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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025 (September 2022 – present)

Associate Teaching Professor of Ancient History

Director of Undergraduate Studies

University of Missouri, Department of History, Columbia, Missouri

2021 (August 2019 – August 2021)

Assistant Teaching Professor of Ancient History

University of Missouri, Department of History, Columbia, Missouri

Adjunct Professor in Classics, Archaeology, and Religion

University of Missouri, Department of Classics, Archaeology, and Religion, Columbia, Missouri

2019 (August 2015 - August 2019)

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Roman History

University of Missouri, Department of History, Columbia, Missouri

2015 (January 2015 – July 2015)

Lecturer in Ancient History

University of California – Los Angeles, Department of History, Los Angeles, California

EDUCATION

2014

University of California – Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

Ph.D., History, December 19, 2014

Fields: Roman History (Ronald Mellor)

Greek History (David Phillips)

Classical Archaeology and Material Culture (Elizabeth Colantoni, Robert Gurval)

Late Antiquity (Claudia Rapp, Ra'anan Boustan)

Dissertation: “Staring into the Face of Roman Power: Resistance and Assimilation from behind the Mask of *Infamia*,” **December 19, 2014**

Committee: Ronald Mellor (Chair), David Phillips, and Robert Gurval

C.Phil., History, 2011; M.A., History, March 2009

2007

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

M.A., History, June 2007; B.A., History, Departmental Honors, 2005

1993

Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California

B.A., Economics and Government

CURRENT RESEARCH

Manuscripts and Monographs:

2025 (in preparation)

Divide and Conquer: Servile Tradition and the Myth of Liberty in Ancient Rome

2025 (in preparation)

The Cicolano in Antiquity and the San Martino Site at Torano di Borgorose (Rieti) ed. Colantoni, Colantoni, Lucidi, and Stevens

Archaeology and Material Culture Studies:

2024 (ongoing)

Director: MU Global Research Study Abroad Program - Field School in Italy

Co-Director: Monteleone Sabino Archaeological Field School at Trebula Mutuesca, Italy

Established and am co-directing a new archaeological field school and study abroad program as a collaborative effort between the University of Missouri and the University of Rochester. Excavation will be ongoing for at least three years at the ancient Roman town and amphitheater at Trebula Mutuesca near the modern town of Monteleone Sabino for the Italian archaeological superintendency. Undergraduate students are provided with hands-on training in archaeological field and laboratory work, including remote sensing in archaeology, on-site surveying, excavation techniques, field documentation, and artifact identification and processing. Students will also receive training in Public History and Museum Studies, where excavated materials from the program will be processed and put on display at the Museo Archeologico Trebula Mutuesca, Italy.

2021 (2008 - 2021)

Assistant Field Director, Numismatist: San Martino Field School, Torano di Borgorose, Italy

Staff position for an ongoing excavation of a Roman villa in central Italy. Undergraduate students are provided with hands-on training in archaeological field and laboratory work, including remote sensing in archaeology, on-site surveying, excavation techniques, field documentation, and artifact identification and processing. Excavated materials currently on display at the Museo Archeologico Cicolano (MAC) in Corvaro di Borgorose, Italy. Field School Director: Elizabeth Colantoni, University of Rochester, New York.

TEACHING POSITIONS AND COURSE OFFERINGS

University of Missouri - Columbia, Department of History, Columbia, Missouri

2021-present

Associate Teaching Professor:

“Introduction to the Ancient World” [HIST 1520], Fall 2024, Fall 2019-2022
“Topics in History: Ancient Slavery” [HIST 2004.2], Spring 2021
“Ancient Sport and Spectacle” [HIST 2510], Spring 2024
“Honors Humanities Sequence” [GN HON 2111H], Fall 2023
“The World of Pompeii” [AMS 2450/2450H – online], Spring 2021
“Sophomore Seminar: History of Violence and Inequality” [HIST 2950], Spring 2021
“The History of Ancient Egypt” [HIST 3505] Fall 2024, 2022
“The Ancient Greek World” [HIST 3510], Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019,
“Ptolemaic Egypt” [HIST 3515], Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2020
“The Roman World” [HIST 3520], Spring 2022, Spring 2020
“The Hellenistic World” [HIST 3530], Spring 2022, Fall 2020
“The Rise and Fall of the Roman Republic” [HIST 4520/7520], Fall 2024, 2022, 2020
“The Roman Empire” [HIST 4530/7530], Spring 2025, 2023, 2021, 2019
“The Later Roman Empire” [HIST 4540/7540], Fall 2023, 2021, 2019
“Internships in History” [HIST 4940] Department Internships 2021-present
“Global Research: Italy Field School” [HIST 4950RI /4950H/4955RI/4956) 2024-26

2015-2019

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow:

“Introduction to the Ancient World” [HIST 1520], Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
“Topics in History: Political Violence, Inequality, Rebellion” [HIST 2004.3], Spring 2019
“Topics in History: Sport and Spectacle in the Ancient World” [HIST 2004.1], Spring 2017
“Topics in History: Slavery in the Ancient World” [HIST 2004.2], Spring 2016
“The Roman World” [HIST 3520], Spring 2018
“The Rise and Fall of the Roman Republic” [HIST 4520/7520], Fall 2018, Fall 2016
“The Roman Empire” [HIST 4530/7530], Spring 2019, Spring 2017
“The Later Roman Empire” [HIST 4540/7540], Fall 2017, Spring 2016
“The Age of Alexander” [HIST 4004], 2017 – 2018 [self-paced online: recurring]
“The Roman Revolution” [HIST 4520/7520], Fall 2015
“Warfare, Imperialism, and Slavery in the Ancient World” [HIST4971WI], Spring 2018

University of California – Los Angeles, Department of History, Los Angeles, California
2015

Lecturer: “Sport and Spectacle in the Ancient World”

2007-2012

Teaching Fellow: Advanced Writing Courses in Historical Methodology

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT AND ONLINE INSTRUCTION TRAINING:

University of Missouri – Columbia

2020-2022

Provost’s Outstanding Junior Faculty Teaching Award, University of Missouri, 2022

Teaching Development Award, Department of History, April 26, 2021

Certificate of Achievement: University of Missouri System Teaching Scholars Program UMTS Program 2020-2021: Developed a research project in the emergent Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) field at the conclusion of the cohort-based program. The yearly program included multiple systemwide meetings and activities, in addition to monthly MU cohort meetings, all designed to facilitate the organization of a research project and presentation related to a specific teaching or learning challenge.
UMTS Certificate of Achievement: May 7, 2021

2020 (Summer 2020)

Online Teaching Foundations: MU College of Arts & Science, Course Design and Technology Completed online instruction program to implement new approaches in online and blended courses to emphasize active learning and collaborative exercises consistent with the Teaching for Learning (TFL) models promoted at MU. Five-year certification.
University of Missouri – A&S, *Certificate of Completion:* November 23, 2020

PUBLICATIONS:

Book Chapters/Articles:

2025 (forthcoming)

“Alla scoperta del Cicolano nell’antichità: testimonianze di età eneolitica, romana e altomedievale dagli scavi dell’Università di Rochester (New York) a San Martino di Torano (Borgorose, Rieti)” in *Archeologia in Sabina* (Roma, 2025), pp. 42-62. Co-authored with Elizabeth Colantoni, Gabriele Colantoni, Julia Granato.

2024

“Viabilità e vita commerciale nel Cicolano in età romana e tardo antica: il caso di San Martino (Torano di Borgorose, Rieti)” Atti del Convegno Tredicesimo Incontro di Studi sul Lazio e La Sabina in *Lazio e Sabina* 13 (Edizioni Quasar, Roma, 2024), pp. 133-139. Co-authored with E. Colantoni, G. Colantoni, Francesca Lezzi.
(ISBN 978-88-5491-505-3)

2023

“Changing Trade Routes in Late Antique and Early Medieval Cicolano: Evidence of Adriatic and Other Imports at the San Martino site (Torano di Borgorose, Rieti, Italy)” in *TRADE: Transformations of Adriatic Europe, 2nd-9th c.* (Archaeopress 2023), pp. 394-400. Co-authored with Elizabeth Colantoni, Gabriele Colantoni, Maria Rosa Lucidi, and Francesco Tommasi.
(ISBN 978-953-6064-23-6: ISBN 978-953-331-092-3)

2021

“L’insediamento rustico d’età romana e tardo-antica a San Martino di Torano (Borgorose, Rieti): le campagne di scavo 2016-2017” in *Il Fucino e le aree limitrofe nell’antichità*, (Atti del V Convegno di Archeologia [Castello Orsini – Avezzano] 2021), pp. 423-433. Co-authored with E. Colantoni, G. Colantoni, M.R. Lucidi, and F. Tommasi.
(ISBN 979-12-210-1321-4)

2017

“L’insediamento rustico d’età romana e tardo-antica a San Martino di Torano (Borgorose, Rieti): lo stato delle ricerche” Atti del Convegno in *Lazio e Sabina* 11, 2017, pp. 239-242. Co-authored with E. Colantoni, G. Colantoni, M.R. Lucidi, and F. Tommasi. (ISBN 978-88-7140-733-3)

2015

“La ceramica dai contesti tardo antichi di San Martino di Torano (Borgorose RI)” in *Le forme della crisi. Produzioni ceramiche e commerce nell’Italia centrale tra Romani e Longobardi (III-VIII sec. d.C.)*, Atti del Convegno (Spoleto-Campello sul Clitunno), edited by Enrico Cirelli, Francesca Diosono and Helen Patterson, Ante Quem, Bologna, 2015, pp. 493-498. Co-authored with E. Colantoni, G. Colantoni, M.R. Lucidi, and F. Tommasi. (ISBN 978-88-7849-9)

Book Reviews:

2018

Oxford University Press textbook review (with honorarium) of Mathisen, R., *Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations: From Prehistory to 640 CE*, 3rd ed. (Oxford, 2021).

2017

Review of Hubbard, B., *Gladiator: Fighting for Life, Glory and Freedom* (London, Amber Books Ltd., 2015) in *Res Militares* (ISSN 1533-4708 Volume 17, Issue 1, May 2017) pp. 13-14.

2013

Routledge sourcebook review (with honorarium) of Mellor, R., *The Historians of Ancient Rome: An Anthology of the Major Writings*, 3rd ed. (Routledge, 2013).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES

2025

“Old and New Excavations in the Sanctuary of Feronia at Trebula Mutuesca,” at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Jan 3, 2025

2024

“La ripresa degli scavi nell’area del santuario di Feronia e nuovi saggi nell’area dell’anfiteatro,” at the Archeologia in Sabina 2024 event hosted at the Trebula Mutuesca site at Monteleone Sabino, Italy: August 8, 2024

2023

“Alla scoperta del Cicolano nell’antica: gli scavi a San Martino di Torano di Borgorose,” at the Archeologia in Sabina 2023 event hosted at the Trebula Mutuesca site at Monteleone Sabino, Italy: July 29, 2023

2021

Contributor for a presentation on materials from San Martino Archaeological Field School for the conference "Il fucino e le aree limitrofe nell'antichità. V Convegno di Archeologia" in Avezzano, Italy: November 6-7, 2021

2017

Presider for the panel on 'Moral Restoration' for international conference "Domitian's Rome and the Augustan Legacy" hosted by the Department of Ancient Mediterranean Studies at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri: September 1-2, 2017

2016

"Breaking the Chains of Servitude: Roman Spectacle, Performance, and the Epigraphic Reclamation of Identity in an Arena of Social Death," Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington: May 5-7, 2016

"Border War and Disruption at San Martino: Trade Network Transformation in Late Antique Central Italy," AIA (American Institute of Archaeology) Central Missouri Society Lecture Series, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri: April 7, 2016

"Changing Trade Routes in Late Antique and Early Medieval Cicolano: Evidence from the San Martino Site (Torano di Borgorose, Rieti, Italy)," (co-authored with E. Colantoni, G. Colantoni, M.R. Lucidi, and F. Tommasi), poster presented at Transformations of Adriatic Europe (2nd - 9th c.) Trade Conference, Zadar, Croatia: February 11-13, 2016

2015

"Revealing the Face of the Roman Gladiator: Breaking the Chains of *Infamia* in an Arena of Social Death," Arnold Fund invited lecture with honorarium, Classical Civilizations Department, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington: November 20, 2015

"Staring into the Face of Roman Power," invited lecture, Department of History, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida: April 22, 2015

2014

"L'insediamento rustico d'età romana e tardo-antica a San Martino di Torano (Borgorose, RI): lo stato delle ricerche," (co-authored with E. Colantoni, G. Colantoni, M.R. Lucidi, and F. Tommasi), poster presented in Rome for the "Lazio e Sabina" conference held at the Istituto Olandese a Roma, Italy: June 4, 2014

2013

"The Face behind the Mask of the Roman Gladiator," invited lecture with honorarium, Department of Religion and Classics, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York: December 6, 2013

"Texting the Gods: The Power of Epigraphy as a Focal Point in Roman Religion," Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio: May 16-19, 2013

2012

"La ceramica dai contesti tardo antichi di San Martino di Torano (Borgorose RI)" (co-authored with Elizabeth Colantoni, Gabriele Colantoni, Maria Rosa Lucidi, and Francesco Tommasi),

poster presented at “Le forme della crisi. Produzioni ceramiche e commerce nell’Italia centrale tra Romani e Longobardi” conference organized by the British School at Rome, the Università di Bologna, and the Università di Perugia, and held in Spoleto – Campello sul Clitunno, Italy: October 5-7, 2012

“The Cult of Nemesis: From a Goddess of Wrath to a Guardian of Civic Virtue,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina: May 4-6, 2012

2011

“Spartacus and Gladiators in the Arena of Cable Television,” Betty Coate Award, Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pennsylvania: May 6-8, 2011

2006

“Reflecting Roman History through the Opulent Mirror: Morality and Luxury as Instruments of Political Propaganda in the Historiography of Livy and Velleius,” Annual University of Oregon History Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon: May 28, 2006

MEDIA PROFILE - PROFESSIONAL HISTORICAL CONSULTATION:

2023-present

Historical Consultant: “[Spartacus: House of Ashur](#)” Season One on Starz (Fall 2025)

2024

Featured Guest for ‘The Ozymandias Project: The Reading Party’ Podcast:

<https://www.theozymandiasproject.com/thereadingpartypodcast/episode/86c57a90/spartacus-2010> In this podcast, I discussed my past work on select episodes of *Spartacus: Blood and Sand* involving modern media portrayals and reception of a variety of themes presented in the show, from state sanctioned violence, to portrayals of various groups within the Roman hierarchical system, including the complex hierarchy within the institutions of slavery and gladiatorial games in the ancient Roman world. *Podcast release date:* December 3, 2024

2021

Featured Guest for ‘The Ozymandias Project: Connecting Modern Societies to Ancient Worlds’ Podcast: <https://www.theozymandiasproject.com/podcast-guests/-dr.-jeffrey-stevens>

In this podcast, I discussed recent issues and trends in academia within the fields of ancient history, classics, and archaeology. This included an examination of some of the new approaches to integrate diverse subjects, topics, and materials into the classroom. The Ozymandias Project’s mission is to connect modern societies to ancient worlds by facilitating conversations about the ancient world through the lens of contemporary storytelling and to improve and expand accessibility to information about the ancient world and the people who are influenced by it. *Podcast release date:* November 10, 2021

2017

Historical Consultant: “Roman Empire: Reign of Blood” (Season One), 2016-17 NETFLIX Stephen David Studios. Served as a historical consultant and appeared on camera in multiple episodes for the docudrama series on the reign of the Emperor Commodus.

Historical Consultation: “Origins: The Journey of Humankind” (Episode Two), NAT GEO Worked with television production team to provide additional historical context and background on Galen of Pergamum with respect to the development of ancient medicine and Galen’s time as the chief physician at a gladiator school during the 2nd century CE.

2013 (2008-2013)

Historical Consultant: “Spartacus: Blood and Sand” (Season One), 2008-10 STARZ
“Spartacus: Gods of the Arena” (Prequel), 2010 STARZ
“Spartacus: Vengeance” (Season Two), 2010-12 STARZ
“Spartacus: War of the Damned” (Season Three), 2012-13 STARZ
Ghost House Pictures and DeKnight Productions. Served in a consultation capacity to provide staff writers and executives with information on the ancient Roman world to include in the fictional television series of Spartacus.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2024-present

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History

Review Board Member: Missouri Higher Education Core Transfer Curriculum (CORE 42)
State of Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

Member: University of Missouri, A&S, CIA Committee, 2022-2023

Member: University of Missouri, A&S, Non-Tenure Track (NTT) Committee, 2019-2023

Member: University of Missouri, A&S, Humanities Working Group, 2024-present

Faculty Award Review Member: Provost’s Junior Faculty Teaching Award, 2022-2024

Visiting Fellow in Assessment: College Board Advanced Placement Exam, 2022-2023

2021

Chair: Fordyce Mitchel Lecture Series Committee, University of Missouri, 2017-present

Organized 2024 Fordyce Mitchel Memorial Lecture Series, April 23-26, 2024

Prof. Sara Forsdyke, University of Michigan

Organized 2022 Fordyce Mitchel Memorial Lecture Series, April 11-15, 2022

Prof. John Lee, University of California - Santa Barbara

Organized 2018 Fordyce Mitchel Memorial Lecture Series, October 8-12

Prof. Paul Christesen, Dartmouth College and Cambridge Life Fellow

President: Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) - Central Missouri Society, 2018-2021

Organized Lectures and Guest Speakers:

Prof. Rebecca Flemming, U Cambridge, April 6, 2021 (AIA Joukowsky Lecture)
Prof. Jon Frey, Michigan State University, March 8, 2021 (AIA Young Lecture)
Prof. Kristina Killgrove, U North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Oct 2020 (Society Lecture)
Prof. John Dobbins, U Virginia, February 27, 2020 (AIA Lecture Series)
Prof. Kroum Batchvarov, U Connecticut, November 20, 2019 (AIA Taggart Lecture)
Prof. Charles Stewart, U of Saint Thomas, October 17, 2019 (Society Lecture)
Prof. Alison Futrell, U Arizona, April 11, 2019 (AIA Joukowsky Lecture)
Prof. Nathan Elkins, Baylor University, September 27, 2018 (Society Lecture)
Prof. Kathleen Lynch, U Cincinnati, September 13, 2018 (AIA Kantor Lecture)

Member: Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), Lectures Committee, 2020-present

Vice-Chair: Ad Hoc Committee on Mentoring, Association of Ancient Historians, 2017-2022

2018 (2015-2018)

Committee Representative: Ancient Studies Program, University of Missouri, 2015-18

Prof. Donald Kyle, U Texas, El-Paso, March 9, 2017 (MU Public Lecture)

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Completed Graduate Degrees:

2024 (2019-2024)

Member: Dissertation Committee for Robert Carpenter [Classics, Archaeology, and Religion]
“The Comic Aner: The Family Man in Athenian Old Comedy,” completed and defended for Ph.D. on April 16, 2024

2021 (2020-2021)

Member: Master of Arts Committee for Kell Miklas [Classics, Archaeology, and Religion]
Research Portfolio Defense completed for M.A. on Dec 3, 2021

Member: Master of Arts Committee for Cheyenne Eversole [Ancient Mediterranean Studies]
Research Portfolio Defense completed for M.A. on May 11, 2021

2020 (2018-2020)

Outside Member: Dissertation Committee for Robert Darby, University of Missouri, 2018-20
“Bathing on the Edge of Empire: Regional Variation and Local Adaptation in the Late Roman Military Bathhouses of Arabia/Palaestina” completed and defended for Ph.D. on February 7, 2020

Outside Member: Master of Arts Committee for Olivia Lockett, University of Missouri, 2019-20
Research Portfolio Defense completed for M.A. on April 24, 2020

Outside Member: Master of Arts Committee for Michael Sullivan, University of Missouri, 2019
Research Portfolio Defense completed for M.A. on December 5, 2019

2017 (2015-2017)

Member: Dissertation Committee for Joshua Nudell, University of Missouri, 2015-17
“Centered on the Periphery: the changing dynamic between Ionia and Imperial Power 454-c.294 BCE” completed and defended for Ph.D. on April 10, 2017

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

2024 (2022-2024)

Supervisor: Undergraduate Honors Thesis for Ian ‘CJ’ Scott, University of Missouri, 2023-24
“Belisarius: The Sword of Byzantium - A Thesis on Military Strategy, Political Influence and Imperial Restoration,” April 30, 2024

2017 (2016-2017)

Supervisor: Undergraduate Honors Thesis for Conor Fagan, University of Missouri, 2016-17
“King of All the Arabs: Examining the development of Arab-Roman frontier relations and the role of the *Limes Arabicus* in the 2nd and 3rd centuries CE,” May 3, 2017

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Provost’s Outstanding Junior Faculty Teaching Award, University of Missouri, 2021
University of Missouri Teaching Scholars Program, *Certificate of Completion*, May 7, 2021
Teaching Development Award, Department of History, University of Missouri, April 26, 2021
Herma and Celia Wise Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA, 2013-14
Millennium Scholar Award, UCLA, 2013-14
Scott Olken Award, Research Travel Fellowship, UCLA, 2011-13
Herma and Celia Wise Fellowship, UCLA, 2012-13
Betty Coate Award, Association of Ancient Historians, 2011
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA, 2010
Chancellor’s Prize Fellowship, Department of History, UCLA, 2007
Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of History, University of Oregon, 2005-07
Dean’s List, University of Oregon, 2003-05

GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

2009 (2007 – 2009)

Field Representative: Ancient History, UCLA, History Graduate Student Association, 2009
Member: UCLA, History Graduate Student Association, 2007

2007 (2005 – 2007)

President: University of Oregon History Guild, 2006-07
Member: University of Oregon History Guild, 2005-06

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Latin

Greek
Italian
German
French

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member: American Historical Association, 2006 - present
Member: Archaeological Institute of America, 2007 - present
Member: Society for Classical Studies, 2014 - present
Member: Association of Ancient Historians, 2010 - present
Member: Society of Ancient Military Historians, 2016 - present
Member: American Philological Association, 2007-14