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Education

Ph.D., University of Michigan, 1984
Dissertation: *Freedmen in the Satyricon of Petronius* (directed by John H. D'Arms)
M.A., University of Michigan, 1979
B.A., Princeton University, 1978

Employment

Brown University (2003–)
W. Duncan MacMillan II Professor of Classics, 2009–
Professor of Classics and Professor of History, 2003–
Rutgers University (1993–2002)
Professor of Classics, 1997–2002
Associate Professor of Classics, 1993–1997
Harvard University (1984–1992)
Associate Professor of the Classics, 1989–1992
Assistant Professor of the Classics, 1984–1989

Visiting professorships

Brown University, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, 1992–1993
University of California, Berkeley, Visiting Professor, Departments of History and Classics, 2000
Princeton University, Visiting Professor, Department of Classics, 2002 (fall semester)

Short-term appointments

University of Queensland, Australia, R. D. Milns Visiting Professor, School of History, Philosophy,
Religion and Classics, May-June 2014
Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, Visiting Professor, May-June 2018
[Università degli Studi, Firenze, DILEF, Visiting Professor, November 2025]

Honors, awards, and fellowships

Fellow, American Academy in Rome, 1983
National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship, 1993
Resident, Bellagio Center, The Rockefeller Foundation, August 2002
Lucy Shoe Meritt Resident in Ancient Studies, American Academy in Rome, 2006
Salomon Research Award, Brown University, 2008
Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship, 2010
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Advanced Study, University of Warwick, 2012
University of Pennsylvania, Hyde Lecturer, Graduate Group in Ancient History, March 2013
Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2015
ACLS Fellowship, *The Ancient Roman Funeral*, 2015
Visiting International Fellow, University of Exeter, October 2015
Shanghai Thousand Talents Plan Scholar, Shanghai Normal University, 2020-2023

International Collaborations

French American Cultural Exchange, Partner University Fund Grant, with Michèle Brunet,
Université de Lyon II, HiSoMA/CNRS, for the project, *Visible Words: Research and Training in
Contextual Digital Epigraphy*, 2014-2017

Brown University/Università di Bologna Laboratorio congiunto di Epigrafia digitale/Joint Laboratory in Digital Epigraphy, with Alice Bencivenni and Alessandro Cristofori, Università di Bologna 2024-2026

Publications

Internet:

U. S. Epigraphy Project: <http://usepigraphy.brown.edu/projects/usep/collections/>
(Brown University, Providence 2003–).

Books:

Roman Brick Stamps in the Kelsey Museum (University of Michigan Press: Ann Arbor 1983)
Graveyards and Groves. A Study of the Lex Lucerina (*American Journal of Ancient History* 11)
(Cambridge, Mass. 1994)
Greek and Latin Inscriptions in the U.S.A.: A Checklist, with Stephen Tracy (The American Academy in Rome: Rome 1997)

Edited:

Epigraphic Evidence. Ancient History from Inscriptions (Routledge: London 2001)
(Polish translation, *Świadectwa epigraficzne: Historia starożytna w świetle inskrypcji*, by Anna Baziór, with an introduction by Leszek Mrozewicz and updated bibliography by Anna Baziór and Krzysztof Królczyk [University Adam Mickiewicz: Poznań 2008])
Household and Family Religion in Antiquity: Contextual and Comparative Perspectives, with Saul Olyan (Wiley-Blackwell: Oxford 2008; paperback ed. 2012)
Dediche sacre nel mondo Greco-Romano: Diffusione, funzioni, tipologie, with Mika Kajava (Institutum Romanum Finlandiae: Rome 2009)
Highways, Byways, and Road Systems in the Pre-Modern World, with Susan E. Alcock and Richard J. Talbert (Wiley-Blackwell: Oxford 2012)
Ancient Documents and their Contexts. First North American Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy (2011), with Nora Dimitrova (Brill Studies in Greek and Roman Epigraphy), Brill: Boston and Leiden 2015)
On Human Bondage: After Slavery and Social Death, with Walter Scheidel (Wiley-Blackwell: Oxford 2017)
The Hidden Language of Graphic Signs. Cryptic Writing and Meaningful Marks, with Stephen Houston (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge 2021)

Edited collections:

“Five Papers on Italy honoring Herbert Bloch”, with a bibliography of Bloch’s writings by John Bodel, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 13 (2000) 161–206 (papers by J. H. D’Arms; P. B. Harvey, jr.; R. T. Scott; E. M. Steinby; and S. Tuck offered to Herbert Bloch in celebration of his ninetieth birthday).

