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APPOINTMENT: Professor of Ancient Mediterranean Religions and Mythologies at the University of Chicago Divinity School, Department of Classics, Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures, and the College (2022—).

Classics Department Chair (2024—).

Previously Professor of Classics at Ohio State University (2005—2022).

RESEARCH: Comparative Mythology, Ancient Mediterranean Religions, Greek Language and Literature, North-West Semitic Languages and Literatures, cultural exchange. – Codirector of the University of Chicago excavations at Cerro del Villar, Málaga 2022-25.

TEACHING: Greek, Hebrew, Phoenician texts/languages; Classical and Near Eastern Mythology; Greek Civilization and Archaeology; Phoenician world and Carthage.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO: Ph.D. Committee on the Ancient Mediterranean World, 2005: “The Sons of Earth and Starry Heaven: Greek Theogonic Traditions and their Northwest Semitic Background.”

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM: Rothberg International School, 1995-1996.

UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID: Licenciatura en Filología clásica, 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Greek Mythology: From Creation to First Humans* (Series World Mythologies in Theory and Everyday Life, eds. T. Thomson and R. W. Guyker Jr.), Oxford University Press, 2025.
- *Magic and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean: Studies in Honor of Christopher A. Faraone*. London-New York: Routledge, 2023 (co-editor, with Radcliffe Edmonds III and Sofía Torallas Tovar).
- *Phoenicians and the Making of the Mediterranean*. Harvard University Press, 2021. (Spanish: *Los fenicios y la construcción del Mediterráneo*, Bellaterra, 2025.)
 - Frank Moore Cross Award, American Schools of Overseas Research (ASOR) 2022; The Mediterranean Seminar Best Book Prize 2023 (two winners); Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Best Subsequent Book Award 2022; nominated to the Goodwin Award of Merit.
- *Oxford Handbook of the Phoenician and Punic Mediterranean*. Oxford University Press, 2019 (editor, with Brian Doak).
- *Tartessos and the Phoenicians in Iberia*. Oxford University Press, 2016 (Spanish: *Tarteso y los fenicios de occidente*, Almuzara, 2020, 2022, 2nd ed.) (with S. Celestino Pérez).
- *Gods, Heroes, and Monsters: A Sourcebook of Greek, Roman, and the Near Eastern Myths in Translation*. Oxford University Press, 2014 (2nd rev. edition 2018) (editor).
- *When the Gods Were Born: Greek Cosmogonies and the Near East*. Harvard University Press, 2010 (Turkish: *Tanrılar Doğduklarında*, Istanbul, 2012).

- *Colonial Encounters in Ancient Iberia: Phoenician, Greek, and Indigenous Relations*. The University of Chicago Press, 2009 (editor, with M. Dietler).
- *Memoria de los seminarios de filología e historia, CSIC 2002*. Madrid: Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, 2002 (editor, with S. Torallas Tovar).

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- (In production) (Editor) *A Cultural History of Western Myth in Antiquity* (Series *A Cultural History of Western Myth*, eds. E. Ziolkowski, T. Palmer, and R. Segal, Bloomsbury).
- (In preparation) (w/ Justin Miller) *The Lost Phoenician Legacy: Sources from the Phoenician-Punic World in Translation*. Eisenbrauns.
- (In preparation) (Series editor, w/ Tamar Hodos) *The Mediterranean Iron Age: Histories, Theories, Perspectives*. Elements of the Mediterranean Iron Age series (eds. T. Hodos and C. López-Ruiz).

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- (forthcoming/in press) “Knowledge Exchanges with the Near Eastern World (and Beyond),” in *Oxford History of the Classical Greek World*, eds. H. Beck et al.
 - (forthcoming/in press) (w/M. Álvarez Martí-Aguilar and E. Rodríguez González) “Invisibility, Continuity, and Change,” in *Crises, “Dark Ages,” and Problems of Archaeological Visibility across the Mediterranean of the first Millennium BCE*, A. Kotsonas, and D. Pollard, eds. New York: ISAW-NYU Press.
 - (forthcoming/in press) “The Iberian Peninsula in the Context of the Mediterranean Orientalising Context,” in the *Cambridge History of Ancient Iberia* (CHAI), ed. Francisco Pina Polo. Cambridge University Press.
 - (forthcoming/in press) “At the End of the World: Shaping Land, Religion, and Identity among the western Phoenicians,” in *Mobility Centered Perspectives from the Ancient Mediterranean and West Asia: Home and Displacement*, eds. E. Uusimäki, A. Dawn Fray, and J.E. Glas, Bloomsbury.
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- (2025) “Reconstructing Phoenician Identities: A Glass Half-Full,” in *Identities in Antiquity*, eds. J. Skinner, V. Manolopoulou, and Ch. Tsouparopoulou (Rewriting Antiquity Series), pp. 246-70. Routledge.
 - (2025) (w/D. Schloen, J. Suárez Padilla) “From Tyre to Tarshish: The Phoenicians in Spain,” *Biblical Archaeology Review*, Summer 2025, pp. 33-41.
 - (2025) “The Ancient Phoenicians: A Question of Identity,” *Ancient History* magazine 53: 22-27.
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 - (2024) “Book 5,” in *The Oxford Critical Guide to Homer’s Iliad*, ed. J. L. Ready. Oxford-New York: Oxford University Press, 61-70.

- (2024) (w/ T. Hodos) "Local Experiences and Global Connections: Finding the Balance," in *Local Experiences of Connectivity and Mobility in the Ancient West-Central Mediterranean*, eds. L. Gosner and J. Hayne (Monographs in Mediterranean Archaeology), Sheffield: Equinox, 308-319.
- (2024) (w/Laurent Bricault) "Introduction," in *What's in a Divine Name? Religious Systems and Human Agency in the Ancient Mediterranean*, eds. A.Palamidis and C.Bonnet. Berlin-Boston: De Gruyter, 707-11.
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- (2009) (w/ M. Dietler) “Ex Occidente Lux: a Preface,” in M. Dietler and C. Lopez-Ruiz (eds.) *Colonial Encounters in Ancient Iberia: Phoenician, Greek, and Indigenous Relations*. University of Chicago Press, vii-xiii.
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SHORT ENTRIES/REFERENCE WORKS

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GRANTS AND AWARDS

International Grant Program for University of Chicago and University of Vienna faculty pursuing scholarly collaborations), with Bernardo Ballesteros (U. Vienna) for the project "Divination, Prophecy and Magic in Ancient Greece and the Near East (U\$12,000).

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Visiting scholar, University of Málaga, Spain, August-September 2023 (“Estancias de investigadores de reconocido prestigio”).

Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society (University of Chicago), collaborative research project “Textual Amulets of the Mediterranean World: 1000 BCE-1000 CE” (with C. A. Faraone and S. Torallas Tovar), Fellow 2023-24.

Book awards for *Phoenicians and the Making of the Mediterranean*:

The Mediterranean Seminar Best Book Prize 2023 (two winners), for scholarly and trade publications from 2020 to 2022 inclusive. Frank Moore Cross Award ASOR (American Schools of Overseas Research) Book Award 2022, for the most substantial volume(s) related to the history and/or religion of the ancient Near East and Eastern Mediterranean. Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Best Subsequent Book Award 2022.

Getty Research Institute, Villa Scholar (April-June 2023) (declined).

Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Distinguished Scholars Fellowship, Fund for the Advancement of the Humanities and Social Sciences, May 13-27, 2022.

Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship (Fall term 2021), projects “Decolonizing the Phoenicians (a monograph)” and “A collection of Phoenicians sources (editing project)” (U\$ 32,000).

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2016-17), monograph project: “Phoenician Networks in the Mediterranean from Greece to Iberia, ca. 700-500 BCE.” (U\$ 50,400) (NEH Initiative “The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square”).

Ohio State University Arts and Humanities Larger Grant, (2014-15), project “A New Mediterranean: The Orientalizing Phenomenon from Greece to Iberia” (research travel related to monograph) (U\$ 4,500).

Ohio State Humanities Institute, three-year grant for Iberian Studies Working Group (with Rebecca Heidt and Pedro Pereira, Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese) (2012-2015).

Virginia Hull Research Award, 2008 (College of Humanities, OSU), project “Rethinking the ‘Orientalizing’: Greek and Phoenician Interaction in the Mediterranean.”

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, Johns Hopkins University (2005-07, declined).

Whiting Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2003-2004.

University of Chicago: Edward L. Ryerson Fellowship in Archaeology, Summer 1999; Unendowed Funds, 1998-2000.

‘La Caixa’ of Barcelona Fellowship (national competition): graduate studies in the US, 1996-1998 (+ Fulbright Fellowship, declined).

Spanish–Israeli governments one-year exchange program: coursework at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1995-1996.

Research fellowship, Department of Classical Philology, Universidad Autónoma of Madrid, 1994-1995.

PRESENTATIONS

- “The *Other* World of Odysseus: Cultural Encounters in the Iron Age Mediterranean;” key note at the annual conference of the AAH (Ancient Historians Association), University of Iowa, Iowa City, April 17, 2026.

- “The *Other* World of Odysseus: Cultural Encounters in the Iron Age Mediterranean;” lecture at Chuo University in Tama, Tokyo (Japan), February 17th, 2026.
- (w/ Tamar Hodos) “The Evolution of Ostrich Egg Vessels in Phoenician and Punic Practices and Beliefs,” Research Workshop on “Phoenician Identity in the Making,” Israel Science Foundation, Jerusalem, February 2-4, 2026 (remote).
- “A New Look at the Mythological Trend of Euhemerism: Greek or Phoenician or Something in Between?” Hebrew Bible and Early Jewish Reception Workshop, Divinity School, Dec. 4th, 2025.
- “Investigating the Phoenician Settlement of Cerro del Villar,” ASOR annual meeting, Boston, Nov. 2025.
- Panelist in “The Monster, the Outsider, and the Weirdo in Northwest Semitic Literatures” (Ugaritic Studies and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy), SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, Nov. 2025.
- (w/ Fanni Faegersten) “Images of Nature and the Divine: Recovering Phoenician Poetics,” conference New Directions in Salvage Poetics, University of Chicago Divinity School, Nov. 3-4, 2025.
- (w/ Fanni Faegersten) “Eternity: A Phoenician Legacy,” Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, study group on Phoenician poetry, April 22, 2025 (remote).
- “How to be a Phoenician in the Western Mediterranean: Seascapes, Mythologies, Interaction,” public lecture, research group on Global Pasts, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, March 31st, 2025.
- Three-part workshop “Métodos de abordaje de la literatura homérica: Mitología comparada e interacción cultural” (“Methods for approaching Homeric literature: Comparative mythology and cultural exchange”): three lectures at the University of Costa Rica, Department of Classics, EPIGRAMA program. San José, Costa Rica, March 17-18, 2025.
- “The *Other* World of Odysseus: Cultural Encounters in the Iron Age Mediterranean,” Keynote at international conference “Approaching Foreigners in Antiquity: Studying Intercultural Contact,” North West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa, February 5-8, 2025.
- “At the End of the World: Shaping Land, Religion, and Identity among the western Phoenicians,” at international conference “Home and Displacement: Perspectives from the Ancient Mediterranean and West Asia,” Copenhagen and Aarhus universities; Middlefart, Denmark, January 31st-February 1st, 2025.
- Panelist, Book Review panel “Beyond the Bronze Age: Resilience, Transformation, or Darkness. A Panel Discussion on *After 1177 BC* (Workshop),” American Institute of Archaeology, Philadelphia, January 2-5, 2025.
- “Studying Biblical Myth through Comparison,” panelist (Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory session), SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 23-26, 2024.
- “Phoenician settlements as a sustainable, counter-imperial strategy,” Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Helsinki, Finland, July 8-12, 2024.
- “Innovación y resiliencia en las religiones del Mediterráneo: una visión desde el mundo fenicio,” conference cycle “Nuevas perspectivas sobre las religiones mediterráneas en el I milenio a.C.,” Carlos III University-Casa de Velázquez-Fundación Pastor de Estudios Clásicos, Madrid, June 13, 2024.
- “Settlement, Adaptation, and Mobility in Southern Iberia,” at Conference on “Regional Migration and the Making of the Ancient Greek World,” MIGMAG ERC project (Migration and the Making of the Greek World), Vienna, June 6-8, 2024.
- “The Phoenicians and the Making of a New Mediterranean,” Key-note at workshop “Text and Artifact: Approaches to Cultural Interaction in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Early First Millennium BCE Northwestern University,” Northwestern University, Dept. Art History, April 25-26, 2024.
- “Rule, Fight, Love: A Primer in Comparative Mythology,” Public lecture and workshop of work in progress, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, March 7-8, 2024.
- “Who Were the Phoenicians and What Were They Doing in Iberia,” Biblical Archaeological Society, Bible and Archaeology Fest (online event), February 24, 2024.
- “Greek Epic and the Stratigraphy of Cultural Exchange,” presented at conference “Towards a Counterhistory of the Western Canon: The “Original Fragments” of the Hebrew Bible and Homer,” University of California Davis, Feb. 16-17, 2024.
- “The Phoenicians Strike Back,” Lecture at the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures (ISAC), the University of Chicago, February 7th, 2024.

