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CONTACT

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EMPLOYMENT

5/2019–present	Associate Professor of History, School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies, Arizona State University.
8/2013–5/2019	Assistant Professor of History, School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies, Arizona State University.
7/2012–7/2013	Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, The University of California, Berkeley.

EDUCATION

2012	Stanford University, Ph.D. in Classics and the Joint Program in Ancient Philosophy.
2010	Stanford University, M.A. in Political Science.
2006	Washington University in St. Louis, B.A. in Classics

ACADEMIC AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

2023	Institute for Humanities Research Fellows Grant: “The Demagogues of Ancient Greece” (ASU, internal)
2022	Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activities Grant, “The Political Geography of Attica and Eretria, Greece” (ASU, internal)
2020	Center for Hellenic Studies Fellowship, Spring 2020

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2019	National Endowment for the Humanities/American School of Classical Studies at Athens Fellowship, Fall 2019
2019	Princeton University Center for Human Values, Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, 2019 (declined)
2018	Co-Winner of the Runciman Award for <i>Classical Greek Oligarchy</i> , Anglo-Hellenic League
2017	National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, “Demagogues and Popular Culture in Ancient Greece”
2017	Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activities Grant, “The Epigraphy of Demagoguery in Ancient Greece” (ASU, internal)
2015	Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activities Grant, “Writing and Public Space as Forms of Power in the Eastern Aegean” (ASU, internal)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ancient Greek political history, Archaic through Imperial; institutions (from voting bodies to contracts to ritual practices); democracy and oligarchy, ancient and modern; Greek epigraphy; the politics of public space and the manipulation of material objects in the civic landscape; the culture of the ancient Greek common people (“popular culture”); demagoguery and other kinds of ancient political style; civil war and processes of reconciliation; Old Comedy.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Classical Greek Oligarchy: A Political History*. Princeton University Press, 2017.

Co-Winner of the 2018 Runciman Award, the Anglo-Hellenic League

Reviewed in: *Sehepunkte* 17.9 (2017) [P. J. Rhodes]; *Classical Review* 68.2 (2018): 468-72 [Daniel B. Unruh]; *Ancient History Bulletin* online reviews 8 (2018): 79-84 [Marek Wecowski]; *Phoenix* 71.2 (2017): 400-402 [Phillip Harding]; *Classical World* 112.1 (2018): 727-28 [Alex Gottesman]; *H-Soz-Kult* 26.11.2018 [Moritz Hinsch; in German]; *American Historical Review* 123.5 (2018): 1713-1714 [Greg Anderson]; *Historische Zeitschrift* 308.3 (2019): 759-61 [Ivan Jordovic; in German]; *Polis* 36 (2019): 565-68 [Claire Taylor]; *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 139 (2019): 256-57 [Edward M. Harris]; *Ancient East & West* 18 (2019): 189-91 [Richard Westall]; *Cadmo: Revista de História Antiga* 28 (2019): 313-15 [Felipe Paiva Cardoso; in Portuguese]; *Foro Interno: Anuario de Teoría Política* 20 (2020): 89-91 [Mario Isaac Menes Espinosa; in Spanish];

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Limes: Revista de Estudios Clásicos 31 (2020): 204-206 [Erwin Robertson; in Spanish];
Museion 18.3 (2022): 535-38 [Frances Pownall].

See also: G. Sitaraman, “How the oligarchy wins: Lessons from ancient Greece,” *The Guardian*, October 15, 2017.

Refereed Journal Articles

1. “The Cry from the Herald’s Stone: The Revolutionary Logic behind the Rhodian Democratic Uprising of 395 BCE,” *TAPA* 145.2 (2015): 281-324.
2. “Stability and Violence in Classical Greek Democracies and Oligarchies.” *Classical Antiquity* 36.1 (2017): 52-103.
3. “The Burial of Brasidas and the Politics of Commemoration in the Classical Period.” *American Journal of Philology* 139.1 (2018): 1-30.
4. “The Local History of Hippias of Erythrai: Politics, Place, Memory, and Monumentality.” *Hesperia: The Journal of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens* 87.3 (2018): 497-543.
5. “The Telos Reconciliation Dossier (IG XII 4 132): Democracy, Demagogues, and *Stasis* in an Early Hellenistic Polis.” *The Journal of Hellenic Studies* 139 (2019): 187-209.
6. “Teisamenos the Son of Mechanion: New Evidence for an Athenian Demagogue.” *TAPA* 150.1 (2020): 1-38.
7. “Two Notes on the New Croesus Epigram from Thebes.” *Classical Quarterly* 70.1 (2020): 10-15.
8. “Representing the Demos: Adapting Insights from the Constructivist Turn in Political Representation.” *Ramus* 50: Special issue, “In Terms of Athens,” co-edited by Johanna Hanink and Demetra Kasimis (2021): 129-44.
9. “Demagogues and Demagoguery in Hellenistic Greece.” *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought* 39.1 (2022): 35-76.
10. “The Mouth of the Demagogue: Demochares of Athens between Monstrosity and Monument.” Forthcoming in *Historia: Zeitschrift für Alte Geschichte*.

