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EDUCATION:

The University of California, Irvine

Irvine, CA

Doctor of Philosophy in Classics, expected June 2018

The University of Arizona

Tucson, AZ

Master of Arts in Classics, graduated May 2012

Emphasis: Ancient History

GPA: 4.0

Master's Thesis: "Thematic Rings and Structure in Suetonius' *De Vita Caesarum*"

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, graduated August 2010

Major: Economics, Minor: Political Science

GPA: 3.61, *Cum Laude*

Dean's List: Spring 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2009

Aestiva Latinitas, May 2011 - June 2011

Milwaukee, WI

- Practiced spoken Latin daily in conversation and recitation
- Sight-read Latin authors from early antiquity to the present

Orvieto Institute for Classical Studies, May 2010 - June 2010

Orvieto, Italy

- Studied Italian archeology, architecture, and history

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Department of Classics, University of California, Irvine

Irvine, CA

Graduate Teaching Assistant, September 2012 - present

- Instructs weekly discussion sections
- Writes course materials and handouts
- Grades course exams and assignments

Department of Classics, University of Arizona

Tucson, AZ

Graduate Instructor, July 2011 - July 2012

- Instructed language courses in both Latin and Attic Greek
- Wrote and graded exams, quizzes, and homework assignments

SALT (Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques) Center

Tucson, AZ

Tutor, August 2010 - May 2011

- Assisted college students with learning disabilities
- Tutored courses in linguistics and English composition

COURSES TAUGHT:

POSITION	NUMBER	TOPIC	TERM
Teaching Assistant	FRENCH 50	Language of Love?	Winter 2016 (UCI)
Discussion Instructor	CLAS 37C	The Fall of Rome	Spring 2015 (UCI)
Discussion Instructor	CLAS 36A	Early Greece	Winter 2015 (UCI)
Discussion Instructor	CLAS 45A	The Gods	Fall 2014 (UCI)
Instructor	CLAS 37B	Roman Empire	Summer 2014 (UCI)
Discussion Instructor	CLAS 36B	Classical Greece	Spring 2014 (UCI)
Discussion Instructor	CLAS 37B	Roman Empire	Winter 2014 (UCI)
Discussion Instructor	CLAS 37A	Early Rome	Fall 2013 (UCI)
Teaching Assistant	CLAS 45A	The Gods	Summer 2013 (UCI)
Secondary Instructor	GREEK 112	Intensive Beginning Greek	Summer 2012 (UofA)
Instructor	LATIN 102	Beginning Latin II	Spring 2012 (UofA)
Instructor	LATIN 101	Beginning Latin I	Fall 2011 (UofA)
Substitute Instructor	GREEK 212	Intensive Intermediate Greek	Summer 2011 (UofA)
Secondary Instructor	LATIN 212	Intensive Intermediate Latin	Summer 2011 (UofA)
Teaching Assistant	CLAS 353	Roman Epic	Spring 2011 (UofA)
Teaching Assistant	TRAD 104	Classical Mythology	Fall 2010 (UofA)

PUBLICATIONS:

“Why Scholars Doubt the Traditional Authors of the Gospels”

The Secular Web Modern Library

<http://infidels.org/library/modern/>

(Forthcoming in 2016)

“Ancient Historical Writing Compared to the Gospels of the New Testament”
The Secular Web Modern Library
<http://infidels.org/library/modern/>
(Forthcoming in 2016)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES:

- “Reevaluating the Pagan as the Cultural ‘Other’
in Both Ancient and Modern Religious Studies”
American Academy of Religion Western Region
Annual Meeting, April 2016
Tucson, AZ
- “The Certamen of Homer and Hesiod
and the Gospels of the New Testament:
A Comparison of Biographical Genre”
Pacific Coast Region Society of Biblical Literature
Regional Meeting, March 2016
Claremont, CA
- “Philosophically Defining the Supernatural”
Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association
Annual Conference, November 2014
Riverside, CA
- “Coming Full Circle:
Chiastic Structures & Ring Composition
in Suetonius' *De Vita Caesarum*”
UC Irvine AGS (Associated Graduate Students)
Graduate Symposium, April 2014
Irvine, CA
- “The Literacy and Education of Galilean *τελῶναι*:
Could a Toll Collector Author the Gospel of Matthew?”
Department of History at the University of California, Riverside
Education in Antiquity Graduate Conference, April 2014
Riverside, CA
- “Stages of the Emperor's *Life*:
Character Symmetry & Ring Composition in Suetonius' *Nero*”
Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association
Annual Conference, November 2013
San Diego, CA
- “Confused Metaphysics:
Apologetic Efforts to Corner the Market on Ethics”
Center in Law, Society, and Culture at the University of California, Irvine
Interdisciplinary Conference on Religion, Law, and Ethics, May 2013
Irvine, CA

“The Emperor Has No Clothes:
Artistic Nudity as a Symbol of Power and Subjugation”
27th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities:
Systems of Control / Modes of Resistance, November 2012
Carrollton, GA

“What Biography Can Teach About History”
Classical Association of the Middle West and South
107th Annual Meeting, April 2011
Grand Rapids, MI

FIELD WORK:

- *Volunteer*, Givati Parking Lot Excavation, July 2012
Jerusalem, Israel

AWARDS & HONORS:

- UCI Enhanced Dean’s Fellowship, September 2012 – May 2018
- Latin Graduate Teaching Outreach Award, May 2012
- Hellenic Cultural Foundation Scholarship, April 2011
- Helen Roberti Scholarship, August 2010 – May 2012
- UofA College of Humanities Spotlight, June 2010
- Rombach Institute Outstanding Student Award, October 2006
- UofA Wildcat Excellence Scholarship, August 2005 – May 2009

LANGUAGES:

- Advanced proficiency in Latin and Ancient Greek
- Intermediate proficiency in Biblical Hebrew
- Reading proficiency in Italian and German