- “Rule, Fight, Love: Greek and Near Eastern Gods and Why to do Comparative Mythology,” Elizabeth Hunter Memorial Lecture at Florida State University, Tallahassee, January 11, 2024.
- “Oracles Concerning Tyre and the ‘Corrupting Sea’ Effect,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 18-21, 2023.
- Discussant in panel on “Manifestations of the Deity in the Ancient Near East,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 18-21, 2023.
- “Greeks and Phoenicians at the ‘Fire Gates’: Proposing a Northwest Semitic Name for Pithekoussai (Ischia),” American Schools of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 17, 2023.
- “Los fenicios y el Mediterráneo: El caso de la Península Ibérica,” Universidad de Málaga, Sept. 20, 2023.
- “Pygmalion and his statue: a Euhemeristic myth in Greco-Phoenician Cyprus?” European Association of Biblical Studies (EABS), July 11-13, 2023, Syracuse, Italy.
- “Unheroic Gods and Ascended Mortals? The Origins of Euhemerism between Greek and Near Eastern Cultures,” presented at conference on “The Gods in Literature: Myth, Theology, and Belief in Ancient Near Eastern and Greek Poetry,” the Martin School, University of Oxford, UK, 21-22 June 2023.
- “Los fenicios y el ‘otro’ Mediterráneo,” key note at doctoral workshop “Frente a los fenicios: visiones de la construcción del Mediterráneo,” Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain, June 13, 2023.
- “Herodotos on Herakles and Aphrodite, or the Phoenician-Egyptian Entanglement,” lecture and student round table, Stanford University Department of Classics, May 18, 2023.
- “Egyptian Herakles and Syrian Aphrodite? Disentangling perceptions of Phoenician art and religion in the Greek tradition.” Talk for Graeco-Aegyptiaca group (UCL Department Greek and Latin and Hungarian group Palladion). April 25, 2023 (remote).
- “Phoenician religious iconography and its adaptations: resilience and innovation in ancient Mediterranean religions,” Dept. of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, State College, April 7, 2023.
- “Phoenician iconography and religious symbolism across the Mediterranean: two case studies,” Hebrew Bible and Early Jewish Reception Workshop, University of Chicago, March 20, 2023.
- “Egyptian Herakles and Syrian Aphrodite? Egyptian art and cultural exchange in the eastern Mediterranean,” David Noel Freedman Lecture, University of Michigan, Dept. Middle East Studies, March 13, 2023.
- “Unlocking ‘Orientalizing’ Art Through Phoenician-local Lenses,” AIA Toledo chapter, 9th annual Dorothy M. Price Memorial Lecture, Toledo OH, February 10, 2023.
- “The Phoenicians in Iberia, or how to corrupt the western seas,” Yale University, Archaeaia: Yale Program for the Study of Ancient and Premodern Cultures and Societies, January 27, 2023.
- “Orientalizing Art and Culture in the Far West: The Phoenician Linchpin,” American Institute of Archaeology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 6, 2023.
- “The recovery of a Phoenician intellectual history: problems and insights,” Ancient Studies lecture series; workshop “Case studies on Phoenician art and its adaptations,” Harvard University Classics Department, November 1-2, 2022.
- (With Laurent Bricault) Introduction and discussion of panel on “Mobility, Transmission, Translation” (conference “What’s in a Divine Name? Religious Systems and Human Agency in the Ancient Mediterranean,” Toulouse, Oct. 25-28, 2022), October 28, 2022 (remote).
- “Phoenician Religion: Innovation and Adaptation in the Ancient Mediterranean,” X International Congress of Phoenician and Punic Studies, Ibiza (Spain), October 17-21, 2022.
- “Orientalizing or ‘Phoenicianizing’? New perspectives on the Iron Age Mediterranean,” University of Heidelberg, July 12, 2022.
- (w/ Esther Rodríguez González) “A Boat-Eating Lion? An Afterlife Motif Found in a Tartessic Ivory and its Phoenician Comparanda (expanded),” Society of Ancient Mediterranean Religions conference “Sailing with the Gods,” Malta June 2022 (remote).
- Lectures on Phoenicians studies delivered at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University, and Haifa University, as Fellow for the Fund for the Advancement of the Humanities and Social Sciences (Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities), May 17-25, 2022.

- (w/ Fanni Faegersten) “Volute Capitals, Phoenician Religious Symbolism, and Cross-Cultural Adaptations,” Workshop on Phoenician Religion and Cult across the Mediterranean, University of Haifa, April 7, 2022 (remote).
- “Phoenician Cultural Influence in the Levant and Israel,” BASONNOVA – Biblical Archaeology Society of Northern Virginia and BAF – Biblical Archaeology Forum in Maryland, March 23, 2022 (remote)
- “Phoenician religion and its adaptations: between resilience and innovation,” Classical Studies, Dept. Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, March 3, 2022.
- “Towards a More Integrated Mediterranean: Lessons from Studying the Phoenicians,” Dept. of Classics and Mediterranean Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, February 24, 2022.
- “Los ‘networks’ de Astarté: un culto aglutinante en el Mediterráneo arcaico,” International symposium “La interculturalidad del Mundo Antiguo en los espacios de contacto: un enfoque de género,” Instituto Catalán de Arqueología Clásica, January 20-21, 2022 (remote)
- “El impacto fenicio entre comunidades griegas y chipriotas: variedad de contextos e interpretaciones,” II Congreso Internacional sobre Tarteso: “Nuevas Fronteras,” Mérida (Spain), November 17-19, 2021.
- “Phoenicians and the “Orientalizing Kit: New Perspectives on the Iron Age Mediterranean,” Columbia University Seminars in Classical Civilization, November 11, 2021 (remote).
- “Resilience and Innovation in Mediterranean Religion: Re-centering the Phoenicians,” lecture at the University of Chicago, Divinity School, October 7, 2021.
- “Phoenician Horizons and the *Other* Mediterranean,” lecture at Princeton University, Classics Department (with NELC), September 9, 2021.
- “Mediterranean Histories and the Phoenicians,” Keynote speaker, Association of Ancient Historians, May 7, 2021 (online).
- Position paper presenter at The Mediterranean Seminar, Round Table April 16, March-April 2021 (online).
- “A Boat-Eating Lion? An Afterlife Motif Found in a Tartessic Ivory and its Phoenician Comparanda,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, December 9, 2020 (online).
- “Fenicios y griegos en la Atenas clásica: una inscripción funeraria bilingüe con rarísima iconografía,” Workshop “15 inscripciones que no deberías perderte, incluso desde casa,” Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (online), June 12-13, 2020.
- Respondent, conference “Against the Grain: Transversal and Small Scale Connectivities in the Ancient Western Mediterranean,” University of Michigan Classical Studies. Ann Arbor, February 14-15 and 27, 2020.
- “The resilience of a ‘non-people’: notes on Phoenician-Punic identities in the interconnected Mediterranean,” University of California San Diego, November 25, 2019.
- “Greek and Near Eastern Comparison: The Importance of Historical and Cultural Frames,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, November 22-26, 2019.
- “Presencia fenicia y el fenómeno orientalizante en el Sur de la Península Ibérica: Tartessos como caso de estudio,” workshop “Fenicios entre oriente y occidente: El Yacimiento del El Cerro del Villar,” Universidad de Málaga (Spain), October 15, 2019.
- Presentation on teaching Greek and Near Eastern mythology, Emmert Colloquium on Methods for the Teaching of Myth, OSU Dept. Classics. Columbus, April 12-13, 2019.
- “Selectively Orientalizing: Local Identities and Economic Change in the Archaic Mediterranean,” conference “Ancient Inequalities: Economy, Culture, and Society in the Middle East and the Mediterranean,” University of Buenos Aires—University of Chicago. Buenos Aires (Argentina), March 27-29, 2019.
- “A Case for the Phoenician Agency in the Orientalizing Mediterranean,” annual lecture of the Classics and Near Eastern Studies Department, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, March 8, 2019.
- “The Phoenicians and the Global Mediterranean,” opening lecture at OSU Graduate Colloquium “A Crucible of Cultures: Cultural Exchange in the Ancient Mediterranean.” OSU Classics Department. Columbus, February 22-23, 2019.
- “No exactamente Atlantis: Cataclismos, literature, y cambio histórico,” International Symposium on Historical Tsunamis in the Iberian Peninsula. Universidad de Málaga—Museum of Málaga (Spain), February 14-15, 2019.
- “La cuestión fenicia: el debate sobre la identidad fenicia y su lugar dentro de los estudios clásicos,” Department of Classical Philology, Universidad de Málaga (Spain), February 14, 2019.

- Presentation at a book review panel about Aaron Tugendhaft's *Baal and the Politics of Poetry*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, November 17-19, 2018.
- "Reificar o no reificar? Tartesios, fenicios, y el problema de las identidades sin voz," IX International Congress of Phoenician and Punic Studies. Mérida (Spain), October 22-26, 2018.
- "Gargoris and Habis: A Foundation Story of Tartessic-Phoenician Origins," conference "Ex Arches: Looking Back at the Myths of Origins," OSU Classics Department. Columbus, September 14-15, 2018.
- "Tartessos, Regional Memory, and Alternative 'Classical' Pasts," Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University. Providence, April 20-21, 2018.
- "Some Late Antique Mosaics from Roman Cyprus and the Transmission of Orphic and Phoenician Cosmogonies," conference "Crossing Lands: Spreading Knowledge in the Near East and the Mediterranean from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages," Casa Árabe, Córdoba (Spain), March 15, 2018.
- Inaugural talk "Orientalism: My Way," Inaugural talk (promotion to Professor), College of Arts and Humanities. Columbus, February 14, 2018.
- "We Need to Talk about the Phoenicians," conference on "The Connected Iron Age: Interregional Networks in the Eastern Mediterranean, 900-600 BCE," University of Chicago, January 12-13, 2018.
- "Traveling Goddesses: Ashtarte-Aphrodite and the Archaic Mediterranean *Koiné*," conference "Women's Religious and Economic Roles in Antiquity," Chuo University, Tama Campus (Japan), November 10-11, 2017.
- "Siting the Gods: Hybridization, Narrative, and Cult in the 'Orientalizing' Mediterranean," conference on Divine Narratives in Ancient Greece and the Near East, Oxford, July 3-4, 2017.
- "The Phoenicians and the 'Orientalizing' Mediterranean: a View from Tartessos," 2017 Octopus Lecture, Oxford Centre for Phoenician and Punic Studies, Oxford, March 29, 2017.
- "Occidentalism, or Why the Phoenicians Matter: Approaches to Cultural Contact in the Mediterranean (800-600 BCE)," Society of Classical Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, January 6, 2017.
- Lecture/seminar about Tartessos and colonization in Iberia, for the "Seminario de Historia Antigua," Universidad de San Marcos, Lima (Perú) (Skype), December 5, 2016.
- "Phoenician networks from the Aegean to Iberia: rethinking the 'orientalizing' Mediterranean," Dept. of History and Archaeology, American University of Beirut, Beirut (Lebanon), October 20, 2016.
- "The Phoenicians and the Making of the Mediterranean: A View from Tartessos," Joukowsky Institute of Archaeology, Brown University. Providence, October 5, 2016.
- "Tras las huellas de Argantonio: Tartessos y los fenicios en Iberia," one-week course, Centro de Estudios del Próximo Oriente (CEPO), National Archaeological Museum, Madrid (Spain), June 13-17, 2016.
- "From 'Classical' to 'Mediterranean': Researching Religion and Cultural Exchange," conference on the Critical Study of Religion and the Future of the Humanities, OSU. Columbus, April-28-29, 2016.
- "The 'Orientalizing' Phenomenon: A Pan-Mediterranean Perspective," University of Cincinnati, Classics Department, March 3, 2016.
- "The Northwest Semitic Titles of Aphrodite," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2015.
- "Phoenicians in Spain, Phoenicians Everywhere: Some Thoughts on the Phoenician Literary Legacy," Annual Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies. Córdoba (Spain), July 13, 2015.
- "Philo of Byblos and Phoenician Religion in the Roman East," Midwestern Consortium for the Study of Ancient Religions, "The Revival or Reinvention of Non-Roman Religion under Roman Imperial Rule." The University of Chicago, March 7, 2015.
- Book Review Panel of Mark S. Smith, *Poetic Heroes: Literary Commemorations of Warriors and Warrior Culture in the Early Biblical World* (Eerdmans 2014), Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA, 24 November 2014.
- "Greek Literature and the Lost Legacy of Canaan," The Metropolitan Museum of Art, two-day symposium in connection to the exhibit *Assyria to Iberia*, New York, November 6-7, 2014.
- "Things not found among the Greeks: Paradox and Cultural Identity in Philon of Byblos' *Phoenician History*," Workshop "Fronteras de las identidades: qué fronteras para qué identidades," Universidad de Málaga (Spain), September 25-26, 2014.

- “Indigenous and Phoenician identities in the western Mediterranean: the case of Tartessos,” conference on “Defining ‘Foreignness’ in the Iron Age Mediterranean,” Northwestern University. Evanston, May 9, 2014.
- Lecture on Greek and Near Eastern Myth and cultural exchange, for the “Seminario de Historia Antigua,” Universidad de San Marcos, Lima (Perú) (Skype), April 10, 2014.
- “The Birth of Aphrodite and the challenges of comparative mythology,” Howard University, lecture series “Re-conceptualizing the Classics” (funded by NEH Award for Humanities Initiatives at Historically Black Colleges and Universities). Washington DC, February 27, 2014.
- Howard University, seminar on how to integrate ancient Mediterranean materials in the Classics curriculum (funded by NEH Award for Humanities Initiatives at Historically Black Colleges and Universities). Washington DC, February 26, 2014.
- “Greek Mythic Literature in Comparative Mediterranean Perspective: Some Ways Forward,” UC Santa Cruz, Dept. of Literature — Center for Humanities Research. Santa Cruz, January 31, 2014.
- “Kadmeian letters: early Greek and Phoenician linguistic contact,” Workshop “Classical Languages in History: Comparative Perspectives on Diglossia,” The Ohio State University, November 13, 2013.
- “Tartessos and the Place of Iberia in Ancient Mediterranean Studies,” Workshop, Iberian Studies Working Group of the Humanities Institute (org. C. López-Ruiz), OSU, October 17, 2013.
- “Cultural Contact in Pre-Roman Córdoba,” Lecture at Union College. New York, April 9, 2013.
- “Filón de Biblos y su *Historia Fenicia*: Tradición e innovación en el Oriente romano,” Universidad de Málaga (Spain), March 21, 2013.
- “(Written) Amulets for the Grave: The Orphic Gold Tablets in Mediterranean Context,” conference “Ancient Amulets: Words, Images, and Social Contexts,” Center for the Study of Ancient Religions, University of Chicago Oriental Institute – Franke Institute for the Humanities. Chicago, November 15-17, 2013.
- “Hesiod’s *Theogony* and Near Eastern cosmogonies: some issues of authorship and composition,” guest lecture at Ohio Wesleyan University, November 2012.
- “Tartessos y el proceso orientalizante en el Mediterráneo: aproximación a un estudio comparativo,” International Conference “Tarteso: el emporio del metal,” Universidad de Huelva (Spain), December 16, 2011.
- “Biblical Archaeology in Context: Mythological giants, historical peoples, first alphabets,” with Avi Ofer (Melton Center for Jewish Studies). Columbus OH, November 30, 2011.
- “The god Aion in a mosaic from Nea-Paphos and Helleno-Semitic Cosmogonies in the Roman East,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Francisco, November 21, 2011.
- “‘Things not found among the Greeks’: Tradition and innovation in Philon of Byblos’ *Phoenician History*,” conference “La représentation du divin à travers de mythe” (University of Athens—French School of Athens). Athens (Greece), June 10-12, 2011.
- “Sappho and Lydia: on *Habrosyne* and Orientalism,” International conference “Sappho in the Twenty-First Century,” The Ohio State University. Columbus, April 15-16, 2011.
- “The Poetics of Beginnings in the Eastern Mediterranean,” conference “Imagined Beginnings: The Poetics and Politics of Cosmogony, Theogony and Anthropogony in the Ancient World,” Center for the Study of Ancient Religions, University of Chicago – Midwest Consortium on Ancient Religions. Chicago, April 8-9, 2011.
- “El fenómeno orientalizante en Grecia: en busca de nuevos modelos,” Archivo Histórico, Universidad del Rosario. Bogotá (Colombia), March 28, 2011.
- “Banquete y poder en la mitología del Mediterráneo oriental,” International conference “Patrimonio Cultural de la Vid y el Vino” (CSIC and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid). Almendralejo (Spain), February 8-11, 2011.
- “What do Ugaritic Text Tell us about Greek Cosmogonies?” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Atlanta, November 20, 2010.
- Presenter at panel on “What is Mediterranean about Mediterranean Religions?” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Atlanta, November 20, 2010.

- “The Orientalizing Revolution: Searching for New Models,” OSU Department of Greek and Latin, Lecture Series. Columbus, May 28, 2010.
- “The Orientalizing Phenomenon: A Western Mediterranean Perspective,” the Mediterranean Seminar (Center for Mediterranean Studies), University of California at Santa Cruz, April 14, 2010.
- “The Oriental Within: Aspects of Helleno-oriental Identity in Greek Tragedy,” Tragedy, Translation, Ethnicity, and Imperialism, an Interdisciplinary Symposium. Columbus, November 19-20, 2009.
- Response to Patricia D. Ahearne-Kroll, “Elements of Hybridity in the Princess Berenike Cult as Expressed in the Canopus Decree,” Women in the Religious and Intellectual Activity of the Ancient Mediterranean World: An Interdisciplinary and International Conference in Honor of Adela Yarbro Collins. Methodist Theological School in Ohio—The Ohio State University, March 15-17, 2009.
- “*Hellenosemitica* revisited: Mopsos and other Greco-oriental myths in light of new evidence,” conference “Le mythe et ses interprétations: réévaluations de théories anciennes,” Fondation Hardt, Vandoeuvres, Genève, October 21-23, 2008.
- “Mot, Hades, y la muerte personificada en el Levante y Grecia,” Conversaciones con la muerte: la relación del hombre con el Más Allá a través de los textos (graduate seminar). Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC). Madrid, September 29-October 3, 2008.
- “Sacrifice and the city: the administration of religion at Ugarit and Pylos,” conference “The Centrality of Animal Sacrifice in Ancient Greek Religion: Ancient Reality or Modern Construct?” Franke Institute for the Humanities, The University of Chicago. Chicago, April 11-13, 2008.
- “Orientales y orientalizados: Tartessos como modelo de interacción cultural,” in “Tarsis-Tartessos: Mito, Historia, Arqueología.” V Coloquio del centro de Estudios Fenicios y Punicos. Universidad Complutense – Casa de Velazquez. Madrid, April 16-18, 2007.
- “Where the hell did their gods come from? Rethinking the multicultural background of Greek mythology,” key-note at OSU Graduate Colloquium “The Many Faces of the Gods.” Columbus, April 7, 2007.
- “Hesiod and the Near East,” Lecture given at Ohio Wesleyan University, February 2007.
- “Dining with the King of Heaven: Banqueting and the Struggle for Royal Power in Texts from Greece and the Levant,” American Philological Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, January 4-7, 2007.
- “The symbolism of milk in the Gold Tablets: A Near Eastern perspective,” International Conference on The Gold Tablets, The Ohio State University. Columbus, April 28-30 2007.
- “Old Gods for New Spirits: Oriental Elements in the Orphic Cosmogonies,” Langford Seminar, State University of Florida. Tallahassee, February 25-26, 2005.
- With Fumi Karahashi (University of Pennsylvania): “Aphrodite’s Revenge and Poseidon’s Bull: Near Eastern Origins of the Ancient Greek Hippolytus Myth,” American Philological Association 136th Annual Meeting. Boston, January 7-9, 2005.
- “A Revision of the North-West Semitic Background of Greek Cosmo-Theogonic Traditions,” presented at the conference “Hittites, Greeks and their Neighbors in Ancient Anatolia: An International Conference on Cross-Cultural Interaction.” Emory University, September 17-19, 2004.
- “The Syrio-Phoenician Sources of the *Theogony* of Hesiod: The Succession Myth,” American Philological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, January 3-6, 2004.
- “Sabiduría ancestral y árboles sagrados en Grecia Arcaica y el Levante”, Colloquium “El reino vegetal en el imaginario religioso de la antigüedad,” Instituto Universitario de Ciencias de las Religiones (Universidad Complutense), Institute of History (CSIC), National Archaeological Museum. Madrid, November 17-18, 2003.
- With Sebastián Celestino, “Reusing the Oriental: The Warrior-Bull Motif in the Syrio-Palestinian Stela from Beth-Saida and the Stelae from Tartessos in Spain,” Ancient Societies Workshop, University of Chicago. Chicago, November 11, 2003.
- “The Phoenicians Reached Tartessos, but Did Tartessos Reach Phoenicia?: the Historical and Textual Problem,” conference “*One Thousand Years of Colonial Encounters: Phoenicians, Greeks, and Indigenous populations in the Iberian Peninsula*,” University of Chicago. Chicago, November 7-8, 2003.
- “Revisión crítica de la aparición de Tartessos en las fuentes Clásicas y Semíticas”, Congreso de Protohistoria del Mediterráneo Occidental: el Período Orientalizante, Mérida (Spain), May 5-8, 2003.