Book Chapters

1. “Civil War and the Persistence of Populism in Hellenistic Greece.” In Chr. Riedweg, R. Schmid, and A.V. Walser, eds., *Demokratie und Populismus in der griechischen Antike und heute*. Berlin and Boston: DeGruyter, 2024: 367-91.

2. “‘Another’s Justice’: A New Institutional Approach to the Rise of Foreign Judges in the Hellenistic World.” Invited for M. Canevaro, M. Barbato, and A. Esu, eds., *The Institutional History of the Greek Polis: New Approaches*, Edinburgh University Press (accepted for publication)
3. Giuseppe Lentini, Sarah Murray, Matt Simonton, Paul Christesen. “Chios, Lesbos, Samos,” in Paul Cartledge and Paul Christesen, eds., *The Oxford History of the Archaic Greek World*, Oxford University Press. (accepted for publication)

Encyclopedia Entries

1. “The Peloponnesian War.” In J. Krieger, ed., *The Oxford Companion to International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014, 178-182.
2. “Democracy.” In C. Baron, ed., *The Herodotus Encyclopedia*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2021, 436-38.

Review Essays

1. “Who Made Athens Great? Three Recent Books on Pericles and Athenian Politics.” Reviewing L. J. Samons II, *Pericles and the Conquest of History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016); V. Azoulay, *Pericles of Athens* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014); T. R. Martin, *Pericles: A Biography in Context* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016). *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought* 35 (2018): 220-35.
2. “An Ancient Greek Historian and his City.” Reviewing N. Marinatos and R. K. Pitt, eds., *Thucydides the Athenian*. College Year in Athens Papers 1. Athens: ΔΙ.Κ.Ε.ΜΕ.Σ, 2022. *Histos* 17 (2023): 99-107.

Book Reviews

1. J. L. Shear, *Polis and Revolution: Responding to Oligarchy in Classical Athens*. New York: Cambridge, 2011. Reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*. February 2012 (<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2012/2012-02-12.html>)
2. E. W. Robinson, *Democracy Beyond Athens: Popular Government in the Greek Classical Age*. New York: Cambridge, 2011. Reviewed in *Polis: The Journal for Greek and Roman Political Thought* Vol. 29.2 (2012): 378-83.
3. D. E. Tabachnick and T. Koivukoski, eds. *On Oligarchy: Ancient Lessons for Global Politics*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011. Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*. May 2013. (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/39772-on-oligarchy-ancient-lessons-for-global-politics/>)
4. N. Luraghi, ed. *The Splendors and Miseries of Ruling Alone: Encounters with Monarchy from Archaic Greece to the Hellenistic Mediterranean*. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2013. Reviewed in *Antike Welt*. October 2014. (<http://www.antikewelt.de/index.php/the-splendors-and-miseries-of-ruling-alone/>)

5. E. Caire, *Penser l'oligarchie à Athènes aux V^e et IV^e siècles. Aspects d'une idéologie*. Paris: Les Belles Lettres, 2016. Reviewed in *The Journal of Hellenic Studies* 137 (2017): 244-45.
6. V. Azoulay, *The Tyrant-Slayers of Ancient Athens: A Tale of Two Statues*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017. Reviewed in *Classical Review* 2018 (DOI: 10.1017/S0009840X18000987)
7. L. Cecchet, *Poverty in Athenian Public Discourse: From the Eve of the Peloponnesian War to the Rise of Macedonia*. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2015. Reviewed in *Classical Journal* online 2018.07.01.
8. A. Duplouy and R. Brock, eds. *Defining Citizenship in Archaic Greece*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018. Reviewed in *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 36 (2019): 396-400.
9. B. Akrigg, *Population and Economy in Classical Athens*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019. Reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*. October 2020 (<https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2020/2020.10.40/>)
10. P. Liddel, *Decrees of Fourth-Century Athens (403/2-322/1 BC)*. 2 vols. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Reviewed in *Classical Review*. FirstView, July 2021: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009840X21001360>
11. M. Gagarin, *Democratic Law in Classical Athens*. Austin: The University of Texas Press, 2020. Reviewed in *Mouseion* 18.2 (2021): 309-312.
12. R. H. Sternberg, *The Ancient Greek Roots of Human Rights*. Austin: The University of Texas Press, 2021. Reviewed in *Classical Review* 72.1 (2022): 339-41.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