Articles and chapters in books:

“Missing Links: *Thymatulum* or *Tomaculum*?”, *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology* 92 (1989) 349–66.
“Trimalchio and the Candelabrum”, *Classical Philology* 84 (1989) 224–31.
“Thirteen Latin Funerary Inscriptions at Harvard University”, *American Journal of Archaeology* 96 (1992) 71–100.
“Chronology and Succession 1: *Fasti Capitolini* fr. XXXIId, the Sicilian Fasti, and the Suffect Consuls of 36 BC”, *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 96 (1993) 259–66.

- “Trimalchio’s Underworld”, in J. Tatum, ed., *The Search for the Ancient Novel* (Baltimore, 1994) 237–59.
- “Chronology and Succession 2: Notes on Some Consular Lists on Stone”, *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 105 (1995) 279–96.
- “Minicia Marcella: Taken Before her Time”, *American Journal of Philology* 116 (1995) 453–60; reprinted in *Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism* volume 62 (Thomson Gale: Farmington Hills, Michigan, 2003).
- “Monumental Villas and Villa Monuments”, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 10 (1997) 5–35.
- “Punishing Piso”, *American Journal of Philology* 120 (1999) 43–63.
- “The *Cena Trimalchionis*”, in H. Hofmann, ed., *Latin Fiction. The Latin Novel in Context* (Routledge: London 1999) 38–51.
- “Death on Display: Looking at Roman Funerals”, in B. Bergmann and C. Kondoleon, eds., *The Art of Ancient Spectacle* (Yale Univ. Press, Studies in the History of Art 56: Washington, D.C., 1999) 258–81.
- “Dealing with the Dead: Undertakers, Executioners, and Potter’s Fields in Ancient Rome”, in E. Marshall and V. Hope, eds., *Death and Disease in the Ancient City* (Routledge: London 2000) 128–51.
- “Epigraphy and the Ancient Historian”, in J. Bodel, ed., *Epigraphic Evidence. Ancient History from Inscriptions* (Routledge: London 2001) 1–56, 180–83.
- “A Brief Guide to Some Standard Collections”, in J. Bodel, ed., *Epigraphic Evidence. Ancient History from Inscriptions* (Routledge: London 2001) 153–74, 190.
- “*Omnia in nummis*: Money and the Monetary Economy in Petronius”, in G. Urso, ed., *Moneta, mercanti, banchieri. I precedenti greci e romani dell’Euro* (Fondazione Niccolò Canussio: Pisa 2003) 271–82.
- “*Captatio* at Croton: Petronius and Horace”, in J. Pucci ed., *O qui complexus et gaudia quanta fuerunt: Essays Presented to Michael C. J. Putnam by his Brown Colleagues on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday* (Providence 2003) 1–15.
- “Il punto di partenza. Le *leges*: prima edizione e successivi interventi a stampa”, and “Il punto d’arrivo. Le *leges*: nuove letture e integrazioni”, with Lucio Bove, Giuseppe Camodeca, Sergio Castagnetti, Hartmut Galsterer, and Silvio Panciera, in S. Panciera, ed. *Libitina e dintorni* (*Libitina* 3: Rome 2004) 39–54.
- “The Organization of the Funerary Trade at Puteoli and Cumae”, in S. Panciera, ed. *Libitina e dintorni* (*Libitina* 3: Rome 2004) 149–70.
- “Speaking *Signa* and the Brickstamps of M. Rutilius Lupus”, in C. Bruun, ed., *Interpretare i bolli laterizi di Roma e della valle del Tevere: produzione, storia economica, e topografia* (*Acta Instituti Romani Finlandiae* 32: Rome 2005) 61–94.
- “*Caveat emptor*: Towards a Study of Roman Slave Traders”, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 18 (2005) 181–95.
- “Cicero’s Minerva, *Penates*, and the Mother of the *Lares*. An Outline of Roman Domestic Religion”, in J. Bodel and S. M. Olyan, eds., *Household and Family Religion in Antiquity: Contextual and Comparative Perspectives* (Wiley-Blackwell: Oxford 2008) 248–75.
- “From *Columbaria* to Catacombs: Communities of the Dead in Pagan and Christian Rome”, in L. Brink and D. Greene, eds., *Commemorating the Dead: Texts and Artifacts in Context. Studies of Roman, Jewish and Christian Burials* (Walter De Gruyter: Berlin and New York 2008) 177–242.
- “*Genii loci* ed i mercati di Roma”, in M. L. Caldelli, G. L. Gregori, and S. Orlandi, eds., *Epigrafia 2006. Atti della XIV Rencontre sur l’epigraphie in onore di Silvio Panciera con altri contributi di colleghi, allievi e collaboratori* (*Tituli* 9) (Quasar: Rome 2008) 209–38.
- “‘Sacred Dedications’: A Problem of Definitions”, in J. Bodel and M. Kajava, eds., *Dediche Sacre nel Mondo Greco-Romano: Diffusione, funzioni, tipologie* (*Institutum Romanum Finlandiae*: Rome 2009) 17–41.

