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### Teaching and Research Interests

Latin poetry, Republican Latin literature, Greek poetry

### Academic Positions

Yale University Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, 2006 to present

### Education

Princeton University, PhD in Classics, September 2006. Dissertation: *Reinventing Epic: Traditional Poetry and the Annals of Quintus Ennius*. Committee: Joshua Katz (Director), Denis Feeney, Andrew Ford  
Bryn Mawr College, M.A. in Classical Languages, May 2001  
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, B.A. in Language and Literature (Classics Track), *summa cum laude*, May 1998  
Kean College of New Jersey, B.A. in English, May 1996

### Teaching Experience

Yale University. Assistant Professor 2006-Present: *Intensive Beginning Greek*, Spring 2013; *Comparative Grammar of Latin, Latin 131* (First Semester, Sophomore Level), Fall 2012; *Roman Tragedy, Comparative Greek Morphology*, Spring 2012; *Comparative Grammar of Latin, Survey of Latin Literature*, Fall 2011; *Poetry and Prehistory* (A Freshman Seminar on Indo-European Myth and Poetry), *Latin 120* (Second Semester, Freshman Level), Spring 2011; *Comparative Grammar of Greek, Roman Comedy* Fall 2010; *Classical Mythologies*, Spring 2009; *Comparative Grammar of Latin, Survey of Latin Literature*, Fall 2008; *Classical Mythologies, Boethius*, Spring 2008; *Comparative Grammar of Greek, Survey of Latin Literature* Fall 2007; *Roman Comedy, Introduction to Latin Poetry* Spring 2007; *Comparative Grammar of Latin, Daphnis and Chloe*, Fall 2006  
Princeton University. Instructor, 2004-2005: *Intensive Intermediate Latin*, Fall 2004; Assistant in Instruction, 2002-2005: *Comedy*, Spring 2005, *Origins and Nature of The English Vocabulary*, Spring 2004, *The Roman Republic*, Fall 2002

### Advising

Dissertations: Christopher Simon “Roman Etymologies: Language, Memory and the Rhetoric of Roman Identity” (Co-Advisor); Sean Northrup “Ausonius and Gallic Identity in Late Antiquity” (Co-Advisor)

Senior Theses: Jesse Storbeck, “The Origins of the Indo-European Medio-Passive Participle,” 2011; Matthew Newman, “Greek epigrams in Rome,” 2008. (Now a PhD candidate at Michigan)

## Publications

### Book

Forthcoming *The Annals of Quintus Ennius and the Italic Tradition* (Johns Hopkins University Press, to appear in Fall 2013)

### Articles

- “Out of the Mouth of Babes and Englishmen: The Invention of the Vernacular Grammar in Anglo-Saxon England” (contribution to the *Yale Classical Studies* volume *Learning Me Your Language: The Teaching of Greek and Learning of Latin and Greek as Second Languages*)
- 2012 “*Visus Homerus Adesse Poeta*: The Annals of Quintus Ennius and the *Odyssey* of Homer” *Classical World* 106 no. 1 (2012): 29-50.
- 2011 “Indo-European Linguistics” (an entry in the Oxford Bibliography Online series)
- 2009 “Epic or Exegesis?: The Form and Genesis of the *Táin Bó Cúalnge*,” *Proceedings of the Harvard Celtic Colloquium* 23: 112-32.
- 2008 “Asterisking Ennius: The *Annales* of Quintus Ennius and the Indo-European Tradition” *Journal of Indo-European Studies* 36: 333-55.
- 2006 “Speaking in Tongues: Collocations of Word and Deed in Proto-Indo-European” *Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Indo-European Conference* (Washington DC: Center for the Study of Man): 179-96.

### Publications under Contract

“Deny Thy *Pater*: The Reception of Ennius in Silver Latin Epic” (invited contribution to *The Blackwell Companion to Latin Epic 14-96 CE*)

### Publications in Process

“Spoken Prayers and Written Exegesis in the Central Italian Cultural *Koiné* and Beyond” (A contribution to the collected papers from the conference *Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World X: Tradition, Transmission, and Adaptation*) (Under Consideration)

