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Washington State University
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Louisiana State University - Ancient Mediterranean and Middle Eastern History, 2016
Minor Fields: Graeco-Roman Art and Architecture
Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Dissertation: *Challenging Roman Domination: The End of Hellenistic Rule and the Rise of the Parthian State from the Third to the First Centuries BCE*
https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/gradschool_dissertations/2802/
- M.A. University of Maryland, College Park - Ancient Mediterranean History, 2011
Thesis: *Contesting the Greatness of Alexander the Great: The Representation of Alexander in the Histories of Polybius and Livy*
<https://drum.lib.umd.edu/handle/1903/11761>
- B.A. University of North Texas - History, Classical Studies Minor, 2008

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-Present Assistant Professor in Ancient History (Scholarly C.T.)
Department of History, Washington State University
- 2017-2019 Visiting Lecturer in Ancient History
Department of History, University of New Mexico
- 2016-2017 Instructor in Ancient History
Department of History, Missouri State University
- 2014-2015 Adjunct Instructor in Ancient History
Department of History, Louisiana State University
- 2014-2015 Adjunct Instructor in World History
Department of Social Sciences and History, Baton Rouge Community College

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- 2020 *Reign of Arrows: The Rise of the Parthian Empire in the Hellenistic Middle East.*
Oxford University Press. Oxford Studies in Early Empires Series.
(<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/reign-of-arrows-9780190888329?cc=us&lang=en&#>)

Praise for *Reign of Arrows*:

“Overtoom’s study of the rise of the Parthian Empire brings a new perspective to this important development in the history of the Hellenistic Middle East. By emphasizing the changing international-systems elements that led to the expansion of the Arsacid kings, Overtoom allows scholars to develop a more

sophisticated view of how this expansion occurred, with less causal emphasis merely on the warlike nature of Parthian society or the personalities of individual rulers — important though these were.” -- Arthur Eckstein, University of Maryland

“A novel, salutary, and stimulating effort to give meaningful order to hitherto confused Parthian political histories. Reign of Arrows restores dynamism to the Parthian Empire, enlivening discussion of its history and enabling its inclusion in the comparative study of ancient empires and the ancient world more generally.” -- Richard Payne, University of Chicago

Reviews:

Sabine Müller, Philipps University Marburg, 2021. *The Journal of Roman Studies*. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-roman-studies/article/abs/jason-m-schlude-rome-parthia-and-the-politics-of-peace-the-origins-of-war-in-the-ancient-middle-east-routledge-studies-in-ancient-history-12-londonnew-york-routledge-2020-pp-222-isbn-9780815353706-155-nikolaus-overtoom-reign-of-arrows-the-rise-of-the-parthian-empire-in-the-hellenistic-middle-east-oxford-studies-in-early-empires-oxfordnew-york-oxford-university-press-2020-pp-396-isbn-9780190888329-85/EAD4BCE52FFAB40B371AF68BFFBDCC13>

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- (Forthcoming 2022) “The Strategic Importance of Babylonia in Hellenistic Warfare from Alexander the Great to Mithridates II.” *Orbis Terrarum*.
- (Forthcoming 2022) “Reassessing the Role of Parthia and Rome in the Origins of the First Romano-Parthian War (56/55-50 BCE).” *Journal of Ancient History*.
- (Forthcoming 2021/2) “A Fight to Reclaim the Central Asian Frontier: The Seleucid and Parthian Rivalry in the 230s BC.” *Studia Hercynia: Journal of the Institute of Classical Archaeology* 26.
- 2020 “The Parthians’ Failed Vassalage of Syria: The Shortsighted Western Policy of Phraates II and the Second Reign of Demetrius II (129-125 BCE).” *Acta Antiqua Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae* 60.1-2: 1-14.
<https://akjournals.com/view/journals/068/60/1-2/article-p1.xml>
- 2019 “Considering the Failures of the Parthians against the Invasions of the Central Asian Tribal Confederations in the 120s BCE.” *Studia Iranica* 48: 77-111. <https://poj.peeters-leuven.be/content.php?url=article&id=3287226>
- 2019 “The Power-Transition Crisis of the 160s-130s BCE and the Formation of the Parthian Empire.” *Journal of Ancient History* 7.1: 111-155.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/jah-2018-0024>
- 2019 “A Reconsideration of Mithridates II’s Early Reign: A Savior Restores the Eastern Frontier of the Parthian Empire.” *Parthica, Incontri di culture nel mondo antico* 21: 9-21.
<https://www.torrossa.com/en/authors/overtoom-nikolaus-leo.html>
- 2017 “The Parthians’ Unique Mode of Warfare: A Tradition of Parthian Militarism and the Battle of Carrhae.” *Anabasis, Studia Classica et Orientalia* 8: 99-122.
https://www.academia.edu/37356616/The_Parthians_Unique_Mode_of_Warfare_A_Tradition_of_Parthian_Militarism_and_the_Battle_of_Carrhae_Anabasis_8_2017