- “What about the Tree and the Stone?: A North-West Semitic Motif in the Theogony of Hesiod,” American Philological Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, January 3-6, 2003.
- “The Palace-Sanctuary of Cancho Roano and the Phoenician Impact on the Indigenous Populations of the Iberian Peninsula” (w/ Sebastián Celestino), colloquium “Phoenicians in the West: The Archaeology of Identity and Ethnicity,” Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, January 3-6, 2003.
- “Hesiodic Cosmogony in light of North-West Semitic sources,” Ancient Societies Workshop, University of Chicago, November 8, 2002.
- With Sebastián Celestino, “El motivo del toro guerrero en las estelas sirio-palestinas y sus analogías con las estelas tartésicas,” VII Congreso Internacional de estelas funerarias, Santander (Fund. Marcelino Botín), October 24-26, 2002.
- “Motivos semíticos noroccidentales en la Teogonía de Hesíodo,” Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, May 30, 2002.
- “The Tree and the Stone: a study on the North-West Semitic influence in Hesiod,” Ancient Societies Workshop, University of Chicago, February 19, 2002.
- “Revisiting *Tarshish*: The Connection between Tartessos, Phoenician Colonization, and the Biblical Sources,” Ancient Societies Workshop, University of Chicago, May 16, 2000.
- “The Masks of Artemis Ortheia at Sparta and the Encounter with the East,” Ancient Societies Workshop, University of Chicago, November 24, 1998.

OUTREACH (SELECTED)

- Podcast interviews: Levantini Podcast (2021); “Voices of Excellence from the College of Arts and Sciences” (OSU) (2021); Ithaca Bound (2021); History Hit podcast (2022; 2023); Rosners’ Domain (2022); New Books Network (2022); Tides of History (2023); Radio USAL (Univ. Salamanca) (2023); The Course (UChicago Hong Kong Campus) (2024); *Lesche*: Ancient Greece, New Ideas (June 2024); Ancient History Podcast (Dec. 2025); La Fabrica de la Ciencia (Jan. 2026)
- Book discussion of *Magic and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean World*, with co-editors, at the North Shore Authors Showcase (North Shore Unitarian Church, Chicago), May 7, 2024.
- Discussion with Sarah Iles Johnston of her book *Gods and Mortals*, org. Martin Marty Center for the Public Understanding of Religion at the Seminary Co-Cop, May 1st, 2024.
- “Descubriendo el pasado fenicio en España,” University of Southern California, Department of Latin American and Iberian Cultures – Spanish US Embassy (remote lecture), 03/24/2023.
- Discussant: “Religion and Happiness,” Divinity School Council event, 11/15/2022.
- Written Interviews: Mundos antiguos digitales (2022; Spanish); Peopling the Past blog (2022).

TEACHING

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (2022—)

- (WI 23) Phoenician Religion: RLST 22308, CLAS32322, NEHC23208
 (WI 23) Praising the Gods: Greek Hymnic Poetry and its Context: HREL47518-1, GREK 27122/37122
 (SP 23) Greek and Near Eastern Creation Stories: RLST20210, NEHC20210, CLCV 20222/32322
 (SP 23) How Did the Ancients Interpret their Myths? RLST 28499, CLAS 38422, NEHC 28499
 (WI 24) Religion Core: Cosmos, Conscience, Community II: SOSCI7200
 (WI24) The Birth of the Gods: A Close Reading of Hesiod’s *Theogony*: HREL 31880/RLST21880, GREK 24923/34923, FNLD21880
 (SP 24) Jerusalem in Middle Eastern Civilizations-I: SOSCI9028
 (SP 24) Textual Amulets in the Ancient Mediterranean (w/ C.A. Faraone and S. Torallas Tovar): HREL40130/RLST20130, CLAS37923, CLCV 27923, NEHC 20130/40130
 (SU 24) Field Archaeology (Málaga, Spain) (w/D. Schloen) NEAA20091
 (AU24-WI25) Classics Seminar: Carthage (w/Shadi Bartsch CLAS42424)

(SP25) Myth and its Critics (RLST 28498, CLVC 15000, HIST 17000, SIGN 26037)
(WI26) Religion Core: Cosmos, Conscience, Community II: SOSC17200
(SP26) (Study Abroad) Córdoba: Crossroads of Ancient civilizations (SOSC SOSC 19082-99)
(SP26) Ring Course World Archaeology (ARKE 20200): “The Greek World and the ‘Orientalizing’ Revolution” (04/20)

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY (2005—2022)

Classics 101: Greek Literature in Translation.
Arts and Sciences 137 (Freshman Seminar): “The Real Indiana Jones”: The First Explorers of the Ancient World.
Greek 2101: Attic Prose; Greek 2103: Greek Historians.
Classics 2220/Honors CL2220: Classical Mythology.
Honors Classics 223 (Topics in Ancient Literature and Society): Greece and the Orient (2006); Carthage (2012).
Classics 224: Greek Civilization.
Classics 240/2301: Classical Archaeology (Greek Archaeology: Mycenaean to Classical Greece).
NELC 632 (/GR27956): Phoenician Language and Inscriptions.
Greek 609: Readings in Plato.
Greek 660: Introduction to the Greek Dialects.
Greek 701/702/6892: Greek Survey (poetry and prose).
Graduate Seminars (GR880/GR7890): Greek Cosmogonies and the Near East; Introduction to the History of the Greek Language and its Dialects; Greece and the Near East: Approaches and Methodologies; Greeks and Phoenicians in the Western Mediterranean; Carthage and the Phoenicians in the west.

UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID, SPAIN (2001-2002)

LECTURER, Greek Language and Literature, Classics Department, November 2001-March 2002. Taught intermediate Greek Language (Plato), Greek Tragedy in translation.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (1998-2000)

LECTURER AND TEACHING ASSISTANT, Intermediate Greek (Plato’s *Symposium*, Sophocles’ *Oedipus Rex*, Homer’s *Odyssey*) (Summer 1998); Ancient Mediterranean World: Greek Civilization (Fall 1998); intermediate Latin: Livy (Fall 1998).
LECTURER, ATHENS PROGRAM (Athens, Spring Quarter 1999): second year Greek (Lysias); third year Greek (Herodotos); Guest lecturer, Greek Civilization, incl. on-site lectures.
RESEARCH ASSISTANT for Professor Dennis Pardee (ORIENTAL INSTITUTE, NELC), 1999-2000.
TEACHING ASSISTANT, Elementary Classical Hebrew (ORIENTAL INSTITUTE, NELC), 1999-2000.

