

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL:

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Citizenship: USA

EDUCATION:

- 2010- Ph.D. University of Chicago, History of Religions
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Classical Studies, University of Leuven
(Belgium)
Dissertation Research Fellow, Collège de France (France)
M.A. Boston University, Classics
Dip. Oxford, Lincoln College and Bodleian Lib., Greek Palaeography
B.A. University of Chicago, Classics (w/ minor in Romance Languages)

AREAS OF INTEREST:

Ancient Mediterranean Religions; Sociology of Knowledge; History of Classical
Scholarship (especially in antiquity and nineteenth and twentieth-century France);
Historical Theory; Ancient Political Philosophy

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2017-18 Belgian American Educational Foundation Fellowship
2016-17 William Rainey Harper Dissertation Fellowship
2016-17 Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion Fellowship (declined)
2015-16 Collège de France Research Fellowship [with concurrent Research Residency,
Univ. of Chicago Center in Paris]
2016 Fondation Hardt, Bourse de recherche (Geneva)
2016 Edward L. Ryerson Fellowship in Archaeology, Univ. of Chicago (also in 2011)
2015 Karen Dinal Memorial Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Univ.
of Chicago
2015 125th Departmental Histories Fellow, Univ. of Chicago
2015 Nicholson Center for British Studies Research Fellowship, Univ. of Chicago
2014 Graduate Council Travel Fund, Univ. of Chicago
2012 Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship, Univ. of Chicago
2011 Norman Perrin Memorial Travel Grant, Univ. of Chicago (also 2x in 2012;
2015; 2x in 2016)

2011	Summer Language Fellowship, Univ. of Chicago (intensive Russian)
2010-15	University Fellowship, Univ. of Chicago
2008-10	PhD Fellowship, Boston University
2009	Dean's Summer Research and Travel Award, Boston University
2008	Full Bursary for study in Greek palaeography, Oxford University
2004-08	Dean's List, Univ. of Chicago
2007	John G. Hawthorne Prize, Classics, Univ. of Chicago
2005	Foreign Language Acquisition Grant, Univ. of Chicago

PUBLICATIONS:

ARTICLES AND REVIEWS:

“From Mythos to Logos: Jean-Pierre Vernant, Max Weber, and the Narrative of Occidental Rationalization,” Modern Intellectual History 14:02 (Aug. 2017): 477-506

Translation (with introduction) of Arnaldo Momigliano, “The Rules of the Game in the Study of Ancient History” (“Le regole del giuoco nello studio della storia antica”), History and Theory 55:01 (Feb. 2016): 39-45

Review of Tim Whitmarsh, *Battling the Gods: Atheism in the Ancient World* (Knopf, 2015), The Journal of Religion 97:03 (July 2017): 446-448

“The Divination Contest of Calchas and Mopsus and Aristophanes’ *Knights*,” Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies (forthcoming)

“Wonder and Wisdom in Ancient Greek Paradoxography,” Glenn Most and Michael Puett (eds.) After Wisdom: Sapiential Traditions and Ancient Scholarship in Comparative Perspective (in progress)

Review of Michael Konaris, *The Greek Gods in Modern Scholarship: Interpretation and Belief in Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Germany and Britain* (Oxford, 2015), Journal of Religion (commissioned and in progress)

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

2017/11	“Ancient Reflections on Myth and Cult in Greek Paradoxography,” SBL/American Academy of Religion Meeting in Boston
2017/09	“Categories and Scholarly Practices in the History of (Classical) Religions,” The Making of the Humanities Conference in Oxford (Somerville College) organized by the Society for the History of the Humanities
2017/05	“The Aristotelian Foundations of a New Human Science in the Hellenistic Age: Some Preliminary Remarks,” Univ. of Chicago Center in Paris

