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AREAS OF INTEREST: History: Greek, Roman, Armenian, Arsacid (Parthian), Sasanian; political uses of Greek myth; constructed identities; Strabo

EDUCATION:

University of Missouri-Columbia, Ph.D. in Classical Studies (2003)

Dissertation: "The Use of Kinship Myth in Greek Interstate Relations," Prof. Eugene N. Lane, Director

University of Chicago, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (graduate study, 1996-1997)

University of Mississippi, M.A. in Classics (1996)

Arkansas State University, M.A. in English (1993)

Fairleigh Dickinson University, *Summa Cum Laude*, B.A. in English (1991)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

2019-present: Professor, Dept. of History, Eastern Illinois University

2013-2019: Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Eastern Illinois University

2009-2013: Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Eastern Illinois University

2008-2009: Lecturer, Dept. of Classics, Howard University

2006-2008: Visiting Assistant Professor, Classics Program, Centre College

2005-2006: Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Classics, German, Italian, Japanese, and Russian, College of Charleston

2003-2005: Visiting Lecturer and Faculty Fellow, Dept. of Spanish and Classics, University of California, Davis

2001-2002: Acting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Classics, University of Mississippi

PUBLICATIONS:

Book

Kinship Myth in Ancient Greece. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2010. [Reviews: M. Osmer, [H-Soz-u-Kult 05.09.2011](#); N. Mac Sweeney, [BMCR 2011.08.26](#); A. J. Papalas, *Choice* 49.1 (Sept. 2011); C. Clark, *Mnemosyne* 65.3 (Jan. 2012); E. Varto, *JHS* 132 (Nov. 2012); A. Kühr, *Gnomon* 85.2 (Feb. 2013); K. L. Gaca, *The Historian* 75.3 (Fall 2013); N. Gresens, <http://www.indiana.edu/~jfr/review.php?id=1226> (Nov 2017)]

Articles

“Mithridates II’s Invasion of Armenia: A Reassessment.” *Revue des Études Arméniennes* 39 (2020): 187-98.

“Nero, the Reign of Tigranes VI, and the Annexation of Armenia.” *Latomus* 79.3 (2020): 761-78.

“Antony and Armenia.” *TAPA* 145.1 (2015): 77-105.

“Caracalla’s Armenia.” *Syllecta Classica* 24 (2013): 173-99.

“Strabo, Local Myth, and Kinship Diplomacy.” *Hermes* 138.1 (2010): 109-18.

“Alcman’s *Partheneion* and Eliade’s Sacred Time.” *Classical and Modern Literature* 25.1 (2005): 115-27.

“An Aetolian Local Myth in Pausanias?” *Mnemosyne* 57.3 (2004): 346-52.

“Pompey’s Albanian Connection at Justin XLII,3,4.” *Latomus* 61.2 (2002): 312-25.

“Rome’s Relationship with Artaxias I of Armenia.” *Ancient History Bulletin* 15.4 (2001): 154-62.

Book Chapters

“Heracles as Ancestor.” *The Oxford Handbook of Heracles*. Ed. Daniel Ogden. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021. 418-31.

“Minority Religions in the Sasanian Empire: Suppression, Integration, and Relations with Rome.” *Sasanian Persia: Between Rome and the Steppes of Eurasia*. Ed. Eberhard Sauer. Edinburgh Studies in Ancient Persia. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press,

2017. 181-98.

“Myth as Evidence in Strabo.” *The Routledge Companion to Strabo*. Ed. Daniela Dueck. London and New York: Routledge, 2017. 276-93.

“Geographers as Mythographers: The Case of Strabo.” *Writing Myth: Mythography in the Ancient World*. Studies in the History and Anthropology of Religion 4. Eds. R. Scott Smith and Stephen M. Trzaskoma. Leuven: Peeters, 2013. 201-21.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Armenia,” “Caucasus,” “Parthia.” *The Virgil Encyclopedia*. Eds. Richard Thomas and Jan Ziolkowski. Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.

Book Reviews

Francesca Gazzano, Lara Pagani, and Giusto Traina, eds., *Greek Texts and Armenian Traditions: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. (<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2017/2017-07-11.html>)

Warwick Ball, *Rome in the East: The Transformation of an Empire*, 2nd edition.

(<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2017/2017-01-57.html>)

D. W. Roller, trans., *The Geography of Strabo*. *Classical Review* 65.2 (October 2015): 608.

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=9994079&fileId=S0009840X15001456>

D. T. Potts, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Iran*. *Classical Journal Online* (2014.10.08).

<http://cj.camws.org/sites/default/files/reviews/2014.10.08%20Patterson%20on%20Potts.pdf>

Sviatoslav Dmitriev, *The Greek Slogan of Freedom and Early Roman Politics in Greece*.

History: Reviews of New Books 41.1 (January 2013): 25.

Alan M. Greaves, *The Land of Ionia: Society and Economy in the Archaic Period*.