- “Epigraphy”, in A. Barchiesi and W. Scheidel, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Roman Studies* (Oxford Univ. Press: Oxford 2010) 107–22.
- “Kangaroo Courts: Rough Justice in the Roman Novel”, in F. De Angelis, ed., *Spaces of Justice in the Roman World* (E. J. Brill: New York 2010) 311–29.
- “Slave Labour and Roman Society”, in K. Bradley and P. Cartledge, eds., *The Cambridge World History of Slavery. Volume 1* (Cambridge Univ. Press: Cambridge 2011) 311–36.
- “Tombe e immobili: il caso dei *praedia Patulciana* (CIL X 3334)”, in L. Chioffi, ed., *Epigrafia e archeologia in Campania: letture storiche* (Istituto Italiano di Studi Filosofici: Naples 2011) 249–67.
- “Paragraphs, Punctuation, and System in Ancient Roman Script”, in S. Houston, ed., *The Shape of Script. How and Why Writing Systems Change* (School of Advanced Research: Santa Fe 2012) 63–90.
- “Latin Epigraphy and the IT Revolution”, in J. K. Davies and J. J. Wilkes, eds., *Epigraphy and the Historical Sciences (Proceedings of the British Academy 177)* (2012) 275–96.
- “Villaculture”, in J. A. Becker and N. Terrenato, eds., *Roman Republican Villas: Architecture, Context, and Ideology* (Univ. of Michigan Press: Ann Arbor 2012) 45–60.
- “Inscriptions and Literacy”, in C. Bruun and J. Edmondson, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Roman Epigraphy* (Oxford Univ. Press: Oxford 2014) 745–63.
- “The Life and Death of Ancient Roman Cemeteries. Living with the Dead in Imperial Rome”, in C. Häuber, F. X. Schütz, and G. M. Winder, eds., *Reconstruction and the Historic City: Rome and Abroad* (Beiträge zur Wirtschaftsgeographie München 6) (Munich 2014) 177–95.
- “Status Dissonance and Status Dissidents in the Equestrian Order”, in A. Kuhn, ed., *Social Status and Prestige in the Roman World* (Munich 2015) 29–44.
- “The Publication of Pliny’s Letters”, in I. Marchesi, ed., *Pliny the Book-Maker: Betting on Posterity* (Oxford Univ. Press: Oxford 2015) 13–108. DOI: [10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198729464.003.0002](https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198729464.003.0002)
- “Death and Social Death in Ancient Rome”, in J. Bodel and W. Scheidel, eds., *After Slavery and Social Death*, (Blackwell: Oxford 2017) 81–108.
- “Trimalchio’s cargo (Petr. 76, 6)”, in L. Chioffi, M. Kajava, S. Örmä, eds., *Il Mediterraneo e la storia II. Naviganti, popoli e culture ad Ischia e in altri luoghi della costa tirrenica* (Acta IRF 45) (Rome 2017) 75–87.
- “Roman Tomb Gardens”, in W. F. Jashemski†, K. L. Gleason, K. J. Hartswick, and A. Malek eds., *Gardens of the Roman Empire* (Cambridge Univ. Press: Cambridge 2018) 199–242. DOI: [10.1017/9781139033022.009](https://doi.org/10.1017/9781139033022.009)
- “Notes on the *elogium* of a benefactor at Pompeii,” with A. Bendlin, S. Bernard, C. Bruun, and J. Edmondson, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 32 (2019) 148–82.
- “Ancient Slavery and Modern Ideologies: Orlando Patterson and M. I. Finley among the Dons,” *Theory and Society* 48 (2019) 823–33. DOI: [10.1007/s11186-019-09366-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11186-019-09366-0)
- “*Liber Esto*: Free Speech at the Banquet of Trimalchio”, in S. Panayotakis and M. Paschalis, eds., *Slaves and Masters in the Ancient Novel* (Ancient Narrative Suppl. 23) (Barkhuis: Groningen 2019 [2020]) 161–80.
- “The semiotics of *signa* and the significance of signs in Roman stamps”, in J. Bodel and S. Houston, eds., *The Hidden Language of Graphic Signs. Cryptic Writing and Meaningful Marks*, (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge 2021) 173–98.
- “Documenting identity in the early Roman Empire”, in Scott DiGiulio, Inger Kuhn, and Jacqueline Arthur-Montagne, eds., *DocuMentality: New Approaches to Written Documents in Imperial Life and Literature* (De Gruyter: Berlin and Boston 2022) 35–56.
- “Machine Learning for Ancient Languages: A Survey,” with Thea Sommerschildt, Yannis Assael, and Ioannis Pavlopoulos (lead authors), Vanessa Stefanak, Andrew Senior, Chris Dyer, Jonathan Prag, Ion Androutsopoulos, and Nando de Freitas, *Computational Linguistics* 49.3 (2023) 703–47. doi: https://doi.org/10.1162/coli_a_00481