- 2017/01 “Situating the *Problemata* Genre in the Context of Hellenistic Exegesis,” SCS meeting in Toronto
- 2016/11 “Anomalies and Knowledge Making in the ps.-Aristotelian *On Marvellous Things Heard*,” Irreverence and the Sacred: Critical Studies in the History of Religions, Conf. in Honor of Bruce Lincoln, Franke Institute (Chicago)
- 2016/11 “Artemidorus’ Theory of Dreams: Techniques of Interpretation in Ancient Greek Dream Manuals,” Neubauer Collegium: The Form, Utility and Professional *Techne* of Practical Handbooks in the Ancient World, Univ. of Chicago
- 2016/09 “Ancient Greek Sacrifice in Three Historical Forms: Some Methodological Proposals,” The Materiality of Divine Agency in the Graeco-Roman World, Max-Weber Kolleg, Universität Erfurt
- 2016/08 “Wonder and Wisdom in Hellenistic and Imperial Greek Paradoxography,” Wisdom Literature Seminar convened by G. Most and M. Puett, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2016/01 “Ancient Greek Sacrifice in Three Historical Forms: Some Methodological Proposals,” Univ. of Chicago Center in Paris
- 2015/01 “Durkheim, Weber, and Some Problems in the Recent Turn towards the Individual in Ancient Greek Religion,” APA meeting in New Orleans
- 2015/01 “The Hermeneutics of Sacrifice in *The Homeric Hymn to Hermes* and in the Selinuntine *lex sacra*,” Ancient Societies Workshop, Univ. of Chicago
- 2013/11 “Platonic Epistemology in the *Tabula* of Cebes: Reading Religious Art in Antiquity,” Metaphor Workshop and Rhetoric and Poetics Workshop, Univ. of Chicago
- 2013/10 “The Contours of Ancient Greek Sacrifice; or, How to Interpret the Sacrifice Scene in the *Homeric Hymn to Hermes*,” (Harvard Divinity, declined due to scheduling conflict)
- 2012/11 “Social Structure and the Exception of Dionysus in Plato’s *Laws*,” UCLA Dept. of Classics: Madness in the Ancient World
- 2012/10 “The Politics of Dance: Social Structure and the Exception of Dionysus in Plato’s *Laws*,” Ancient Societies Workshop, Univ. of Chicago
- 2012/10 “Visual Hermeneutics and Platonic Epistemology in the *Tabula* of Cebes,” Harvard: Ways of Knowing Conference, *panel chair
- 2012/03 “Vernant, Burkert, and Porphyry: Theories of Sacrifice Revisited,” BU Dept. of Classics, Invited Respondent. The Raw and the Rotten, Perversions of Consumption in Antiquity
- 2011/05 “Between Reality and Myth: Divination in Aristophanes’ *Knights*,” Univ. of Chicago, Colloquium: Dealing with Demos: Religion, Politics, and Literary Traditions in Aristophanic Comedy
- 2011/01 “Divining Politicians: A Reconsideration of Oracles in *Knights*,” APA meeting in San Antonio

- 2010/04 "Toward an Understanding of Ancient Greek Mystery Cults," Boston Latin Academy, Invited Speaker
- 2009/12 "Seers and Other Diviners: Friends or Foes?" BU, JCL Classics Day
- 2009/10 "Commemorative Performance and Corporeality in Ancient Greece and among the Songhay," Johns Hopkins Classics: Memory & Posterity in Antiquity
- 2009/04 "Reconsideration of the Homeric Seer," CAMWS meeting in Minneapolis

TEACHING:

- Univ. of Chicago, Humanities Division:
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| 2016 | Fall (Lecturer) | Greece and Rome: Texts, Traditions, Transformations I |
| 2016 | Fall (Writing Intern) | Greece and Rome: Texts, Traditions, Transformations I |
| 2014 | Fall | Human Being and Citizen I |
| 2014 | Winter | Human Being and Citizen II |
| 2014 | Spring | Greek Thought and Literature III |
| 2013 | Winter | Readings in World Literature II |
- Univ. of Chicago, Divinity School:
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| 2014 | Fall (Teaching Asst.) | Introduction to the Study of Religion |
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- Univ. of Chicago, Social Sciences Division:
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| 2014 | Fall (Teaching Intern) | Self, Culture and Society I |
| 2014 | Winter | Self, Culture and Society II |
| 2015 | Spring | Self, Culture and Society III |
- Boston University, Department of Classics:
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| 2008-10 | Teaching Fellow | Roman Civilization (2x); Ancient Mythology;
Greek Civilization |
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EDITORIAL AND COLLABORATIVE WORK:

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| 2014-15 | Coordinator, Metaphor Workshop, Univ. of Chicago |
| 2013-15 | Editorial Assistant, <u>History of Religions</u> Journal |
| 2015 | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Kosmos Seminar on Globalized Classics |
| 2010-13 | Editorial Assistant (Acquisitions), Univ. of Chicago Press |
| 2007-08 | Latin Translator, <i>Speculum Romanae Magnificentiae</i> Project, Univ. of Chicago |

FIELDWORK:

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| 2009 | Agora Excavations, American School of Classical Studies, Athens |
| 2007 | Villa Vignacce Excavations, American Institute for Roman Culture, Rome |

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

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| 2008- | Reader, Metcalf Fellowship Selection Committee, Univ. of Chicago |
| 2008- | Member, Alumni Schools Committee, Univ. of Chicago |
| 2009- | Committee Member, Class Council, Univ. of Chicago |
| 2008-10 | Univ. of Chicago College Alumni Interviewer (Boston area) |
| 2015-16 | Univ. of Chicago College Alumni Interviewer (Europe) |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Society for Classical Studies (SCS: formerly APA)
American Historical Association (AHA)
Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS)
Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions (SocAMR)
Classical Reception Studies Network (CRSN)
Anthropology Alliance, Field Museum

LANGUAGES:

Trained in ancient Greek, Latin, Italian, French; some Russian
Fluent in Cantonese; proficient in Mandarin, Spanish, German
Reading knowledge of Byzantine Greek, Modern Greek, Medieval and Renaissance
Italian

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST