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I) Academic Career

A) Education

B.A. Chemistry (minor Ancient History) with Honors, Swarthmore College, June 1984
(Robert F. Pasternack, David Sidney, Peter A. Hunt, Elizabeth A. Snowden, J. Gibbs, "Interactions of water-soluble porphyrins with Z-poly(dG-dC)," *Nucleic Acids Research* 14.9 (1986) 3927–3943.)

M.A. Classics, University of Colorado, Boulder, June 1988

Scholar Exchange Program, Princeton University, 1990–91

Ph.D. Classics, Stanford University, September 1994

B) Academic Positions

Vassar College: Visiting Assistant Professor, 1996–97

Davidson College: Visiting Assistant Professor, 1997–99

Harvard University: Visiting Associate Professor, Spring 2009

University of Colorado Boulder:

Assistant Professor, 2000–2004, Associate Professor, 2004–2011, Professor 2011–

Associate Chair for Graduate Studies 2003–2007, Chair 2009–2012, Associate
Chair for Graduate Studies 2020–2024

II) Scholarship

A) Books

Slaves, Warfare, and Ideology in the Greek Historians, Cambridge University Press, 1998.
Paperback reprint, 2002. Chapter 7 reprinted in *Classical and Medieval Literature
Criticism* 117 (2010).

Selected reviews: *Slavery and Abolition* 20 (1999) 137–138, *AHR* 106.1 (2001), and *CP* 94 (1999) 461–466.

War, Peace, and Alliance in Demosthenes' Athens. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Winner of the Kayden Book Prize (University of Colorado).

Selected reviews: *BMCR* 2010.10.57, *Scripta Classica Israelica* 30 (2011) 141–144, *JHS* 131 (2011) 212–215,
and *CR* 61.2 (2011) 536–7.

Ancient Greek and Roman Slavery. Wiley-Blackwell, 2018.

Selected review: *BMCR* 2018.09.53.

Plutarch: Phocion. Translation and Commentary. Proposal in preparation for Oxford University Press's *Clarendon Ancient History Series*.

B) Peer-Refereed Journal Articles

"The Helots at the Battle of Plataea," *Historia* 46.2 (1997): 129–44.

"The Slaves and the Generals of Arginusae," *American Journal of Philology* 123.3 (2001): 363–84.

"Confiscating people: wealthy wives and the female slaves missing from the Attic *stelai*," in press for *Classical Antiquity* 44.1 (2025).

"The gender of fugitive slaves in the classical world," in preparation.

"The geography of memory in Plutarch's *Phocion*," in preparation.

"Slavery in Plutarch's *Lives* and essays," in preparation.

C) Invited Chapters and Articles

The Macmillan Encyclopedia of World Slavery (ed. Paul Finkelman and Joseph C. Miller), Macmillan Reference, 1998: articles on the following: Concubinage (500 words), Familia Caesaris (500 words), Freedmen, Roman (1500 words), Manumission, Roman (2000 words), Miners (1000 words), Peculium (250 words), Spartacus (750 words).

"Lindsay Davis: Falco, Cynical Detective in a Corrupt Roman Empire," in *The Detective as Historian: History and Art in Historical Crime Fiction* (ed. Ray B. Browne and Lawrence A. Kreiser), Popular Press, 2000, pp. 32–44.

"Arming Slaves and Helots in Classical Greece," in *Arming Slaves: From Classical Times to the Modern Age* (ed. Christopher Leslie Brown and Philip D. Morgan), Yale University Press, 2006, pp. 14–39.

"Warfare," in *Brill's Companion to Thucydides* (ed. Antonios Rengakos and Antonios Tsakmakis), E. J. Brill, 2006, 385–413.

"Military Forces," in *The Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare* (ed. Philip Sabin, Hans Van Wees, and Michael Whitby), Cambridge University Press, 2007, pp. 108–146.

"War and Society," in *The Oxford Handbook of Hellenic Studies* (ed. George Boys-Stones, Barbara Graziosi, Phiroze Vasunia), Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. 226–237.

"Slavery: Slavery in Greece," (vol. VI, pp. 318–322) "Slavery: Slavery in Rome," (vol. VI, pp. 322–328), and "Spartacus" (vol. VI, pp. 378–379) for the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome* (eds. Michael Gagarin, David Potter, et al.), Oxford University Press, 2010.

"Athenian Militarism and the Recourse to War," in *War, Culture, and Democracy in Classical Athens* (ed. David Pritchard), Cambridge University Press, 2011, pp. 225–242.

- "Slavery in Greek Literary Culture," in *The Cambridge World History of Slavery, Volume I: The Ancient Near East and Mediterranean World to AD 500* (ed. Keith Bradley and Paul Cartledge), Cambridge University Press, 2011, pp. 22-47.
- "Arginusae, Battle of," (250 words), "Weaponry, Greek," (500 words), "Hecataeus of Miletus," (1,000 words) and "Xanthos, *Lydiaka*," (250 words) for the *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Ancient History* (eds. Roger Bagnall, Craig Champion *et al.*) 2012.
- "Legalism and Peace in Classical Greece," in *Maintaining Peace and Interstate Stability in the Greek World. Studien zur Alten Geschichte, Bd. 16* (ed. Julia Wilker). Verlag Antike, 2012, 135-148.
- "Trojan Slaves in Classical Athens: Ethnic Identity among Slaves at Athens," in *Communities and Networks in the Ancient Greek World* (eds. Claire Taylor and Kostas Vlassopoulos), Oxford University Press, 2015, pp. 128-154.
- "Slavery," in *The Cambridge World History. Vol. 4: A World with States, Empires, and Networks, 1200 BCE to 900 CE*, (ed. Craig Benjamin), Cambridge University Press, 2015, pp. 76-100.
- "Violence against slaves in classical Greece," for *The Topography of Violence in the Greco-Roman World*, (eds. Werner Riess and Garrett Fagan), University of Michigan Press, 2016, 136-161.
- "Slaves or serfs? Patterson on the Thetes and Helots of ancient Greece," for *On Human Bondage: After Slavery and Social Death*, eds. John Bodel and Walter Scheidel. Wiley-Blackwell, 2016, 55-80.
- "Slaves as active subjects: individual strategies," (8,000 words) for the *Oxford Handbook of Greek and Roman Slavery* (eds. Stephen Hodkinson, Marc Kleijwegt, and Kostas Vlassopoulos). Oxford Handbooks Online 2017.
- "Thucydides on the first ten years of war" (8,000 words) for *The Oxford Handbook of Thucydides*, (eds. Ryan Balot, Edith Foster, and Sara Forsdyke), Oxford University Press, 2017, 125-144.
- "Ancient Greece as a slave society," for *What is a slave society? The Practice of Slavery in Global Perspective* (eds. Cathy Cameron and Noel Lenski), Cambridge University Press, 2018, 61-85.
- "Diplomacy," for *The Oxford Handbook of Demosthenes* (ed. Gunther Martin), Oxford University Press, 2018, 115-128.
- "Slavery" (1500 words), "Helots" (1000 words), "Leonidas" (1000 words), "Messenia" (500 words), "prisoners of war," (500 words), and "Ithome" (250 words) for *The Herodotus Encyclopedia* (ed. Christopher Baron) Wiley-Blackwell, 2020.
- "War and slavery in the Greek world," for the *Companion to Greek Warfare* (eds. Waldemar Heckel, F. S. Naiden, E. E. Garvin, John Vanderspoel), Wiley-Blackwell, 2021, 271-285.
- "Imagining Athens in the Assembly," for *The Athenian Funeral Oration: After Nicole Loraux* (ed. David Pritchard), Cambridge University Press, 2024, 261-79.

“Slavery, non-citizens, and the democratic community,” for *The Cambridge History of Democracy*, vol. 1 (eds. Valentina Arena and Eric Robinson) Cambridge University Press. In press.

D) Book Reviews

Thucydides and the Ancient Simplicity: The Limits of Political Realism, by Gregory Crane. *Classical Journal* 95 (1999): 84–87.

Information Gathering in Classical Greece, by Frank S. Russell. *Classical Journal* 96 (2001): 335–37.

Great Captains of Antiquity, by Richard A. Gabriel. *The Historian* 65 (2002): 216–17.

Cavalry Operations in the Ancient Greek World, by Robert E. Gaebel. *Classical Review* 53.2 [2003]: 403–5.

Army and Power in the Ancient World, edited by Angelos Chaniotis and Pierre Ducrey. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2004.03.26 (2004).

The Law and the Courts in Ancient Greece, edited by Edward Harris and Lene Rubinstein. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2005.04.44 (2005).

War in the Hellenistic World, by Angelos Chaniotis. *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 126 (2006) 178–179.

Exile, Ostracism, and Democracy: The Politics of Expulsion in Ancient Greece, by Sara Forsdyke. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2006.06.02 (2006).

The Shotgun Method: The Demography of the Ancient Greek City-State Culture, by Mogens Herman Hansen. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2007.04.58 (2007).

War and Peace in the Ancient World, edited by Kurt A. Raaflaub. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2008.01.53 (2008).

The Ancient Greeks at War, by Louis Rawlings. *Reviews in History* no. 669 (2008) (<http://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/paper/huntp.html>)

Philip II of Macedonia, by Ian Worthington. *The Historian* 72.3 (2010) 716–7.

The Invention of Ancient Slavery, by Niall McKeown. *Hermathena* 187 (2009) 139–142.

The Battle of Marathon, by Peter Krentz. *Journal of Military History* 76 (2012) 220–221.

The Slave in Greece and Rome, by Jean Andreau and Raymond Descat. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2012.10.26 (2012).

Demosthenes of Athens and the Fall of Classical Greece, by Ian Worthington. *Polis* 31 (2014) 175–178.

Historical Agency and the ‘Great man’ in Classical Greece, by Sarah Brown Ferrario. *Mnemosyne* 69.4 (2016) 700–703.

La démocratie contre les experts. Les esclaves publics en Grèce ancienne, by Paulin Isamard. *Sehepunkte* 16 (2016), Nr. 3 [15.03.2016],
URL: <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2016/03/27071.html>

Benefaction and Rewards in the Ancient Greek City: The Origins of Euergetism, by Marc Domingo Gygax. *Classical World* 111 (2017) 52-4.

Spartacus and the Slave Wars, by Brent Shaw. *American Historical Review* 124.4 (2019) 1381–1383.

Taming Ares: War, Interstate Law, and Humanitarian Discourse in Classical Greece, by Emiliano Buis. *H-Soz-Kult*, 28.10.2019

<https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/reb-28170>

Greek Slave Systems in their Eastern Mediterranean Context, c.800-146 BC, by David M. Lewis. *Phoenix* 72.3-4 (2019) 376-9.

Slaves and Slavery in Ancient Greece, by Sara Forsdyke. *Slavery & Abolition*, 45.3 (2024) 690–691.

Theater and politics in Plutarch's Parallel Lives, by Raphaëla Dubreuil. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2024.09.10.

Review of *Slavery and Rebellion in Second-Century BC Sicily. From Bellum Servile to Sicilia Capta*, by Peter Morton. *The Classical Review*. Published online 2024:1-3

E) Invited Lectures

"The Spear and the Whip: Slaves, War, and Ideology in the Greek Historians." Department of Classics, Harvard University, January 1996.

"The Spear and the Whip: Slaves, War, and Ideology in the Greek Historians." Departments of Classics and History, University of Chicago, January 1996.

"The Ideology of Military Service in the Fourth Century." Department of Classics, Dartmouth College, February 1999.

"Fighting Words: War Oratory and Society in Fourth-Century Athens." The Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C., May 2000. Presentation required of Junior Fellows.

"Realism and Reciprocity in Demosthenes." Departments of Classics and History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, November 2002.

"Calculation and Payback in Fourth-Century Athenian Foreign Policy." Departments of Classics and History, University of Illinois at Chicago, February 2003.

"The Archaeology of Athenian Slavery." American Institute of Archaeology Lecture Series, Boulder, Colorado, March 2004.

"War, Peace, and Alliance in Demosthenes' Athens." Department of Classics, Duke University, February 2009.

"Trojan Slaves in Classical Athens." Department of Classics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 2011.

"Realism and Reciprocity in Demosthenes' Athens." Department of Classics, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 2011.

"Herodotus in Egypt," Egypt Study Society, Denver Museum of Science and Nature, October 2013.

"Realism and Reciprocity in Demosthenes' Foreign Policy," Ancient Mediterranean Studies Program, University of Nebraska (Omaha), April 2017.

"Inside and outside: women slaves in ancient Greece," Ancient Societies Workshop, Yale University, October 2017.

Keynote speech: "Imagining Athens in the assembly and on the battlefield," The Athenian Funeral Oration: 40 Years After Nicole Loraux, The University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Studies, France, July 2018

"Power and subordination in Athenian treaties: the long view," Mediterranean Anarchy, Interstate War, and the Rise of Rome: a series of online conferences in honor of Arthur M. Eckstein, McGill University, October 2021.

"Fleeing slavery in the classical world," Colorado College, September 2022.

"Phocion the Good and Philippe Pétain, Marshal of France: Parallel Lives?" McClanahan Lecture at CU Boulder, April 2023

F) Conference Presentations—Invited (I.) and Blind Submissions (S.)

"Slaves in Livy." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature / American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 1992. (I.)

"Fighting Dirty: Slaves in Thucydides." Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Washington, D.C., December 1993. (S.)

"7+1=8: Helots at the Battle of Plataea." Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Atlanta, December 1994. (S.)

"The Slaves and the Generals at Arginusae." Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, San Diego, December 1995. (S.)

"Slave Culture in Classical Athens." European Social Science History Conference, International Institute for Social History, The Hague, Netherlands, February 2002. (I.)

"Thinking with Slaves in the Athenian Assembly." Democratic Deliberations In and Out of Attica: An International Symposium, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece, June 2002. (I.)

"Too Many Reasons to Aid the Weak: Ideal and Interest in Demosthenes' Foreign Policy." Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, San Francisco, January 2004. (S.)

"Social Structure and Interstate Structure in the Ancient Mediterranean." Respondent and Panel Organizer at the European Social Science History Conference, International Institute for Social History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, March 2004. Panelists: Polly Low, University of Manchester, Frank Russell, Transylvania University, Art Eckstein, University of Maryland, J. E. Lendon, University of Virginia. (I.)

- "Slave Culture and Athenian Culture." Conference on "Slavery, Oppression, and Prejudice: Ancient Roots and Modern Implications," hosted by the Department of Classics and the Pruitt Seminary at Baylor University, September 2004. (I.)
- "Athenian Militarism and the Recourse to War." International Colloquium on "War, Culture and Democracy in Classical Athens," University of Sydney, Australia, July 2006. (I.)
- "Response to David Pritchard, War, Popular Culture and Democracy in Classical Athens." International Colloquium on "War, Culture and Democracy in Classical Athens," University of Sydney, Australia, July 2006. (I.)
- "Response to Matthew Trundle, Light-Armed Troops at Classical Athens." International Colloquium on "War, Culture and Democracy in Classical Athens," University of Sydney, Australia, July 2006. (I.)
- "Slave Culture in Athens." Keynote speech as *Servi Sunt: Immo Homines*, graduate student conference on slavery in antiquity. University of Colorado, Boulder, November 2008. (I.)
- "Continuity, ideology, and culture in recent studies of Greek land warfare." Committee on Ancient History Panel: New Approaches to the Political and Military History of the Greek, Roman, and Late Roman Worlds. Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Philadelphia, January 2009. (I.) On-line publication at <http://apaclassics.org/images/uploads/documents/HuntAPA2009.pdf>
- "Legalism and Peace in Classical Greece." Symposium on "Maintaining Peace and Interstate Stability in the Greek World," Humanities Center at Harvard, Cambridge, May 2009. (I.).
- "Trojan slaves in classical Athens: ethnic identity among slaves at Athens." Conference on "Communities and Networks in the Greek World," Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, July 2009. (I.)
- "A comparative-historical view of the 'law of victory.'" Author-meets-readers panel on James Q. Whitman, *The Verdict of Battle: The Law of Victory and the Making of Modern War*. American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, St. Louis, November 2012. (I.)
- Respondent at author-meets-readers symposium on Danielle Allen, *Why did Plato Write?* University of Colorado, Boulder. January 2013. (I.)
- "Ancient Greece as a slave society." Conference on "What is a slave society?" University of Colorado, Boulder. September 2013. (I.)
- "Patterson among the Helots and Hektemoroi." Seminar on "Being Nobody? Understanding Slavery Thirty Years After Slavery and Social Death." University of Colorado, Boulder. September 2013. (I.)
- "The gender ratio in the Attic Stelai," Society for Classical Studies, San Francisco, January 2016. (S.)
- "Women Slaves: Three Ancient Issues," Lecture series for *Enslaved: A Visual Story of Modern Day Slavery*, featuring Lisa Kristine, University of Nebraska (Omaha), April 2017. (I.)

"Female slaves missing from the Attic stelai," British Epigraphy Society, April 2021. (I)
"Fleeing slavery in the classical world," Colorado College, September 2022. (I)
"How is the water (for running away)?" keynote speech at Graduate Student Conference, "Approaches to the Other," Stanford University, April, 2025. (I)
TBD. Interdisciplinary panel, part of two-year program on the "Global History of Servitude and Unfreedom," organized by The Center for Historical Research at Ohio State University, October, 2025. (I)

III) Courses Taught

Greek Classes

First-Year Greek: with Hansen and Quinn, *Greek: An Intensive Course*, with Balme, Lawall, et al., *Athenaze*, and with Groton, *From Alpha to Omega*.

Intermediate Greek: Xenophon, Lysias, Plato, Homer, Aristophanes, Euripides

Graduate courses: Attic Orators, Demosthenes, Greek Epigraphy, Herodotus, Survey of Greek Literature, Thucydides,

Classes in English

Lower Level: World of the Ancient Greeks, War and Society in Ancient Greece

Upper Level: Athens and Greek Democracy, Alexander the Great and the Rise of Macedonia, Athenian Social History, Greek and Roman Slavery, The Historian as Exile: Greek and Roman Historiography

Graduate: War and Society in Classical Athens (Harvard University)

IV) Fellowships and Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminar for College Teachers, "Death, Commemoration, and Society in Ancient Rome," at the American Academy in Rome, 1995.

American School of Classical Studies at Athens, full member of 1996 Summer Session.

Davidson College Dean Rusk Program grant for foreign travel: "The Eastern Aegean in the Archaic Period," 1998.

Harvard University: The Center for Hellenic Studies (Washington, D.C.), Junior Fellow, 1999–2000.

Dean's Committee for Excellence, grant for organization of panel at ESSHC, in Berlin, March 2004.

Dean's Committee for Excellence, grant for travel to International Colloquium on "War, Culture and Democracy in Classical Athens," University of Sydney, Australia, July 2006.

Faculty Fellowship (Graduate School's Council on Research and Creative Work) for a full-year research leave in 2007.

LEAP Program at the University of Colorado: Individual Growth Grant for teaching release in Fall 2010 to work on *Greek and Roman Slavery*.

Kayden Book Prize (University of Colorado) for author-meets-critics symposium (2012) on *War, Peace, and Alliance in Demosthenes' Athens*.

Center for Humanities and the Arts Faculty Fellowship (University of Colorado) for a research leave in Fall 2014.

College Scholar Faculty Fellowship (University of Colorado) for a research leave in Spring 2016

Center for the Humanities and the Arts Faculty Fellowship (University of Colorado) for a research leave in fall 2021.