### Papers and Presentations

- “*Medea...medicamento*: Greek origins and Roman horizons in the middle Republic,” (Invited Lecture), Yale University, December 2012
- “*Interpretationes Etruscae*: The Discourse of Accretion in Plautus' *Amphitruo*,” (Invited Lecture), SUNY Buffalo, October 2012
- “Hercules Victor: A Diachronic Perspective” Annual Brown-Yale Seminar (Invited Lecture), Brown University, September 2012
- “Spoken Prayers and Written Exegesis in the Central Italian Cultural *Koiné* and Beyond,” *Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World X: Tradition, Transmission, and Adaptation*, University of Michigan, June 2012
- “The Poet(ics) of Polemic: Ennius and Horace in *Sermones* 1.4,” MACTe Junior Faculty Colloquium, Wellesley College, May 21012
- “*Ore Cruento*: A Homeric Variant in Vergil's *Aeneid*,” Classical Association of New England, Needham, MA, March 2012
- “Will the Real Jason Please Stand Up? The Argonautic Cycle in the Pseudolus of Plautus,” American Philological Association, Philadelphia, January 2012

“Coming to Blows over Poetry: Homer, Livius and Ennius in Horace *Epistles* 2.1.69-71,” MACTe Junior Faculty Colloquium. Wesleyan University, December 2010

“The Poetics of Primacy: Ennius and the *Odyssey*,” MACTe Junior Faculty Colloquium, Amherst College, December 2009

“How to Lame a Dragon: An Aspect of Indo-European Poetics,” Greek, Latin and Indo-European Poetry, Yale University, April 2009

“Splitting the Sameness: Grammatical Categories and Lexical Selection in the *Excerptiones de arte grammatica Anglice* of Aelfric,” Learning Me Your Language: A Conference on the Teaching and Learning of Latin and Greek as Second Languages, Yale University, March 2009

“Blood-Drinking and Driving through Darkness: The Homeric *Erinyes* and her Bronze Age Context,” East Coast Indo-European Conference 27, University of Georgia, July 2008

“Bridge-Maker or Pathfinder? The etymology of Latin *Pontifex* Revisited,” American Philological Association, Chicago, January 2008

“Towards a Methodology of Sequential Reconstruction for Proto-Indo-European,” East Coast Indo-European Conference 26, Yale University, June 2007

“The Monster Within: The Monstrous Nature of Hephaistos in Hesiod’s *Theogony*,” CorHaLi Colloquium 17, Center for Hellenic Studies, June 2006

“Speaking in Tongues: Hands, Tongues, and Other Body Parts in Greek, Latin and Other Languages,” Yale University, January 2006

“Speaking in Tongues: Collocations of Word and Deed in Proto-Indo-European,” 17th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference, UCLA, October 2005

“A Tale of Two Cities: Homeric Ephyra and Archaic Corinthian Identity,” Virginia Graduate Student Conference, “Perspectives on the Past,” University of Virginia, March 2005

“Speaking in Tongues: Word and Deed Collocations in Archaic Greek Epic and Elegy,” CorHaLi Colloquium 15, Cornell University, June 2004

“Epic or Exegesis? The Form and Genesis of the *Táin Bó Cúalnge*,” Harvard Celtic Colloquium 23, Harvard University, October 2003

“Beginning Again (and Again and Again): Poetics and Historicity in *Fasti* 4.721-862,” Classical Association of the Atlantic States Conference, Rutgers University, October 2002

“The Prologue of Persius and the Poet(ics) of Satire,” Yale Graduate Student Conference, “Satire and Invective,” Yale University, April 2002

“Will the Real Glaukos Please Stand Up? Pindar’s *Thirteenth Olympian Ode* and its Audience,” Rutgers Graduate Student Conference, “Talking Texts,” Rutgers University, April 2002

“Ennius and the Italic Tradition,” Ohio Classical Conference, Punderson State Park, November 2000

“Pindar’s *Second Olympian Ode*,” Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference, SUNY Binghamton, October 2000

“*Ta t’ essomena pro t’ eonta*: Alternative Plot Possibilities in the *Nekyia*,” Pennsylvania Graduate Student Conference, “Other Worlds,” University of Pennsylvania, February 2000

### Miscellaneous

Member, AP Latin Committee, 2013-present

Freshman Advisor, Branford College, Yale University 2007-09, 2011-13

Sophomore Advisor, Yale University 2008-10, 2011-12

Yale University Morse Junior Faculty Fellowship 2009-10

Organizer, Greek, Latin, and Indo-European Poetry Conference, Yale University, April 2009

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2008-09

### References

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