- 2017 “The Parthian Rival and Rome’s Failure in the East: Roman Propaganda and the Stain of Crassus.” *Acta Antiqua Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae* 57.4: 415-435. <https://doi.org/10.1556/068.2017.57.4.4>.
- 2016 “The Power-Transition Crisis of the 240s BCE and the Creation of the Parthian State.” *The International History Review* 38.5: 984-1013. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/07075332.2016.1140669>
- 2016 “The Rivalry of Rome and Parthia in the Sources from the Augustan Age to Late Antiquity.” *Anabasis, Studia Classica et Orientalia* 7: 137-174. https://www.academia.edu/31987949/The_Rivalry_of_Rome_and_Parthia_in_the_Sources_from_the_Augustan_Age_to_Late_Antiquity_Anabasis_7_2016
- 2013 “Six Polybian Themes Concerning Alexander the Great.” *Classical World* 106.4: 571-93. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/519927>
- 2012 “A Roman Tradition of Alexander the Great Counterfactual History.” *Acta Antiqua Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae* 52.3: 203-212. <http://akademiai.com/toc/068/52/3>

Peer Reviewed Book Contributions

- (Forthcoming 2024) “Concepts of Courage and Cowardice in the Formation of the Parthian State.” *Brill’s Companion to Courage and Cowardice in Ancient Mediterranean Warfare*. Brill. J. Finn (ed.).
- (Forthcoming 2023) “The Parthian Empire in Josephus’s Writings.” *The Oxford Handbook of Josephus*. Oxford. K. Atkinson (ed.).
- (Forthcoming 2022) “Considering the Parthian Army, Its Logistics, and the Challenges the Seleucids Faced in Fighting It.” *Brill’s Companion to Food and Drink in the Armies of Ancient Greece and Rome*. Brill. J. Donahue and L. Brice (eds.).
- (Forthcoming 2022) “Patricide, Fratricide, and Betrayal: The Role of Parthia in the First War with Rome.” *Brill’s Companion to War in Ancient Iran*. Brill. J. Hyland and K. Rezakhani (eds.).
- 2016 *Conflict in Greece and Rome: The Definitive Political, Social, and Military Encyclopedia*. ABC-CLIO. S. Phang, et al. (eds.). Nine article entries: Polybius; Maniples (Roman Military); Pyrrhus of Epirus and the Pyrrhic War; Battle of Magnesia (Romans vs Seleucids); Arch of Septimius Severus (Rome); Roman Civil War (Pertinax-Septimius Severus); Ammianus Marcellinus; Constantius II; and Julian “The Apostate.” <https://products.abc-clio.com/abc-clio/corporate/product.aspx?pc=A3697C>

Professional Book Reviews

- 2022 Hendrikus A. M. van Wijlick. *Rome and the Near Eastern Kingdoms and Principalities, 44-31 BC: A Study of Political Relations during Civil War*. Brill. 2021. For *Ancient West & East*.
- 2019 John Hyland. *Persian Interventions: The Achaemenid Empire, Athens, and Sparta, 450-386 BCE*. John Hopkins University Press. 2017. For *Res Militares*. https://www.academia.edu/40083206/Res_Militares_2019_1
- 2015 James Evans. *Daily Life in the Hellenistic Age: From Alexander to Cleopatra*.

- Norman. 2012. For *H-War, H-Net Reviews*.
https://www.academia.edu/10341526/Review_of_James_Evans_Daily_Life_in_the_Hellenistic_Age_From_Alexander_to_Cleopatra
- 2015 Hans van Wees. *Ships and Silver, Taxes and Tribute: A Fiscal History of Archaic Athens*. London. 2013. For *H-War, H-Net Reviews*.
https://www.academia.edu/11033806/Review_of_Hans_van>Wees_Ships_and_Silver_Taxes_and_Tribute_A_Fiscal_History_of_Archaic_Athens
- 2015 J. Yardley and Anthony Barrett (trans.). *Velleius Paterculus' Historia Romana*. Indianapolis. 2011. For *H-War, H-Net Reviews*.
https://www.academia.edu/10131312/Review_of_Velleius_Paterculus.The_Roman_History_From_Romulus_and_the_Foundation_of_Rome_to_the_Reign_of_the_Emperor_Tiberius. Trans. J. C. Yardley and Anthony A. Barrett
- 2014 Marguerite Johnson. *Boudicca*. London. 2012. For *H-War, H-Net Reviews*.
https://www.academia.edu/7184971/Review_of_Marguerite_Johnsons_Boudicca
- 2014 Jacqueline de Romilly. *The Mind of Thucydides*. Ithaca. 2012. For *H-War, H-Net Reviews*.
https://www.academia.edu/7184933/Review_of_Jacqueline_de_Romillys_The_Mind_of_Thucydides
- 2014 Paul Cartledge. *After Thermopylae: The Oath of Plataea and the End of the Graeco-Persian Wars*. Oxford. 2013. For *H-War, H-Net Reviews*.
https://www.academia.edu/6324886/Review_of_Paul_Cartledges_After_Thermopylae_The_Oath_of_Plataea_and_the_End_of_the_Graeco-Persian_Wars
- 2013 Elizabeth Carney. *Arsinoë of Egypt and Macedon: A Royal Life*. Oxford 2013. For *H-War, H-Net Reviews*.
https://www.academia.edu/6324867/Review_of_Elizabeth_Carneys_Arsino%C3%AB_of_Egypt_and_Macedon_A_Royal_Life
- 2013 Clifford Ando. *Imperial Rome AD 193 to 284: The Critical Century*. Edinburgh. 2012. For *H-War, H-Net Reviews*.
https://www.academia.edu/4414969/Review_of_Clifford_Andos_Imperial_Rome_AD_193_to_284_The_Critical_Century

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2022 The Rise and Fall of Ancient Rome: The Geopolitical and Social History of the Romans from Foundation to Byzantium (Washington State University).
- Spring 2022 Women in the Ancient World: Everyday Lives and Powerful Women in the Ancient Greek and Roman Worlds, Global online course (Washington State University).
- Spring 2022 World History I to 1500 CE (Washington State University).
- Fall 2021 Ancient Warfare and Society: Militarism and Violence from Homeric Greece through the Late Roman Empire (Washington State University).
- Fall 2021 Classical and Christian Europe to 1650 CE (Washington State University).
- Fall 2021 World History I to 1500 CE (Washington State University).
- Summer 2021 World History I to 1500 CE, Global online course (Washington State University).
- Spring 2021 Ancient Greece: Politics and Culture in the Archaic, Classical, and Hellenistic Greek World (Washington State University).
- Spring 2021 Classical and Christian Europe to 1650 CE, Global online course (Washington State University).

Spring 2021	World History I to 1500 CE (Washington State University).
Fall 2020	The Hellenistic World: Senior Seminar in History (Washington State University).
Fall 2020	Classical and Christian Europe to 1650 CE (Washington State University).
Fall 2020	World History I to 1500 CE (Washington State University).
Summer 2020	Classical and Christian Europe to 1650 CE, Global online course (Washington State University).
Spring 2020	Ancient Rome: From Republic to Empire (Washington State University).
Spring 2020	Ancient Warfare: Combat and Militarized Societies from Homeric Greece through the Late Roman Empire (Washington State University).
Spring 2020	World History I to 1500 CE (Washington State University).
Fall 2019	Ancient Greece: From the Bronze Age through the Hellenistic Era (Washington State University).
Fall 2019	Classical and Christian Europe to 1650 CE (Washington State University).
Fall 2019	World History I to 1500 CE (Washington State University).
Spring 2019	Art & Culture of the Ancient World (University of New Mexico).
Spring 2019	Emperors of Rome: The Rise and Fall of Rome's First Imperial Family (University of New Mexico).
Spring 2019	Western Civilization to 1648 CE (University of New Mexico).
Fall 2018	The Roman Republic: The Rise and Fall of Republican Rome (University of New Mexico).
Fall 2018	Late Antiquity: Social and Political Transformations from the 3 rd to the 7 th centuries CE (University of New Mexico).
Fall 2018	The Medieval World (University of New Mexico).
Spring 2018	Warfare in the Ancient World: Militarized Societies from Homeric Greece to Late Antiquity (University of New Mexico).
Spring 2018	The Hellenistic World: Conflict and Cultural Exchange from the Western Mediterranean to the Middle East (University of New Mexico).
Spring 2018	Western Civilization to 1648 CE (University of New Mexico).
Fall 2017	The Roman Empire: Politics and Society from Caesar to Constantine (University of New Mexico).
Fall 2017	Ancient Greek Civilization: The Ancient Aegean World from Homer to Alexander the Great (University of New Mexico).
Fall 2017	Western Civilization to 1648 CE (University of New Mexico).
Spring 2017	History of Ancient Greece: Politics and Society from Homer to the End of the Hellenistic Age (Missouri State University).
Spring 2017	World History to 1600 CE; 2 Sections (Missouri State University).
Fall 2016	History of Ancient Egypt: Society, Religion, and Politics during the Pharaonic, Hellenistic, and Roman Periods (Missouri State University).
Fall 2016	World History to 1600 CE; 2 Sections (Missouri State University).
Spring 2015	The Early Roman Empire: Society, Religion, and Politics (Louisiana State University).
Spring 2015	World Civilization to 1500 CE (Baton Rouge Community College).
Fall 2014	Ancient Warfare: The Impact of Policy, Strategy, and Tactics on Ancient Societies from Homeric Greece to Late Antiquity (Louisiana State University).
Fall 2014	World Civilization to 1500 CE (Baton Rouge Community College).
Summer 2014	Western Civilization to 1500 CE (Louisiana State University)

Louisiana State University, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2011-Spring 2014 Western Civilization to 1500 CE; 6 sections.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2020-Present Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor for WSU History Department, Gamma Psi chapter.
- 2020-Present Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Coordinator with ASWSU Global.
- 2021 Designed and developed the online section of History 337: Women of the Ancient World for the WSU History Department Global curriculum and Samuel H. and Patricia W. Smith Teaching and Learning Endowment.
- 2021 Redesigned and redeveloped History 395: Ancient Warfare and Society for the WSU History Department curriculum and Samuel H. and Patricia W. Smith Teaching and Learning Endowment.
- 2021 Name and Course Description changes for History 340 (HUM): Ancient Greece from Homer to Alexander the Great
- 2021 Name and Course Description changes for History 341 (HUM): The Rise and Fall of Ancient Rome
- 2021 Name and Course Description changes for History 101 (HUM): Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Europe
- 2019-2020 Undergraduate Recruitment, Awards, and Communications Committee for WSU History Department.
- 2020 Drafted Recruitment Plan proposal on broad recruiting strategies for WSU History Department, Undergraduate Recruitment, Awards, and Communications Committee.
- 2020 Served on WSU College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Scholarships application review and awards board.
- 2020 Acted as judge for the WSU Howard C. Payne Award for Excellence in Research by an Undergraduate.
- 2020 Acted as judge for the WSU Stephen L. Thigpen Scholarship for Undergraduate Research.
- 2020 Panel member for WSU History Graduate Student Association's Colloquium: Preparing for the Academic Job Market
- 2020 Designed and developed History 469: The Hellenistic World for the WSU History Department curriculum.
- 2020 Redesigned and developed Hist 340: Ancient Greece: Politics and Culture in the Archaic, Classical, and Hellenistic Greek World for distance learning following Covid-19 protocol.
- 2020 Redesigned and developed History 101: Classical and Christian Europe to 1650 CE for distance learning following Covid-19 protocol.
- 2020 Redesigned and developed History 120: World History I to 1500 CE for distance learning following Covid-19 protocol.
- 2020 Completely redesigned and developed the online section of History 101: Classical and Christian Europe for the WSU History Department Global curriculum.
- 2020 Transitioned History 341: Ancient Rome from in-class to fully online instruction for WSU Covid-19 protocol.
- 2020 Transitioned History 395: Ancient Warfare from in-class to fully online instruction for WSU Covid-19 protocol.
- 2020 Transitioned History 120: World History I to 1500 CE from in-class to fully online instruction for WSU Covid-19 protocol.
- 2020 Designed promotional flyer for the Roots of Contemporary Issues Lecture Series talk, "The Forgotten World Empire: The Parthians in Antiquity and Beyond," at WSU.
- 2020 Designed and developed History 341: Ancient Rome for the WSU History Department

- curriculum.
- 2020 Designed and developed History 395: Ancient Warfare for the WSU History Department curriculum.
- 2019 University Common Requirements Committee course renewal for History 101: Classical and Christian Europe for WSU.
- 2019 CAS Faculty Onboarding Committee for the Associate Dean for Faculty at WSU.
- 2019 Designed and developed History 340: Ancient Greece for the WSU History Department curriculum.
- 2017-2019 Late Antiquity Coordinator for the Institute for Medieval Studies at the University of New Mexico.
- 2017-2019 Administrator and co-administrator for multiple grants from the Gorham Fund for the advancement of Late Antique Studies at UNM.
- 2019 New Mexico Humanities Council Evaluator for the 34th Spring Lecture Series at UNM, “Presenting the Medieval World,” March 25-28.
- 2019 UNM Institute for Medieval Studies Evaluator for the guest lecture, “Rescuing the Medieval World: Mathew Parker, Sir Robert Cotton, and the Preservation of England’s Past,” presented by Timothy Graham, University of New Mexico, March 28.
- 2019 UNM Institute for Medieval Studies Evaluator for the guest lecture, “Lost Archives and Sacrosanct Wastebins of the Medieval Middle East,” presented by Marina Rustow, Princeton University, March 26.
- 2019 UNM Institute for Medieval Studies Evaluator for the guest lecture, “The Sacred Treasure of the House of Guelph: Medieval Piety, Aristocratic Collecting, and Cultural Politics,” presented by Holger Klein, Columbia University, March 26.
- 2019 Liaison for H-Slavery publication of Dr. Christopher Fuhrmann’s lecture, “Ancient History on Human Trafficking and Internal Displacement in the Roman Empire,” at UNM, Feb 27.
- 2019 Organizer for UNM’s Spring Lecture Series on Slavery in the Roman World, February 27.
- 2019 Cross-listed Classics Instructor, taught History 395: Emperors of Rome and History 395: Art & Culture of the Ancient World at UNM.
- 2019 Cross-listed Art History Instructor, taught History 395: Art & Culture of the Ancient World at UNM.
- 2019 Designed and developed History 395: Emperors of Rome for the UNM History Department and Classics Department curricula.
- 2019 Designed and developed History 395: Art & Culture of the Ancient World for the UNM History Department, Classics Department, and Art History Department curricula.
- 2017-2018 Co-administrator for multiple grants from the Friends of Medieval Studies Fund for the advancement of Late Antique Studies at UNM.
- 2017-2018 Classical Studies Committee Member at UNM.
- 2018 Liaison and Co-Organizer for UNM’s Fall Lecture Series of the Institute for Medieval Studies on Exploring Medieval Migration through Ancient DNA, October 18.
- 2018 New Mexico Humanities Council Evaluator for the 33rd UNM Spring Lecture Series, “Sacred Objects and Places of the Middle Ages,” April 23-26.
- 2018 UNM Institute for Medieval Studies Evaluator for the guest lecture, “The Book of Kells-Seen and Unseen,” presented by Bernard Meehan, Trinity College Dublin, April 26.
- 2018 UNM Institute for Medieval Studies Evaluator for the guest lecture, “Watching the Birth of a Holy Object: The Icon of the Kykkotissa on Cyprus,” presented by Annemarie Carr, Southern Methodist University, April 25.
- 2018 UNM Institute for Medieval Studies Evaluator for the guest lecture, “Irish Manuscripts

- before 800 A.D.,” presented by Bernard Meehan, Trinity College Dublin, April 23.
- 2018 Guest Speaker and Co-Organizer of the AHA Career Diversity Initiative Workshop, “Preparing for the Job Market: Strategies for Interviews and Campus Visits,” at UNM, March 28.
- 2018 Liaison and Co-Organizer for UNM’s Spring Lecture Series of the Institute for Medieval Studies on the Role of Women in Christian Theology in Late Antiquity, March 22.
- 2018 Liaison and Co-Organizer for UNM’s Spring Colloquium on Late Antiquity: Climate, Cartography, and Imperialism in Late Antique Eurasia, March 3.
- 2018 Cross-listed Classics Instructor, taught History 395: The Roman Republic and History 395: Late Antiquity at UNM.
- 2018 Temporary Medieval Studies faculty member, taught History 395: Late Antiquity and History 201: The Medieval World at UNM.
- 2018 Designed and developed History 395: The Roman Republic for the UNM History Department and Classics Department curricula.
- 2018 Designed and developed History 395: Late Antiquity for the UNM History Department and Classics Department curricula.
- 2018 Designed and developed History 201: The Medieval World for the UNM History Department curriculum.
- 2018 Cross-listed Classics Instructor, taught History 395: The Hellenistic World and History 395: Warfare of the Ancient World at UNM.
- 2018 Designed and developed History 395: The Hellenistic World for the UNM History Department and Classics Department curricula.
- 2018 Designed and developed History 395: Warfare of the Ancient World for the UNM History Department and Classics Department curricula.
- 2017 Designed and developed History 395: The Roman Empire for the UNM History Department curriculum.
- 2017 Liaison and Co-Organizer for UNM’s Fall Lecture Series of the Institute for Medieval Studies on Migration and Roman Refugees in Late Antiquity, October 19.
- 2017 Designed and developed History 395: Ancient Greek Civilization for the UNM History Department curriculum.
- 2017 Spring National History Day, Senior Individual Websites Judge at Missouri State University.
- 2017 Designed and developed History 397: History of Ancient Greece for the MSU History Department curriculum.
- 2016 Designed and developed History 397: History of Ancient Egypt for the MSU History Department curriculum.

STUDENT MENTORING AND SUPPORT

- 2020-Present Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor and Coordinator, overseeing four new memberships in 2021.
- 2021 Recognized as Honored Faculty and Mentor by Kathryn Hosking, recipient of the WSU CAS Outstanding Senior Award in History
- 2021 Nominated and Wrote a Recommendation for Kathryn Hosking for the WSU CAS Outstanding Senior Award in History.
- 2021 Advised and Nominated Kathryn Hosking for the Howard C. Payne Award for Excellence in Research for her Senior Research Paper, “Ptolemaic Family Values: Incest, Religion, and Power in Hellenistic Egypt.”
- 2021 Duncan Nobles, Letter of Recommendation for the United States Army’s Officer

- Candidate School.
- 2020 Panel member for WSU History Graduate Student Association’s Colloquium: Preparing for the Academic Job Market, Nov. 16.
- 2020 Zachery Perez, Letter of Recommendation for Graduate School.
- 2020 Andrew Garcia, Letter of Recommendation for Medical School.
- 2020 Dante Di Paolo, Letter of Recommendation for Law School.
- 2020 Bjorn Knoblauch, Letter of Recommendation for Washington States University’s Gamma Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society Scholarship.
- 2020 James Bradley, Letter of Recommendation for Law School.
- 2020 Peyton Linthicum, Letter of Recommendation for Law School.
- 2019 Duncan Nobles, Letter of Recommendation for the U.S. Marine Corps’ Officer Candidates School.
- 2019 Katelyn Evans, Letter of Recommendation for the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program.
- 2019 Aris Zaffer, Letter of Recommendation for the University of New Mexico B.A./M.A. Shared-Credit Degree Program in History.
- 2019 Andrew Garcia, Letter of Recommendation for the UNM Minority Access to Research Careers Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research Program.
- 2019 James Bradley, Letter of Recommendation for Law School.
- 2018 Guest Speaker and Co-Organizer of the AHA Career Diversity Initiative Workshop, “Preparing for the Job Market: Strategies for Interviews and Campus Visits,” at UNM, March 28.
- 2018 Taylor Marsing, Letter of Recommendation for the Continental Divide Electric Education Foundation Scholarship.
- 2018 Nicolas Wolf, Letter of Recommendation for the Greg Hunter Memorial Fund Scholarship.
- 2018 James Bradley, Letter of Recommendation for the Carol Raymond French Fund Scholarship.
- 2015 William Patrick, Letter of Recommendation for Law School.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORARIA

- 2021 Samuel H. and Patricia W. Smith Teaching and Learning Grant (\$5,000) for proposal entitled “Engaging an Equitable Antiquity,” developing new courses at Washington State University to encourage diversity and inclusiveness in the study of antiquity.
- 2021 Dallas-Fort Worth Society of the Archaeological Institute of America Travel Grant and Honorarium for Invited Talk at the University of North Texas, March 3 (held online due to Covid-19).
- 2021 Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World Honorarium for Invited Talk at UCLA, February 3 (held online due to Covid-19).
- 2018-2019 The University of New Mexico History Department Teaching Grant (formerly the Shoemaker Award).
- 2017-2019 Gorham Fund Grant for the Advancement of Ancient History at the University of New Mexico, two-time recipient.
- 2018, 2019 New Mexico Humanities Council Grant, two-time co-recipient.
- 2015-2016 The Louisiana State University Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship Award.
- 2015, 2016 The Association of Ancient Historians Subvention Grant-in-Aid, two-time Recipient.
- 2012 The Scott R. Jacobs Fellowship Grant for the Advancement of Alexander Studies

in North America, Association of Ancient Historians.

AWARDS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2021 University of North Texas World Languages, Literatures, & Cultures Department Award for Cultural Developments in Classical Studies.
- 2021 University of North Texas History Department Award for the Advancement of the Study of Antiquity in the Humanities.
- 2020 Converse Endowment Fund, Washington State University.
- 2019-2020 Washington State University History Department Travel Award, two-time recipient.
- 2019 Washington State University College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award.
- 2019 Classical Association of the Atlantic States Travel Subsidy.
- 2018-2019 University of New Mexico History Department Travel Award, five-time recipient.
- 2019 California State University San Bernardino History Department Travel Award.
- 2018 The Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network, Charles University, Travel Award.
- 2018 Mason A. Stewart Travel Award, Classical Association of the Middle West and South.
- 2018 University of North Alabama General Fund Travel Award.
- 2017 University of New Mexico College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award.
- 2017 Truman State University General Fund Travel Award.
- 2017 SUNY Orange Global Studies Travel Award.
- 2017 Northwest Arkansas Social Sciences Travel Award.
- 2016, 2017 Missouri State University History Department Travel Award, two-time recipient.
- 2016 Missouri State University College of Humanities and Public Affairs Travel Award, two-time recipient.
- 2016 History Department Development Fund Louisiana State University (LSU) Foundation Travel Award, two-time recipient.
- 2012-2015 The Peggy W. Seale Fund Travel Award, LSU, seven-time recipient.
- 2011-2015 Department of History Graduate Teaching Year Assistantship Award, LSU, four-time recipient.
- 2014 Department of History Graduate Teaching Summer Assistantship Award, LSU.
- 2012, 2013 The LSU Humanities & Social Studies Graduate Student Conference Travel Fund, two-time recipient.
- 2012, 2013 The LSU Graduate Student Travel Award, two-time recipient.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Considering Who Were the Parthians and Why They Were Successful in Forging an Empire,” online series in honor of Dr. Arthur Eckstein on the 15th anniversary of *Mediterranean Anarchy, Interstate War, and the Rise of Rome*, September 14.
- 2021 “Understanding Parthian Success and Reconstructing Parthian History in the Hellenistic World: An Introduction to the Challenges of Parthian Scholarship and Sources,” Guest Lecture for the Dallas Archaeological Institute of America Lecture Series hosted by the University of North Texas, Denton, TX, March 3 (postponed and moved online due to Covid-19, originally April 20, 2020).
- 2021 “Reconsidering the Emergence of the Parthian State: The Crisis of the 240s-230s BCE in the Hellenistic Middle East,” Guest Lecture for the Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, February 3 (held online due to Covid-19).

- 2020 “The Forgotten World Empire: The Parthians in Antiquity and Beyond,” Guest Lecture for the Roots of Contemporary Issues Lecture Series hosted by Washington State University, Pullman, WA (postponed due to Covid-19, originally March 31, 2020).
- 2019 “The Roman Obsession with Parthia in Classical and Late Antiquity,” Guest Lecture for the Works in Progress Series hosted by the University of New Mexico Institute for Medieval Studies, Albuquerque, NM, April 25.
- 2018 “The Rise of King Tigranes II of Armenia and his Rivalry with the Parthians from 88-69 BCE,” Guest Lecture for the University of New Mexico History Colloquium Series, Albuquerque, NM, February 16.

PROFESSIONAL INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 “Reconsidering the Emergence of the Parthian State: The Crisis of the 240s-230s BCE in the Hellenistic Middle East,” Video Lecture for the Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World Video Archive at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. Filmed by Matt Slotemaker, Feb. 10. Published May 11. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPpxH3ysKgc>
- 2021 “Understanding Parthian Success and Reconstructing Parthian History in the Hellenistic World: An Introduction to the Challenges of Parthian Scholarship and Sources,” Video Lecture for the Dallas Archaeological Institute of America Lecture Series at UNT, Denton, TX. March 3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f6w038SECo>
- 2020 “Why Is January 1 the Beginning of a New Year?” *Discover Magazine*. Interview and web article by Cody Cottier, December 30. <https://www.discovermagazine.com/the-sciences/why-is-january-1-the-beginning-of-a-new-year>
- 2020 “The Tradition of Rome and Parthia’s Rivalry,” *The Study of Antiquity and the Middle Ages*. Interview and video by Nick Barksdale, April 25. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZ3iv3xR1Ec&feature=youtu.be>
- 2020 “The Rise of the Parthian Empire,” *The Hellenistic Age Podcast*. Interview by Derek Smith, April 2. <https://tinyurl.com/ut7epto>
- 2020 “WSU Experts Explain the Origins of the Leap Year,” *WSU Insider*. Interview and web article by Robert Wolcott, February 19. https://news.wsu.edu/2020/02/19/ws-u-experts-explain-origins-leap-year/?utm_source=WSUNews-enewsletter&utm_campaign=wsunewsnewsletter&utm_medium=email

ACADEMIC JOURNAL SERVICE

- 2021 Peer-reviewer for *Orbis Terrarum: International Journal for the Historical Geography of the Ancient World*. Editor: Michael Rathmann, Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Murder, Usurpation, and Fratricide: Parthian Civil War and the Role of Rome,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 6-9.
- 2021 “Considering the Sources for the Origins of the First Romano-Parthian War,” scheduled for the American Historical Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, January 7-10 (face-to-face meeting canceled due to Covid-19).
- 2020 “The Ongoing Rivalry of the Romans and Parthians in Late Antiquity,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, January 3-6.
- 2019 “Understanding Parthian Success: A Brief Exercise in Unit Attribute Theory,” The Classical Association of the Atlantic States Annual Meeting, Silver Spring, MD, October 10-12.
- 2018 “A Fight to Reclaim the Central Asian Frontier: The Seleucid and Parthian Rivalry in the 230s BCE,” Third Meeting of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network ‘Seen from the Oxyartes Rock: Central Asia under and after Alexander’, Prague, CZ, November 14-16.

- 2018 “Reconstructing Parthian History: The Sources and Their Challenges,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Southern Section Annual Conference, Winston-Salem, NC, October 18-20.
- 2018 “The New World Order of the Augustan Age and Pompeius Trogus’ Approach to the Roman and Parthian Rivalry,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, April 11-14.
- 2018 “‘No barbarian dared to break his proper bounds.’ – Fleeting Roman Power and the Pursuit of Glory in Late Antiquity,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January 4-7.
- 2017 “Make Rome Great Again: Classical Rome’s Savior Emperor in the Changing Social Environment of Late Antiquity,” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 12-15.
- 2017 “Civil War in Syria: Cleopatra Selene and Tiganes II,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, January 5-8.
- 2016 “Evolving Perspectives of Space and Geography during the Third Mithridatic War,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Tacoma, WA, May 5-7.
- 2016 “Power Transition Crisis: The Creation of the Parthian State,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, January 7-10.
- 2015 “Roma Victrix: Livy and Roman Military Superiority over the Greek East,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, January 2-5.
- 2014 “Was the Roman Imperial Army Small? A Comparative Study of Ancient Imperial Military Forces,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Conference, Waco, TX, April 2-5.
- 2014 “Fight for your Soldiers, Die for your Gods: The Lost Ideal of Roman Leadership in Late Antiquity,” Louisiana State University HGSA Annual Graduate History Conference, March 21-22.
- 2014 “The Wars of Julian ‘the Apostate’: A Consideration of His Strategy and Tactics,” University of Alabama at Birmingham Annual Graduate History Forum, March 7-8.
- 2014 “Survival on the Periphery of the Roman Empire in War and Peace: Antiochus I and the Kingdom of Commagene,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2-5.
- 2013 “Ammianus Marcellinus’ Representation of the Military Qualities of Emperor Julian,” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 27-30.
- 2013 “Woe to the Vanquished (*Vae Victis*): An Investigation of Livy’s Account of the Gallic Sack of Rome,” Louisiana State University HGSA Annual Graduate History Conference, March 22-23.
- 2012 “A Roman Tradition of Alexander the Great Counterfactual History,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Southern Section Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL, November 1-3.
- 2012 “Degeneracy and Redemption: Roman Revisionist History and Propaganda,” Texas State Phi Alpha Theta Conference, November 10.
- 2012 “Warfare, Reform, and the Rise of the Warlord: The Changing Roman Republic and Its Fall,” Annual Mid-American Conference on History at Missouri State University, September 20-22.
- 2012 “Six Themes Concerning Alexander the Great in the Writings of Polybius,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, March 28-31.
- 2012 “The Depiction of Alexander the Great in Livy’s *Ab Urbe Condita*,” Louisiana State University HGSA Annual Graduate History Conference, March 23-24.
- 2012 “Polybius, Alexander, and Rome: Reexamining Perspective in *The Histories*,” Works in Progress Series at Louisiana State University, February 29.

- 2010 “Living in the Shadow of Alexander the Great: Livy’s Alexander Digression,” University of Maryland Annual Conference on History, February 4-5.
- 2008 “The Alexanders of Rome: Roman Emulation of Alexander the Great during the Late Republic,” Annual Mid-American Conference on History at Missouri State University, September 18-21.

CONFERENCE SERVICE

- 2022 Designer/Organizer – “Life and Legacy in Ancient North Africa and the Middle East: Reimagining the Influence and Role of Subjects and Rivals,” panel for the American Historical Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 6-9.
- 2021 Designer/Organizer – “Greece, Rome, and the Near East,” panel scheduled for the Affiliate Sessions of the Association of Ancient Historians for the American Historical Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, January 7-10 (face-to-face meeting canceled due to Covid-19).
- 2021 Chair/designer/organizer – “Life, Property, and Image in the Provinces of Rome,” panel scheduled for the Affiliate Sessions of the AAH for the AHA Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, January 7-10 (face-to-face meeting canceled due to Covid-19).
- 2020 Chair/designer/organizer – “Ancient History and its Historians: Reconsidering the Literary Traditions of Antiquity,” panel for the Affiliate Sessions of the AAH for the AHA Annual Conference, New York, NY, January 3-6.
- 2020 Chair – “Women, Religion, Privilege, and Godhood,” panel for the Affiliate Sessions of the AAH for the AHA Annual Conference, New York, NY, January 3-6.
- 2018 Local Committee Member and Co-Organizer – 114th Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Albuquerque, NM, April 11-14.
- 2018 Designer/organizer – “Reconsidering the World of the Ancient Greeks and Romans,” panel for the Affiliate Sessions of the AAH for the AHA Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January 4-7.
- 2017 Chair – “Converging Empires: Ptolemies and Seleucids in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods,” panel for the Affiliate Sessions of the AAH for the AHA Annual Conference, Denver, CO, January 5-8.
- 2016 Chair/designer/organizer – “The Interaction of Societies and Ideas in the Roman World,” panel for the Affiliate Sessions of the AAH for the AHA Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, January 7-10.
- 2016 Designer/organizer – “Ancient Neighbors: The Eastern World under the Bactrians and Parthians,” panel for the Affiliate Sessions of the AAH for the AHA Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, January 7-10.
- 2015 Chair – “Religion in Life, Commerce, War, and Death Before the Nineteenth Century,” panel for Louisiana State University HGSA Annual Graduate History Conference, March 20-21.
- 2015 Designer/organizer – “Inside the Minds of Ancient Writers: Investigating Polybius, Livy, Tacitus, and Procopius,” panel for the Affiliate Sessions of the AAH for the AHA Annual Conference, New York, NY, January 2-5.

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek, Latin, French, German (research language for all)

Memberships and Affiliations

American Historical Association

Association of Ancient Historians
Classical Association of the Middle West and South
Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest
Classical Association of the Atlantic States
Society for Classical Studies
Society of Ancient Military Historians
Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network
Global Architectural History Teaching Collaborative
Southwestern Social Science Association
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