1. *Ancient Greek Democracies*. (Under contract with Cambridge University Press for the *Key Themes in Ancient History* series; submitted)
2. *The Demagogues of Ancient Greece: Political Leadership and Popular Culture*. (Book manuscript in progress)
3. *A Historical Commentary on Aristophanes' Knights*. (Draft complete)

Refereed Journal Articles

1. Article being revised for resubmission to *The Review of Politics* (11,000 words).

Book Chapters

1. “Non-Democratic Assemblies.” Invited for Th. Oppeneer and A. Zuiderhoek, eds., *Popular Political Participation beyond Athens: The Assemblies of the Greek City from the Archaic to the Late Antique Period*. (submitted)
2. “Demagogues in Hellenistic Greece: A Classical Athenian Export?” Invited for the proceedings of the conference “Beyond Athenocentrism: Greek Cities’ Responses to Athenian Institutional and Judicial Legacy in the So-Called ‘Hellenistic Polis Convergence,’” Trinity College Dublin, organized by S. Wallace and D. Amendola. (submitted)
3. “Politics and Political Institutions in Archaic and Classical Greek Cities.” Invited for A. Zuiderhoek and M. Flohr, eds., *The Blackwell Companion to Cities in the Greco-Roman World*. (submitted)
4. “Constitutional Conflicts: Democracy, Oligarchy and Others.” Invited for E.W. Robinson and V. Arena, eds., *The Cambridge History of Democracy: Volume 1*. (submitted)
5. “How did Ancient Greek Democracies Die? Not (Normally) by Demagoguery.” Invited for the proceedings of the conference “How Republics Die: Creeping Authoritarianism from the Ancient to the Modern World,” University of Melbourne, organized by D. Rafferty, F. Vervaeke, C. Dart. (submitted)
6. “*Stasis* in Late Archaic Sicily.” For “Internal War” research network, organizers H. Börm, J. Wienand, and C. H. Lange. (in progress)
7. “A *Taxis* of *Archai*: Restating the Case for an Institutional Understanding of *Oligarchia*.” Invited for the proceedings of the conference “Greek Oligarchy(ies): Political Thought, Ideology, Practices (6th-1st c. BC),” Université Paris Nanterre, organized by Chr. Müller and M. Giangiulio. (in progress)

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH NETWORKS AND WORKSHOPS

1. Invited participant, “Internal War” research network, organizers H. Börm, J. Wienand, and C. H. Lange, funded by the German Research Council. 2019-2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

1. Respondent, “Democracy and *Politeia*” Panel, The Athens Dialogues: An International Conference on Culture and Civilization (Onassis Foundation). Athens, Greece. November 2010.
2. “Non-democratic Political Institutions in Ancient Greece: The World of Oligarchies.” International Society for New Institutional Economics, Annual Conference. Stanford University. June 2011.

3. "Performance, Audience, and Politics in the Rhodian Revolution of 395 BC." American Philological Association, Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. January 2012.
4. "The Burial of Brasidas and the Politics of Greek Hero-Cult." American Philological Association, Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. January 2013.
5. "Explaining Greek Oligarchies' Use of Assemblies: Evidence from Modern Authoritarian Regimes." Noon Colloquium Series, Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology. The University of California, Berkeley. April 2013.
6. "Placing a Lost Greek Historian: The Works and Days of Hippias of Erythrae." American Philological Association, Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. January 2014.
7. "Aristotle the Game Theorist: Authoritarian Breakdown in Classical Greek Oligarchies." The European Social Science History Conference. Vienna, Austria. April 2014.
8. "The Original '1%': Studying the Authoritarian Politics of Ancient Greek Oligarchies." Faculty Research Colloquium, ASU New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. September 2014.
9. "Surviving the Game: Game Theory and the Breakdown of Oligarchies in Classical Greece." Association of Ancient Historians, Annual Meeting. Santa Barbara, CA. May 2015.
10. "Political Hoplitae: Infantry Resistance to Oligarchy." Invited to panel "Popular Politics and Ancient Warfare" by organizer Michael Taylor, University of Texas-Austin. Society for Classical Studies, Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. January 2016.
11. "Writing, Memorialization, and *Stasis* in the Reconciliation Decree from Telos (*IG XII 4 1 132*)." For panel "*Stasis* and Reconciliation in Ancient Greece: New Approaches and Evidence," co-organized by Matthew Simonton and Scott Arcenas (Stanford University). Society for Classical Studies, Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. January 2017.
12. "Refugees, Demagogues, and Material Culture in the Teisamenos Decree from Athens." Association of Ancient Historians, Annual Meeting. Providence, RI. May 2017.
13. Invited lecture, "Voting for Authoritarianism: Popular Assemblies in Classical Greek Oligarchies." Program in the Ancient World, Princeton University. April 4, 2017.
14. "Preserving Authoritarianism: Institutions for Dispute Resolution in Classical Greek Oligarchies." Invited to panel "The Old Institutionalism: Theoretical Reflections on Ancient Greek Institutions," by organizer Matthew Landauer, the University of Chicago. American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 2017.
15. Invited lecture, "Demagogues and Democracy in the Hellenistic Period: Recent Epigraphic Discoveries." Program in Ancient Studies, Indiana University. September 29, 2017.

16. "The Pericles Cup: New Archaeological Evidence for Athens' Most Famous General?" Public lecture for Archaeological Institute of America, Central Arizona Chapter. October 12, 2017.
17. Invited lecture, "Watchdogs of the People? Approaching the Demagogues of Ancient Greece." Department of History, High Point University. March 2018.
18. "Demagogues in the Hellenistic Period: New Epigraphic Evidence." Association of Ancient Historians, Annual Meeting. Williamsburg, VA. April 2018.
19. Invited lecture, Classical Dialogues series, the Classical Studies program of Columbia University. November 2018.
20. "The Demagogues of Ancient Greece: Populism and Popular Culture in Antiquity." Edinburgh, Scotland, Scottish Hellenic Society, invited lecture March 2019.
21. "'I Am Your Voice': Demagogues and Popular Culture in Ancient Greece." The University of St. Andrews, invited lecture March 2019.
22. "The Demagogues of Classical Greece and the Notion of 'Popular Culture.'" The University of Tübingen, invited lecture July 2019.
23. "Classical Greek Oligarchy," The University of Bergen, invited public lecture September 2019.
24. "The Not-So-Iron Law: The Surprising Failure of Ancient Greek Oligarchy." The University of Bergen, invited keynote address, seminar "The Road More Travelled, the Story Less Told: Uncovering the Ancient Roots of Modern Oligarchy," organizers I. Machle, P. Hatlebakk, S. Koutsopetrou, September 2019.
25. "Constructing the Demagogue/Constructing the Demos in Greek Antiquity." The University of Oslo, invited lecture, September 2019.
26. Keynote speaker, "Classics and the World Today" event 2019, "Citizen Strife and Civil War in the Ancient World." The University of Toronto, organizers A. Bendlin, B. Chrubasik, C. Fulton, October 2019.
27. "Watchdogs of the People? The Demagogues of Ancient Greece." The American School of Classical Studies at Athens, October 2019.
28. "Civil War and the Persistence of Populism in Hellenistic Greece." Invited participant, "Democracy and Populism in Antiquity and Today" conference, Center for the Study of the Ancient World at the University of Zurich, organized by A. V. Walser, Chr. Riedweg, R. Schmid. Zurich, February 2020.
29. "The Perikles Cup: New Archaeological Evidence for Athens' Most Famous General?" Invited Joukowsky Lecture, Archaeological Institute of America, Yale University, March 2020.

