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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

- “Augustus and the Nobility of Armenia.” *L’Antiquité Classique* 92 (2023): 67-92.
- “Justin II and the Armenian Revolt of 572.” *HiMA, Revue Internationale d’Histoire Militaire Ancienne* 10 (2021): 265-87.
- “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

- “Mythography and Politics.” *The Oxford Handbook of Greek and Roman Mythography*. Eds. R. Scott Smith and Stephen Trzaskoma. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022. 428-42.

“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

“Aristonicus,” “Armenia,” “Commagene,” “Hyrcani,” “Meherdates,” “Perseus,” “Pharasmanes,” “Phraates,” “Tigranes,” “Tiridates,” “Vardanes,” “Vologaeses,” “Vonones,” “Zeno.” *The Tacitus Encyclopedia*. Ed. Victoria Emma Pagán. Wiley-Blackwell, 2023.

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

### Book Reviews

Gareth Sampson, *Rome & Parthia: Empires at War. Ventidius, Antony and the Second Romano-Parthian War 40-20 BC*. (<https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2021/2021.07.42/>)

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*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

“Social and Diplomatic Relations in Greater Armenia.” *Problems and Sources of the History of Ancient Armenia*. Eds. Giusto Traina and Anahide Kéfélian. Brill. (in progress)  
*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: Contributor, Modelling Ancient Narratives, Territories, Objects (MANTO) (Project Managers: Greta Hawes and R. Scott Smith)
- 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

- 2021-2022: Search Committee (chair), Latin American/Latinx History, Department of History
- 2020-2022: 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
- 2009-2020: 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:**

- 2023: Nina G. Garsoïan Research Grant for Ancient and Early Mediaeval Armenian History, Society for Armenian Studies  
 2022-2023: Council on Faculty Research Grant, Eastern Illinois University  
 2022: Achievement and Contribution Award in Balanced (Teaching, Research, and Service), Eastern Illinois University  
 2020: Achievement and Contribution Award in Research, 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 (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, 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
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- 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 (undergraduate)  
 Summer Institute in Graduate History  
 Capstone in Graduate History  
 Proseminar in Premodern History (graduate)  
 Roots of the Modern World: Society and Religion (F2F, online, honors)  
 World History: Empires in Global 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)  
 History of Armenia (graduate seminar)  
 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)

Independent Studies (Graduate Level)

The Roman Near East

Religion and Identity in the Roman Near East

Army and Society in the Roman World

Foreign Queens in the Roman World

Church and Society in Roman Egypt

Modern Society in Premodern Contexts

Power, Politics, and Religion in Pharaonic Egypt

Honors Research Courses

Religion and Culture in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt

The Roman Caucasus and Beyond

Athens Before and After the Peloponnesian War

Funerary Evidence of Subaltern Social Contexts in Ancient Greece

## **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

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