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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- trans-regional exchange between ancient Greece, Egypt, and the Near East
- ancient warfare
- ancient religion
- ancient historiography
- ancient, medieval, and modern political theory
- epigraphy (Greek, Latin, Hieroglyphic Luwian)
- imperialism in the ancient world
- archaeology (classical, Egyptian, Near Eastern)
- ancient law

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016–present	Arizona State University Lecturer, History
2014–2016	Binghamton University Visiting Assistant Professor, History
2013–2014	Binghamton University Adjunct Lecturer, History Wells College Adjunct Lecturer, History
2012–2013	Cornell University Postdoctoral Associate, History
2011–2012	Cornell University Visiting Assistant Professor, History
2011	University of California, Irvine Lecturer, Classics

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine

2011	Ph.D., Classics
2007	M.A., Classics

American School of Classical Studies at Athens

2009–2010	Student Associate Member
2008–2009	Regular Member

Vanderbilt University

2002	M.A., Classics
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St. John's College

1998	B.A., History and Philosophy of Science
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PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Against Outlander Men: The Near Eastern and Egyptian Origins of Greek Warfare
(**MS under revision for publication with Brill**)

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

“Rereading the Hunt Shield” (article **in progress**)

“In the Shadow of Phoenicia: North Syria and ‘Palestinian Syria’ in Herodotus,”
Journal of Hellenic Studies 138 (2018) 67–79

“Paying Archaic Greek Mercenaries: Views from Egypt and the Near East,” *The Classical Journal* 107.1 (2011) 31–59

BOOK CHAPTER

“From Zarathustra to Zoroaster: the Classical Greek Reception of the Iranian Prophet.” **Forthcoming** in *Fascination with Zarathustra: Proceedings of the Conference at UC Irvine, May 2, 2022*. Brill

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of C. Matthew, *A Storm of Spears: Understanding the Greek Hoplite at War* (Havertown, PA 2012). *Res Militares: The Newsletter of the Society of Ancient Military Historians* Vol. 14:1 (May 2014)

Review of R. Frederiksen, *Greek City Walls of the Archaic Period, 900–480 BC* (New York 2011). *The Classical Journal* 2012.07.08

Review of M. Beard, *The Roman Triumph* (Cambridge, MA 2007). *Michigan War Studies Review* 2009.08.04

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Mercenaries” 3,000 word entry in the Wiley-Blackwell *Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (2014) (singled out by the *Choice* reviewer as one of six “especially notable entries” among the ca. 900 total entries)

“Polis” 5,000 word entry in the Springer *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology* (2013)

WORK IN PROGRESS

BOOK

The Birth of History in Iron Age Greece and the Near East

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022	Summer Research Travel Grant, Arizona State University
2019	Summer Research Travel Grant, Arizona State University
2015	Subvention Grant for Attendance at the Association of Ancient Historians Annual Meeting, The Association of Ancient Historians
2011–2012	Miller-Veritas Postdoctoral Fellowship in History, Cornell University
2009–2010	Ione Mylonas Shear Advanced Fellowship, American School of Classical Studies at Athens

2008–2009	Thomas Day Seymour Fellowship in History and Literature, American School of Classical Studies at Athens
2007	School of Humanities Summer Fellowship, UC Irvine
2005	School of Humanities Research Grant, UC Irvine
2005	Antony and Isabelle Raubitschek Scholarship, American School of Classical Studies at Athens
2003–2004	Regents' Fellowship, UC Irvine
2003–2004	School of Humanities Graduate Essay Award, UC Irvine
2003–2004	Theodore Brunner and Luci Berkowitz Classics Graduate Student Award, UC Irvine
2000–2002	Rankin Fellowship, Vanderbilt University

EDITORIAL POSITION

2015–2020	Member of the Editorial Board, S.Ph. Press
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SERVICE

SCHOLARLY

July 2019	External referee for the <i>Classical Journal</i>
July 2012–	Vice President, The Society of Ancient Military Historians

ADMINISTRATIVE

September 2020–	Committee for Public History, SHPRS, Arizona State University
June 2018	Search Committee for an Early Modern European Historian, SHPRS, Arizona State University

INVITED TALKS

- “From Zarathustra to Zoroaster: the Classical Greek Reception of the Iranian Prophet.” *Fascination with Zarathustra*. Conference at UC Irvine, May 2, 2022
- “The Peisistratids, State Formation, and The Sociology of Violence.” Ancient Mediterranean Colloquium, Cornell University, April 2013
- “Greek Hoplite Armies: Origins and Mediterranean Contexts.” Ancient Mediterranean Colloquium, Cornell University, March 2012
- “The Historicity of Early Archaic Messenian Wars.” European History Colloquium, Cornell University, February 2012

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “The World-Historical Origins of Cavalry.” Works in Progress Series. School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, ASU. Tempe, AZ, September 2020
- “The World’s First Cavalry: Early Riders in Ancient North Syria.” 63rd Annual Missouri Valley History Conference. Omaha, NE, March 2020 [canceled in light of the global pandemic]

- “Inscribed Dedications as Evidence for a Reappraisal of the ‘Hoplite Revolution.’” Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Archaeology. San Antonio, TX, January 2011
- “Inscribed Dedications as Evidence for Archaic *Polis* Armies.” The American School of Classical Studies at Athens, April 2010
- “Mercenaries and Coinage? Views from the East.” Annual Meeting of The Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Tucson, AZ, April 2008

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

April–May 2009 American School of Classical Studies Corinth Excavations,
Trench Supervisor

PANEL CHAIRED

- “Aspects of Mercenary Service in the Ancient World.” 63rd Annual Missouri Valley History Conference. Omaha, NE, March 2020 [canceled in light of the global pandemic]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HISTORY COURSES

INTRODUCTORY/SURVEY COURSES (ONLINE AND IN PERSON)

• *World History to 1500* • *Ancient and Medieval Europe* • *Ancient Greece I: Beginnings to the Peloponnesian War* • *Ancient Greece II: The Peloponnesian War to the Death of Cleopatra* • *Roman History I: Beginnings to the Death of Julius Caesar* • *Roman History II: Augustus to Justinian* • *Greece and Rome at War* • *War and Peace in Greece and Rome* • *Ancient Law and Society*

SEMINARS, INDEPENDENT STUDIES (IN PERSON)

• *Kingship and Queenship in the Ancient World* • *Sovereignty and the Ancient State* • *Legitimate Violence in the Ancient World* • *Ancient Warfare and Society* • *The Romans: Culture and Legacy* • *The Greek World: From the Bronze Age to the Coming of Islam* • *Warfare and State Formation in Premodern Western Eurasia* • *Military Campaigns and Military Theory in the Ancient World*

GRADUATE READING COURSE (IN PERSON)

• *Magic in the Iron Age: Greek and Near Eastern Contexts*

HISTORICAL METHODS COURSE (ONLINE)

• *Historical Thinking*

CIVILIZATION, LITERATURE, AND CULTURE COURSES (IN PERSON)

• *Greek Civilization 1: Early Greece* • *Greek Civilization 2: Classical Greece* • *Greek Civilization 3: Hellenistic Greece* • *Roman Civilization 1: The Roman Republic* • *Roman Civilization 2: The Early Roman Empire* • *Roman Civilization 3: The Later Roman Empire* • *Classical Mythology*

LANGUAGE COURSES

INTRODUCTORY (IN PERSON)

•*Beginning Latin*

SEMINAR (IN PERSON)

Sallust's Bellum Catilinae

STUDENT MENTORING

2022	Undergraduate Honor's Thesis director. Thesis subject: the origins of Etruscan religion
2021	Undergraduate Honor's Thesis director. Thesis subject: criminal courts and the concept of rights in republican Rome
2019–2020	Undergraduate Honor's Thesis director. Thesis subject: the third-century CE Tetrarchs and Sassanian Persia
2019	Undergraduate Honor's Thesis director. Thesis subject: early Mesopotamian demonology
2018	Undergraduate Honor's Thesis director. Thesis subject: early alphabetic scripts in Greece and the Near East

REFERENCES

Professor Emerita Margaret M. Miles Departments of Art History, Classics, and Visual Studies; University of California, Irvine; 949.824.3532; mmmiles@uci.edu

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Professor Barry Strauss Chair, Department of History; Cornell University; 607.255.6743; bss4@cornell.edu

Professor Emeritus Thomas F. Scanlon Department of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages; University of California, Riverside; 951.827.1462; thomas.scanlon@ucr.edu

Professor Emeritus Anthony Edwards Classical Studies Program; University of California, San Diego; 858.534.3143; aedwards@ucsd.edu