(<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2011/2011-04-17.html>)

PROJECTS FORTHCOMING OR IN PROGRESS:

- “Justin II and the Armenian Revolt of 572.” *HiMA, Revue internationale d’Histoire Militaire Ancienne* 10 (2021). (forthcoming)
- “Aristonicus,” “Armenia,” “Commagene,” “Hyrcani,” “Meherdates,” “Perseus,” “Pharasmanes,” “Phraates,” “Tigranes,” “Tiridates,” “Vardanes,” “Vologaeses,” “Vonones,” “Zeno.” *The Tacitus Encyclopedia*. Ed. Victoria Emma Pagán. Wiley-Blackwell. (completed and submitted)
- “Mythography and Politics.” *The Oxford Handbook of Greek and Roman Mythography*. Eds. R. Scott Smith and Stephen Trzaskoma. Oxford. (in production stage)
- Review of Gareth Sampson, *Rome & Parthia: Empires at War. Ventidius, Antony and the Second Romano-Parthian War 40-20 BC*. (submitted to BMCR)
- The Roman Presence in Armenia*. (book project in progress)

PRESENTATIONS:

- 2020: “The Role of the *Nakharars* of Armenia in Fourth-Century Roman-Sasanian Diplomacy.” AAH. (via Zoom).
- 2020: “Augustus and the *Nakharars* of Armenia.” SCS. Washington DC.
- 2019: “The Historiography of Artaxias I: A Comparative Approach to Greek and Armenian Sources.” CAMWS. Lincoln, NE.
- 2016: “The Armenian Causes of Justin II’s Sasanian War.” CAMWS. Williamsburg, VA.
- 2015: “The Armenian Factor in Constantine’s Foreign Policy.” SCS. New Orleans, LA.
- 2013: “The Role of Religion in Romano-Sasanian Relations.” *The Sasanian Empire and Rome (Day One of Persia & Rum)*. Organized by the British Institute of Persian Studies. Rome, Italy.
- 2012: “Shapur II’s Plans for Armenia in the Romano-Persian Treaty of 363.” CAMWS. Baton Rouge, LA.
- 2011: “Myth as Evidence in Strabo.” CAMWS. Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2009: “Geographers as Mythographers: The Case of Strabo.” APA. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2007: “Trapped by Tradition: Strabo, Arrian, and the Geography of India.” CAMWS.

Cincinnati, OH.

- 2005: “The Making of ‘Foreigners in the Ancient World,’ a Course at UC Davis.” At the invitation of the California Classical Association, Northern Section. Hillsborough, CA.
- 2005: “Alexander’s Use of Kinship Myth.” Classical Association of England and Wales. Reading, UK.
- 2004: “Credulity and Kinship Diplomacy in Ancient Greece.” Sponsored by the Classics Program and the Classical Studies Association, UC Davis.
- 2004: “Strabo as a Source of Local Myth.” APA. San Francisco, CA.
- 2003: “Alcman’s Maidens in Sacred Time.” CAMWS. Lexington, KY.
- 2002: “Pausanias, Local Myth, and Kinship Diplomacy.” CAMWS. Austin, TX.
- 2001: “The Hellenocentric Point of View of Herodotus at 7.150.” CAMWS. Provo, UT.
- 1999: “Pompey and the Albani at the Crossroads of Mythology.” East Meets West: Expanding the Horizons of the Classical World. University of Pittsburgh.

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES/SERVICE:

- 2020: User Tester for “Analysis and Visualisation of Complex Familial Relationships in Greek Mythology” (on MANTO) (Project Facilitator: Yaya Lu; Project Supervisor: Greta Hawes)
- 2017-present: Advisory Board, MythMAP (Project Manager: R. Scott Smith)
(<http://mythmap.unh.edu/>)
- 2012: Contributor, Cyrus’ Paradise (online commentary on Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia*:
<http://www.cyropaedia.org>)
- 2008: In-house Evaluator of Ken Dowden, *The Uses of Greek Mythology*, for Routledge
- 2002: Anonymous Referee, *Ancient History Bulletin*

SERVICE:

Eastern Illinois University

- 2021-present: Department Personnel Committee, Department of History

- 2020-present: History Careers Day Committee, Department of History
- 2018-present: Graduate Coordinator, Department of History
- 2018-2021: Council on Graduate Studies (chair: 2020-2021; vice-chair: 2019-2020)
- 2018-2020: Library Advisory Board (Graduate School rep)
- 2018-2020: Online Programs Board
- 2018-2020: Teacher Education Committee, Department of History
- 2017-present: Recruitment Committee (chair: 2017), Department of History
- 2016-2017: Asian Studies Awards Committee
- 2016: College of Arts and Humanities CU Pool
- 2015-present: Asian Studies Committee
- 2015-2020: Social Media Committee, Department of History
- 2015-2017: Honorary Degree Committee
- 2015-2016: Asian Heritage Month Faculty Committee
- 2014-2016: Curriculum Review Subcommittee for History 1500 (chair), Department of History
- 2014: Open Access Task Force
- 2013-2016: Department Personnel Committee, Department of History (chair: 2015-2016)
- 2013-present: MA Grad Committee (chair: 2018-present), Department of History
- 2013: Honors Council
- 2011-2012: Co-advisor, History Club, Department of History
- 2011-2012: Search Committee, Modern Islam/Middle East, Department of History
- 2010-2016: Publications Board
- 2009-present: Computer Committee (chair: 2010-2012), Department of History
- 2009-present: Premodern Global Studies Committee (formerly Medieval Studies Committee)
- 2009-2013: Curriculum Committee, Department of History
- 2009-2013: Webmaster, Department of History

Centre College

- 2007-2008: Faculty Academic Advisor
- 2007-2008: College Council Committee on ADA Services

2007-2008: College Council Committee on Instructional Resources

UC Davis

2004-2005: Senior Honors Thesis Committee member, Department of History

2004-2005: McNair Scholars Mentor, Department of Spanish and Classics

2004: Faculty Advisor, *Nota Bene: The Journal of Classical Studies at UC Davis*

University of Missouri

1999, 2000: Summer Orientation Academic Advisor, Honors College

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS:

2020: Achievement and Contribution Award in Research category, Eastern Illinois University

2020: Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity Travel Award, Eastern Illinois University

2020: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Award, Eastern Illinois University

2019: CU Pool Award (3 CU's for research), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Eastern Illinois University

2018: Summer Research/Creative Activity Award (Council on Faculty Research), Eastern Illinois University

2017-2018: Redden Fund Grant, Eastern Illinois University

2016: Achievement and Contribution Award in Balanced category (Teaching, Research, and Service), Eastern Illinois University

2016: Summer Research/Creative Activity Award (Council on Faculty Research), Eastern Illinois University

2015: CU Pool Award (3 CU's for research), College of Arts and Humanities, Eastern Illinois University

2014-2015: Redden Fund Grant, Eastern Illinois University

2014: Achievement and Contribution Award in Research category, Eastern Illinois University

2014: Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity Travel Award, Eastern Illinois

University

- 2014: College of Arts and Humanities Travel Award, Eastern Illinois University
- 2013-2014: Redden Fund Grant, Eastern Illinois University
- 2013: Faculty Development Support Grant, Eastern Illinois University
- 2013: Visiting Scholar, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations,
Harvard University
- 2012-2013: Council on Faculty Research Grant, Eastern Illinois University
- 2012: Visiting Scholar, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations,
Harvard University
- 2011-2012: Council on Faculty Research Grant, Eastern Illinois University
- 2011-2012: Redden Fund Grant, Eastern Illinois University
- 2010-2011: Redden Fund Grant, Eastern Illinois University
- 2002-2003: Walter Miller Fellowship, Department of Classical Studies, University of
Missouri
- 2001: Professional Presentation Travel Fellowship, Graduate School,
University of Missouri
- 2001: Graduate Professional Council Travel Scholarship, University of
Missouri
- 1997-2001: G. Ellsworth Huggins Fellowship, University of Missouri
- 1996: Eta Sigma Phi Prize in Greek, University of Mississippi
- 1995-1996: Lipsey-Rubright Scholarship, University of Mississippi
- 1995: Eta Sigma Phi Prize in Latin, University of Mississippi
- 1994: Eta Sigma Phi, University of Mississippi
- 1991: Phi Omega Epsilon, Fairleigh Dickinson University
- 1990: Phi Zeta Kappa, Fairleigh Dickinson University

COURSES TAUGHT:

History Capstone Seminar

World History (F2F and online)

World History (honors)
 Greek History
 Roman History
 Ancient Egypt
 Ancient Iraq and the Near East
 Ancient Iran
 Alexander the Great
 The Trojan War: History and Archaeology
 Bronze Age Aegean (graduate seminar)
 Ancient Persia: From the Achaemenids to the Sasanians (graduate seminar)
 Roman Frontiers (graduate seminar)
 The Roman Near East (independent study, graduate level)
 Religion and Identity in the Roman Near East (independent study, graduate level)
 Greek (Beginning through Advanced)
 Latin (Beginning through Advanced)
 Sallust (in Latin)
 Livy (in Latin)
 Mythology (Greek, Roman, Near Eastern)
 Uses and Perceptions of Myth
 Myth and Science Fiction
 Greek Civilization
 Roman Civilization
 Homer and Ancient Epic (in translation)
 Foreigners in the Ancient World
 Introduction to Humanities I and II
 Introduction to Medieval Studies (team taught)

AFFILIATIONS:

Society for Classical Studies (formerly American Philological Association)

Classical Association of the Middle West and South

Association of Ancient Historians

American Research Institute of the South Caucasus

Society for Armenian Studies

Association for Iranian Studies

American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Summer Session I, 2007