounaries Temple Campaign, Paros, Greece, Summers 1986, 1987