- “Epigraphic culture and the epigraphic mode,” in Rebecca Benefiel and Catherine Keesling, eds., *Inscriptions and the Epigraphic Habit* (Brill: Leiden and Boston 2023) 1-44.
- “Open scholarship: epigraphic corpora in the digital age,” with Jonathan Prag and Charlotte Roueché, in Pierre Fröhlich and Milagros Navarro Caballero, eds., *L'épigraphie au XXI^e siècle* (Ausonius: Bordeaux 2024) 91-118.
- “Not so funny after all: On deconstructing (and reconstructing) the text of Petronius”, in Dustin W. Dixon and Mary C. English, eds., *The Spirit of Aristophanes: Essays in Honor of Jeffrey Henderson* (Edinburgh Press: Edinburgh 2024) 178-203.
- “Libitina’s laborers: *praeficae* and the origins of the Roman funerary trade,” in Del Maticic and Jordan Rogers, eds., *Working Lives in Ancient Rome* (Palgrave MacMillan: New York 2024) 309-335.
- [“Gods of the Household and the Practice of Everyday Life in Ancient Rome”, forthcoming in Andreas Bendlin and Jitse Dijkstra (eds.), *Appropriation and Religion in the Greek and Roman Worlds* (Cambridge Univ. Press: Cambridge 2026)
- “Dialogues With the Dead: Reader Response in the Roman Graveyard”, forthcoming in Kaja Harter-Uibopuu, Leah Mascis, and Peter Schmidt, eds., *Inscribing Funerary Spaces* (Center for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, University of Hamburg Press: Hamburg 2026)
- “M. Venerius Secundio, Impresario: New Light on *Ludi* at Pompeii”, forthcoming in Jonathan Edmondson, James Sickinger and Georgios Tsolakis, eds., *Epigraphy and Civic Life in the Graeco-Roman World* (Brill-DeGruyter: Boston 2026)]

Reviews and review articles:

- “Patrons and Priests in Roman Society”, review article of A. Wallace-Hadrill, ed., *Patronage in Ancient Society* (London, 1989) and M. Beard and J. North, eds., *Pagan Priests* (Ithaca, 1990) *Echos du Monde Classique / Classical Views* 36 n.s. 11 (1992) 387-407.
- J. H. Humphrey, ed., *Literacy in the Roman World* (Ann Arbor, 1991), *Journal of Roman Studies* 83 (1993) 183-84.
- “Looking Up Roman Brickstamps”, review article of E. M. Steinby, *Indici complementari ai bolli doliari urbani (CIL XV, 1)* (Rome, 1987) and J. C. Anderson, *Roman Brickstamps. The Thomas Ashby Collection* (London, 1991) *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 6 (1993) 391-402.
- T. Wade Richardson, *Reading and Variant in Petronius: Studies in the French Humanists and their Manuscript Sources* (Phoenix Supplement) (Toronto, 1993), *Phoenix* 50 (1996) 74-77.
- R. Bracht Branham and D. Kinney, *Petronius. Satyricon*, translated and edited (Berkeley, 1996), *Classical Outlook* 74 (1997) 6-7.
- “Updating the *CIL* for Italy: part 3”, review article of *Supplementa Italica*, volumes 9-12 (Rome, 1992-1994) *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 11 (1998) 485-98.
- D. G. Kyle, *Spectacles of Death in Ancient Rome* (London, 1998), *Classical Review* 51 (2001) 347-49.
- “Updating the *CIL* for Italy: part 6”, review article of *Supplementa Italica*, volume 15 (Rome, 1997), *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 16 (2003) 482-94.
- H. Solin, *Die stadtrömischen Sklavennamen. Ein Namenbuch. Forschungen zur antiken Sklaverei, Beiheft 2* (Stuttgart, 1996) 3 vols, *Bryn Mawr Classical Reviews* 2003.01.03 [2,870 words].
- G. J. Oliver, ed., *The Epigraphy of Death* (Liverpool 2000), *Classical Review* 55 (2005) 324-26.
- E. Rebillard, *The Care of the Dead in Late Antiquity*. Transl. by E. T. Rawlings and J. Routier-Pucci. (Cornell Studies in Classical Philology 59) (Ithaca 2009), *American Historical Review* 116.1 (2011) 210-11.