SELECTED SERVICE

Society of Classical Studies (SCS), Annual Fund Committee (2020-2023); Melton Center for Jewish Studies (OSU), Board of Directors (2007-2022); Center for the Study of Religion (OSU), Advisory Board (2006-2009).

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Series editor (w/ Tamar Hodos) Elements of the Iron Age Mediterranean Iron Age, Cambridge Elements Series, CUP (2024-29).
Advisory board, Classics and Asia at the Intersections monograph series (U. of Michigan Press) (2025—).
Associate editor, *History of Religions* (2022—).
Associate editor, *Classical Philology* (2022—).
Scientific Committee, *Minerva: Revista de Filología Clásica* (2025—),

Editorial board, *Maarav* (2022—).

Editorial board, *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* (2021—).

Editorial board, *Astarté: Estudios de Oriente Próximo y el Mediterráneo* (2016—).

Editorial board, *Palaeohispanica: revista sobre lenguas y culturas de la Hispania antigua* (2016—).

Advisory board, The Mediterranean Seminar monograph series (Palgrave Macmillan) (2012—).

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Reviewer of articles for: *American Journal of Philology*, *Antiquity*, *Classical Journal*, *Classical Philology*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology*, *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections*, *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*, *Journal of Archaeological Research*, *Journal of Comparative Studies*, *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies*, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, *Journal of Religions*, *Illinois Classical Studies*, *Maarav*, *Mnemosyne*, *Numen*, *Palgrave*, *Palaeohispanica*, *Phoenix*, *PLOS ONE*, *Religion Compass*, *Rivista di Studi Fenici*, *Transactions of the American Philological Association*.

Reviewer of manuscripts: Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of California Press, Routledge, Brill, Mohr Siebeck.

Reviewer of fellowship/grant applications: European Research Council, National Endowment for the Humanities, Loeb Classical Library Foundation, La Caixa Foundation, Austrian Science Fund, Spanish Ministry (I+D projects), Israel Science Foundation, Durham University, American University in Beirut.

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Co-organized international conference “Negotiating Identities, Constructing Territories: Pre-Roman Iberia 900-200 BCE” (with Michael Dietler). Sponsored by: Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, Franke Institute for the Humanities, Center for International Social Science Research (CISSR), Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures (ISAC), Department of Anthropology, Department of Classics, and the Divinity School.

Co-organized of international conference “Textual Amulets of the Mediterranean World: 1000 BCE-1000 CE,” with C. A. Faraone and S. Torallas Tovar, Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, 2023-24.

Co-organizer (w/ M.A. Santamaría) of conference “Ex Arches: Looking Back at the Myths of Origins,” The Ohio State University, Classics Department, September 14-15, 2018.

Steering committee, Society of Biblical Literature “Ugaritic and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy” (2011-2016).

Coordinator, Iberian Studies Working Group, OSU Humanities Institute (w/R.Haidt and P.Pereira, 2012-15).

Organizer, international conference *One Thousand Years of Colonial Encounters: Phoenicians, Greeks, and Indigenous populations in the Iberian Peninsula*, University of Chicago (funded: Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture, University of Chicago Franke Institute of Humanities of the and departments). Chicago, 7-8 November 2003.

Coordinator, Seminarios Abiertos de Filología e Historia (bi-weekly workshops), coordinator (w/ Sofia Torallas), CSIC, Madrid, 2002-2003.

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International expert and referee for the Advanced Studies in the Humanities doctoral Program at the University of Málaga, Spain (area of History, Art, Philosophy, and Antiquity Sciences) (2025-)

Member, international research project “Guardianas de la memoria. Análisis arqueológico y resignificación histórica de los roles femeninos en las comunidades fenicio-púnicas del sur de Iberia,” dir. Carmen Ramírez Cañas (Univ. Seville, 2024-25).

Affiliated scholar: Israel Institute of Advanced Studies, Research Groups, “Phoenician Identity in the Making: A Longue Durée Perspective” (org. A. Fantalkin, Naama Yahalom-Mack) and “Can We Hear Anymore the Voice of Singing Men and Women? Recovering Phoenician Oral Poetry” (org. Andrea Rotstein and Noam Mizrahi), 2024-25 (remote participation).

Member, international research project “The Tsunami in the Cultural Representations of the Ancient World: Gadir-Gades and the Gulf of Cádiz as a Case-Study,” dir. M. Álvarez Martí-Aguilar (Univ. of Málaga, Spain, 2016-2019).

Member, international research project “Mitos del origen y del final y su racionalización en Grecia. Paralelos en culturas orientales e indoeuropeas,” dir. M.A. Santamaría (Univ. Salamanca, 2016-18).

Member, international research project “The Construction of Phoenician Identities in the Roman Empire,” dir. M. Álvarez Martí-Aguilar (Univ. of Málaga, Spain, 2012-2014).

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Codirector of the University of Chicago excavations at the Phoenician site of Cerro del Villar, Málaga 2022 – present (w/ D. Schloen, ISAC; under PI J. Suárez Padilla, University of Málaga).

Participant, Archaeological expedition of Tel-Hazor in Northern Galilee, Israel (Summers 1994, 1995) under the direction of Prof. Amnon Ben-Tor, Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Participant, Archaeological field trip to Southern Turkey, Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, led by Profs. Amihai Mazar and Gideon Forster, February 1996.

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Latin, Greek, Classical Hebrew, Phoenician-Punic, Ugaritic.

Modern: Spanish (native), English (fluent); Modern Hebrew, Modern Greek (conversational); French and other Romance languages (reading comprehension).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society for Classical Studies (SCS, 2003—); Archaeological Institute of America (AIA, 2003—); Society of Biblical Literature (SBL 2010—); American Schools of Overseas Research (ASOR 2008-11, 2021—); Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions (SAMS, 2019—); Association of Ancient Historians (AAH, 2009—); Sociedad Española de Estudios Clásicos (SEEC, 2019-26); Centro de Estudios Fenicios y Púnicos (CEFYP, 2019—).