30. Discussant, “Falsehood, Deception, and Threats to Democracy in the Ancient World,” invited by organizer Avshalom Schwartz, American Political Science Association, annual meeting, 2020.
31. Invited participant, “Ancient Oligarchy” conference, European Network for the Study of Ancient Greek History at Université Paris Nanterre, organized by Chr. Müller, June 2020 [postponed until May 2023—now completed].
32. “‘Another’s Justice’: A New Institutional Approach to the Rise of Foreign Judges in the Hellenistic Period.” Invited participant, panel “New Institutionalism and Greek Communities,” organized by Alberto Esu and Matteo Barbato. Society for Classical Studies, annual meeting, 2021.
33. “Demagogues in Hellenistic Greece: An Athenian Export?”, invited participant, “Beyond Athenocentrism: Greek Cities’ Responses to Athenian Institutional and Judicial Legacy in the so-called ‘Hellenistic Polis Convergence’” conference, organized by D. Amendola and S. Wallace, Trinity College Dublin, June 2021.
34. “Promoting Like-Mindedness: Ancient Greek Approaches to Demagoguery in a World without Pluralism.” Invited for panel “Democracy and Legitimacy in Ancient Greece,” organizer Matthew Landauer, American Political Science Association annual meeting, October 2021.
35. “The Use and Abuse of Assemblies in Ancient Greek Oligarchies.” Invited for “Popular Political Participation beyond Athens: The Assemblies of the Greek City from the Archaic to the Late Antique Period” workshop, organizers Th. Oppeneer and A. Zuiderhoek, Ghent University, May 2022.
36. Discussant, “Rule and Regime in Ancient Greece” panel, organizer Silvia Fedi, American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 2022.
37. Participant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Jacob Abolafia’s “The Prison Before the Panopticon,” Stanford University, September 2022.
38. “When Demagogues Dream: Or, 500 Years of Populism in Ancient Greece.” Invited speaker, Proculloquium Classicum series, Wake Forest University, October 2022.
39. “What Did Spartans Think of Democracy?” Invited participant, Sparta Live series, University of Nottingham Centre for Spartan & Peloponnesian Studies, University of Nottingham, February 2023.
40. Invited participant, Democracy Initiative: Ancient Citizenship Workshop, University of Virginia, March 2023.
41. Invited participant, Virginia Center for the Liberal Arts, Classics workshop for teachers, “The Demagogic Danger to Democracy: What the Ancient Greeks Can and Can't Teach Us about Populism.” Charlottesville, VA, March 2023.

42. Co-organizer, Conference, “Democracy Past and Future: A Symposium in Honor of Josiah Ober,” Stanford University, May 2023.
43. Invited participant, “How Republics Die: Creeping Authoritarianism from the Ancient to the Modern World,” organizers D. Rafferty, F. Vervaeet, C. Dart, with support of the Australian Research Council, University of Melbourne, July 2023.
44. “The Body of the Demagogue: Demochares of Athens between Monstrosity and Monument.” Classics Programme Seminar, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, July 2023.
45. “Ancient Greek Demagoguery and Contemporary Populism.” Invited for panel “The Demagogue and the Tyrant,” organizer Jordan Jochim, American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 2023.
46. Participant, Author Meets Critics: Melissa Lane’s *Of Rule and Office: Plato's Ideas of the Political*. American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 2023.
47. Participant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Eliza Gettel’s “Between Federation and Empire: The *Koinon* in Roman Hellas,” Villanova, November 2023.
48. Invited lecture, University of Michigan, February 2024 (scheduled).
49. Invited lecture, Annual Spring Weissbourd Symposium, University of Chicago, May 2024 (scheduled).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lectures

Global History to 1500 CE; Archaic and Classical Greek history; Republican and Imperial Roman history

Seminars

Classical Sparta; Athenian Democracy; Politics in the Archaic and Classical Greek World; Conflict and Reconciliation in Ancient Greece; the history of Achaemenid Persia

Language instruction

Beginning through Intermediate Greek

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Classical Studies
Association of Ancient Historians

Archaeological Institute of America
American Society of Greek and Latin Epigraphy
Association Internationale d'Épigraphie Grecque et Latine
American Political Science Association

SERVICE TO FIELD

Editorial Board, *Classical Antiquity*, 2023—

Book Reviews editor, *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought*, 2019—

Treasurer, Central Arizona chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, 2015—

Book manuscript reviewer for: University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press,
Cambridge University Press

Article reviewer for: *Classical Antiquity*, *Museion*, *TAPA*, *Dialogues d'histoire ancienne*, *American Political Science Review*, *Classical Philology*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Classical World*, *Classical Quarterly*