- M. George, ed., *Roman Slavery and Roman Material Culture*. (Phoenix Supplementary Volume 52) (Toronto 2013), *Classical Review* (Nov. 2015) 1-3 (CJO 2015 doi:10.1017/S0009840X15002127).
- “The diaspora of ancient Greek and Latin inscriptions,” review article of C. Henriksén, *Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum et Latinarum Upsaliensis* (Stockholm 2013) and M. Peachin, ed. *Greek and Latin Inscriptions at New York University* (Rome 2014), *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 29 (2016) 762-69.
- “Religious history in the making”, review article of Jörg Rüpke, *Pantheon. A New History of Roman Religion* translated by David M. B. Richardson (Princeton 2018), *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 33 (2020) 581-91.
- Rodney Ast, Tino Licht, Julia Lougovaya (Edd.): *Uniformity and Regionalism in Latin Writing Culture of the First Millennium C.E.* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 2022; Philippika. 162), *Gnomon* 97.2 (2025) 275-78.

Short articles, notes, introductions, and translations:

- Contributor, *Latin Inscriptions in the Kelsey Museum*, M. W. Baldwin and M. Torelli, eds. (Ann Arbor, 1979) 59–70, 131–32.
- “Freedmen in the *Satyricon*: The Portrait of Hermeros”, *Petronian Society Newsletter* 16 (1986) 10.
- Contributor, *La collezione epigrafica dei Musei Capitolini. Inediti–revisioni–contributi al riordino*, S. Panciera, ed. (*Tituli* 6) (Rome, 1987) 234–36, 324–27.
- “Trimalchio’s Coming of Age”, *Phoenix* 43 (1989) 72–74.
- “A New Roman Brickstamp from Etruria”, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 3 (1990) 159–62.
- “Public Punishments at Puteoli (*AE*, 1971, 88)” Abstracts of the meeting of the Fédération Internationale des Associations d’Études Classiques, in Québec City, Canada (August 1994).
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- “Religious Personnel: Rome” and “Death, Afterlife and Other Last Things: Rome”, in S. I. Johnston, ed., *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide* (Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., 2004) 306–309, 489–92; translated into Farsi by Javad Firoozi (Teheran 2019).
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- Poster: “The U.S. Epigraphy Project, TEI P5, and Epidoc”, with Elli Mylonas and Heidi Wendt: a poster presented at the *Digital Humanities 2010* international conference, Kings College London, 7–10 July 2010.
- “Introduction”, with Susan Alcock and Richard Talbert, in S. E. Alcock, J. Bodel, and R. J. Talbert, eds., *Highways, Byways, and Road Systems in the Pre-Modern World*, (Wiley-Blackwell: Oxford 2012) 1-11.
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- “Inscriptions” and “Vesuvius”, in R. F. Thomas and J. Ziolkowski, eds., *The Virgil Encyclopedia* (Blackwell: Oxford 2013) 655-56, 1335.
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- “Romans in Appalachia: A Note from the U.S. Epigraphy Project,” in *ASGLE Bulletin* 25.1 (March 2022) 4-6.

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In development

- Book: *Making Roman Ancestors*
- eBook: *The Rediscovery of Rome and the Formation of the American Epigraphic Collection*
- “Roman teamsters: *muliones* and the (dis)organization of transport in the Roman empire”
- “The spiritual lives of Roman slaves”
- “Tacitus speaking”
- “Roman time tables”
- “A missing sausage-seller”
- “*Arcus Tiberii propter aedem Saturni*”
- 150 catalogue entries on “Tomb Gardens” around the Roman empire, to be published by Cambridge University Press and others as a digital Appendix to *Gardens of the Roman Empire* (2018)

Papers and Public Lectures

Public lectures

- USA (last five years only; full list available upon request): New York University, Center for Ancient Studies (October 2021); University of Miami Humanities Center (**keynote speaker**) (November 2022); University of Pennsylvania, Classics Colloquium (April 2024);
- UK: University of Exeter, (October 1995); British Epigraphy Society, University College, London (March 2006); **plenary session lecture**, XIII Congress of the Association Internationale d’Epigraphie Grecque et Latine, Oxford (September 2007); Warwick University (**keynote address**) (May 2012); University of Exeter (October 2015)
- Canada: York University, Toronto (May 1996); McMaster University (October 1998); University of British Columbia (March 2008); Istituto Italiano di Cultura (Vancouver) (March 2008); University of Toronto (March 2014); University of Manitoba, Winnipeg (**Edmund G. Berry lecture**) (March 2016); University of Toronto (November 2018); University of Ottawa (October 2022)
- Italy: Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, Rome (March 2000); British School at Rome (June 2001); École Française de Rome, Rome (2002); Fondazione Niccolò Canussio, Friuli (September 2002); Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies, Rome (July 2005); American Academy in Rome (March 2006); Università di Roma “La Sapienza”, Rome (October 2006); British School at Rome (June 2007); Istituto Italiano di Studi Filosofici, Naples (December 2008); Ischia (October 2015); American Academy in Rome (July 2016); Danish Academy at Rome (September 2016) (**keynote address**); Università di Siena (February 2017); Sapienza University of Rome (May 2018); American Academy in Rome (June 2018); Università di Bologna, Alma Mater Studiorum [via Zoom] (January 2021) (**keynote address**); Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (June 2024); Università di Bologna, Alma Mater Studiorum (November 2025)
- Netherlands: World Forum Convention Center, The Hague (Fourth European Social Science History Conference) (March 2002)
- Germany: Universität zu Köln (July 2005); Universität zu Bonn (July 2005); Kommission für alte Geschichte und Epigraphik, Munich (July 2005); Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (XIV Congressus Internationalis Epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae) (August 2012); Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Department für Geographie, Archäologisches Institut, (October 2012); Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Historisches Seminar (November 2012); Max Planck Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Dahlem, Berlin (May 2019); Universität zu Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (March 2023)
- Austria: Universität zu Salzburg (October 2011); Universität zu Wien (May 2015); Universität zu Wien (XV Congressus Internationalis Epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae), Vienna (August 2017)

Greece: University of Rethymno, Crete (May 2013)
 Romania: The Archaeological Institute “Vasile Pârvan”, Bucharest (June 2013)
 Australia: University of Queensland, Brisbane (May 2014); Macquarie University, Sydney (June 2014);
 University of Sydney (June 2014)
 New Zealand: Auckland University (June 2014); The Classical Association, Auckland (June 2014)
 France: Collège de France, Paris (September 2014); Université de Bordeaux, XVI Congressus Internationalis
 Epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae (**plenary session lecture**) (August 2022)
 Cambodia: Royal University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh (May 2016)
 Hungary: Central European University, Budapest (January 2017)
 People’s Republic of China: Shanghai Normal University (May 2021, by Zoom); Fudan University (Shanghai)
 (June 2021, by Zoom)

Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar

Animal Magnetism: The Emotional Ecology of Animals and Humans, Brown University, with co-directors
 of the Program in Early Cultures, Susan Alcock and Stephen Houston (2012-2014)

Conferences organized or co-organized (last ten years only; full list available upon request):

Second North American Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy, Berkeley (January 2016, with Emily
 Mackil, Carlos Noreña, Nikos Papazarkadas, et al., for the American Society of Greek and Latin
 Epigraphy)
Making a Mark: Graphs Beyond Language, Brown University (November 2016, with Steve Houston, for
 the Program in Early Cultures)
Association of Ancient Historians, Annual Meeting, Brown University (May 2017, with Graham Oliver)
Visible Words. Digital Epigraphy in a Global Context, Brown University (October 6-7, 2017)
XVI Congressus Internationalis Epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae (International Organizing Committee),
 Université de Bordeaux (August 2022)
*[Slavery and Humanity Revisited: The Impact of Slave Systems on Personal Experience (Symposium
 Vesuvianum)*, Villa Vergiliana, Cumae, Italy (with William Owens and Roberta Stewart) (October
 2026)]

Workshops, Round Tables, and Colloquia organized (last ten years only; full list available upon request):

“Visible Words” Workshop 1: Greece (Athens, Larissa, Thassos) (May 2015)
Hidden Writing, Brown University, Program in Early Cultures (with Steve Houston) (April 2016)
EpiDoc Workshop (with special attention to non-Mediterranean scripts: Sanskrit and Mayan), “Visible
 Words” Project, Rockefeller Library, Brown University (April 2016)
 “Visible Words” Workshop 2: Cambodia (Siem Reap, Angkor) (May 2016)
EpiDoc Workshop (with special attention to problems with non-alphabetic scripts, eastern cultural norms),
 “Visible Words” Project, Rockefeller Library, Brown University (October 2017)
 Society for Biblical Literature Epigraphy Workshop, Boston Museum of Fine Arts (November 2020)
 [cancelled due to COVID-19]
New England Ancient History Colloquium, Brown University (April 2022, with Graham Oliver)
The Gilded Collector: Copies, Casts, Fabrications and the Formation of American Taste (c. 1870-1940)
 Brown University (May 2025)

Conference papers (last five years only; full list available upon request)

*Annual meetings of the American Philological Association / Society for Classical Studies and the
 Archaeological Institute of America*
 . . . Washington, D.C. (2020) (AIA, SCS); Chicago (2021) (AIA, SCS)
 • Presider, general panel sessions: Chicago (2024) (AIA)

Annual meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature

San Diego (November 2024), SAMR panel “Reaching Far and Wide: Elite Values and Wider Social
 Interactions in Religious Settings across the Ancient Mediterranean”, respondent

Third North American Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy, Georgetown University (**keynote**) (January 2020)

ENCODE Project Conference, Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna (January 2021) (**keynote**, by Zoom)

Work/Life: Institutions, Subjectivities, and Human Resources in the Roman World, Centers for Ancient Studies, NYU and University of Pennsylvania (by Zoom) (October 2021)

XVI Congressus Internationalis Epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae (**plenary session lecture**), Université de Bordeaux (August 2022)

Appropriation: A New Approach to Lived Religious Experience in Antiquity, University of Ottawa (September 2022)

Inscribing Funerary Spaces, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, University of Hamburg (March 2023)

Fourth North American Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy, University of Chicago (January 2024)

La topografia sociale di Roma de del suo suburbio: nuovi approci, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (IN-ROME Workshop) (June 2024)

[*Networks and Norms*, Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, Bologna (November 2025)]

Ensuring Continuity in a World of Uncertainty and Risk: Taking Precaution and Making Provisions in the Roman World, University of Toronto, Mississauga (April 2026)]

Other presentations (last five years only; full list available upon request)

... “What History Looks Like” series, Department of History, Brown University (Feb. 2021); *Work/Life: Institutions, Subjectivities, and Human Resources in the Roman World* (Digital Workshop Series, Centers for Ancient Studies, New York University and University of Pennsylvania) (March 2021, by Zoom); *Abbreviations Workshop*, Merton College, University of Oxford (April 2023); *Bollologia: Una Giornata di Studio*, Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, Villa Lante, Rome (April 2023)

Other professional activities:

University service

Harvard University

Head Tutor, Department of the Classics, 1987–1990

Rutgers University

Undergraduate Director, 1994–1996; Graduate Director, 1996–1999;

Chairman, Department of Classics, 1996–2002

Brown University

History/Classics joint Ph.D. Program in Ancient History, Director, 2005–2012, 2016–2017 (acting)

Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Executive Committee, 2005–2013

Chair, Department of Classics, 2008–2012

Co-director, Program in Early Cultures (PEC), 2009–2017

Undergraduate Concentration Advisor, PEC, 2011–2015

Provost’s ad hoc Committee on Humanities Infrastructure, Chair, 2012–2013

Tenure, Promotions, and Appointments Committee, 2016–2019, Chair 2018–2019

Faculty Executive Committee’s ad hoc Committee to review the FEC, 2019 (fall)

Brown Travelers Lecturer, Amalfi Coast, June 2022

Academic Priorities Committee, 2022–2023

Committee on Faculty Equity and Diversity, 2024–2027

Provost’s Working Group on Faculty Compensation, 2024–2025

Directorships

U.S. Epigraphy Project (USEP), Director, 1995–.

Center of Digital Epigraphy (CoDE), co-director (with Michael Satlow), 2008–.

Editorial and Advisory boards:

[*Brill Studies in Greek and Roman Epigraphy*](#), co-director (with Adele Scafuro) Editorial Board, 2008–.

vol. 1 (2011); vols. 2-3 (2012); vols. 4-5 (2014); vols. 6-7 (2015); vols. 8-9 (2017); vols. 10-11 (2018); vols. 12-13 (2019); vols. 14-16 (2020); vol. 17 (2021); vols 18-21 (2023); vols. 24-25 (2025)

FORTVNA. A 3/4D-GIS Research Tool for the Study of Ancient Topography (University of Bonn, Christina Häuber and Franz Xaver Schütz) Collaborator, 2000-2006.
American Journal of Archaeology (Advisory Board) 2004–2013.
Digital Classicist (<http://www.digitalclassicist.org/>) 2005–.
Synkrisis: Comparative Approaches to Early Christianity in Greco-Roman Culture (Yale University Press, edited by Dale B. Martin and Laurence L. Welborn) 2006–.
Societies (<http://www.mdpi.com/journal/societies>) 2010–.
European Review of History / Revue Européenne d'histoire 2012–2018.
Studia Academica Šumensia (a Bulgarian journal of ancient history) 2014–.
 University of Exeter, *Centre for Connectivity in the Roman World* 2015–2020.
Acta Instituti Romani Finlandiae, International Advisory Board, 2018–.
Journal of Roman Archaeology, Advisory Board, 2020–
 IN-ROME (*The INscribed city: urban structures and interaction in imperial ROME*, ERC Advanced Grant, P.I. Barbara Borg), Advisory Board, 2021–.
International Dura Europus Archive (NEH Grant, P.I. Anne Chen), Advisory Board, 2022–

Short-term appointments

American Academy in Rome
 Assistant Director, American Academy Summer Session, 1983
 Co-director (with Richard Saller), NEH Summer Seminars for College Teachers:
 “The Roman Family and Household”, 1991
 “Death, Commemoration, and Society in Ancient Rome”, 1995
 Director, AAR Summer Program in Roman Epigraphy, 2016, 2018, [2020 cancelled: COVID-19]
 University of Oxford, Center for the Study of Ancient Documents
 Co-director (with Graham Oliver), British Epigraphy Society Summer School, 2004

Professional organizations:

American Academy in Rome
 Executive Committee of the School of Classical Studies, 1994–1997; Trustee, 1999–2001; Chair, Ancient Studies Jury, 2000, 2001, 2019; Lucy Shoe Merritt Resident in Ancient Studies, 2006
 American Philological Association / Society for Classical Studies (from 2013)
 Placement Committee, 1985–1986; Committee on Research, 1994–1997; Committee on Professional Matters, 2000–2003; Nominating Committee, 2005–2008; Task Force on Summer Seminars (Chair), 2010–2011; Committee on Publications, 2011–2012; Committee on Publications and Research 2012–2015; Task Force on Cultural Property, 2017-2018; Finance Committee, 2017-2020
 American Society of Greek and Latin Epigraphy
 Executive Committee, 1995–2005, 2007–2017; Vice-President, 1996–1998, 2011-2013; President, 1999–2000, 2014-2015; Past President, 2001-2002, 2016-2017
 Association Internationale d'Épigraphie Grecque et Latine
Comité, 2008–2012, 2018–2027; Epigraphy Workshop Committee, 2009-2012; Vice-President, 2013-2017; CIEGL 2022 (Bordeaux) Organizing Committee, 2019-2022
 Women's Classical Caucus, Mentor, 2009–2012
 International Catacomb Society, Board of Directors, Member, 2014–
 Chair, Shohet Fellowship Committee, 2015, 2022

Lifetime memberships: American Philological Association (Society for Classical Studies), American Association of University Professors, American Society of Greek and Latin Epigraphy, Archaeological Institute of America, Association Internationale d'Épigraphie Grecque et Latine.

Assessment and evaluation:

International

Italy: Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca / Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes: (VQR 2004-2010) 2012–2016; (VQR 2015-2019), 2021-2025; Scuola Normale Pisa (2023)
Greece: Elector, Department of Philology, Division of Classical Studies, University of Crete, 2014-2016

Foundation, fellowship, and prize committees:

Stinnecke Prize Committee (Princeton University), 1987–1991
Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities, Campus Representative, Harvard University, 1988–1991
American Academy in Rome, Classical Jury, 1999; Chairman, 2000, 2001, 2019
Loeb Classical Library Foundation, Judge, 2002–2008
George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation, Board of Administration, 2011–2015
Anvil Academic and Dickinson College Commentaries, ‘Visualizing the Classics’ Prize, Reviewer, 2013
International Catacomb Society, Shohet Fellowship Award Jury, Chair, 2015, 2022

Academic review (visiting) committees

Wellesley College, Departments of Greek and Latin, October 1997
Princeton University, Department of Classics Advisory Council, spring 1998, 2008, 2011 (Chair)
Georgetown University, Department of Classics (Chair), April 2001
Emory University, Department of Classics (Chair), November 2007
Harvard University, Department of the Classics, February 2010
Barnard College, Department of Classics, December 2013
University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Classics (Chair), February 2014
University of Michigan, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, October 2014
Columbia University, Department of Classics, February 2017

Foreign organizations:

Evaluation of grant and fellowship applications and nominations:
Austria: Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung (Austrian Science Fund)
Canada: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; The Royal Society of Canada
Europe: European Research Council
Finland: Suomen Kulttuurirahasto (Finnish Ministry of Culture)
Germany: Volkswagen Stiftung; Gerda Henkel Stiftung
Switzerland: Schweizerischer Nationalfonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung (Swiss National Science Foundation)
U.K.: Arts and Humanities Research Board; Leverhulme Trust

Evaluation of fellowship nominations and grant applications for the American Academy in Berlin, the American Academy in Rome, the American Council of Learned Societies, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the British Academy, the Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, the Institute for Advanced Study, The Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto, the Loeb Classical Library Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Humanities Center, the Rockefeller Foundation.

Evaluation of manuscripts and book proposals for Bedford St. Martins Press, Blackwell Publishing, Cambridge University Press, Cornell Classical Studies, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Pennsylvania State University Press, University of Edinburgh Press, University of Exeter Press, University of Michigan Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Oklahoma Press, University of Texas Press, *Acta Instituti Romani Finlandiae*, *The American Journal of Archaeology*, *The American Journal of Ancient History*, *Ancient Narrative*, *Arctos*, *Athenaeum*, *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies*, *Classical Antiquity*, *Classical Philology*, *Classical World*, *East Asian Journal of Classical Studies*, *Estudios de Filosofía*, *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*, *Illinois Classical Studies*, *The Journal of*

*Archaeological Science: Reports, Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology, Journal of Roman Archaeology, Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome, Museum History Journal, Nature, Phoenix, **Studia Patristica**, Transactions of the American Philological Association, and various edited volumes.*