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Education

- December 2010 University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (Egyptology), Ph.D. (with honors)
- Thesis: “Landscapes of Memory: Pharaonic Sacred Space in the Coptic Imagination,” supervised by Janet H. Johnson
- Comprehensive Exams: Old, Middle, and Late Egyptian; Hieratic; Demotic; Coptic; Egyptian History (all periods); Roman Egypt
- June 2002 University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (Egyptology), M.A.
- June 2000 University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (Egyptology) and Department of Romance Languages and Literatures (French), B.A. (with general honors)

Employment

- 2010–present Assistant Professor of Ancient History, University of Louisville, Department of History
- 2003-2009 Graduate Student Instructor, University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

Publications and Reviews

Fantastic Images: Reading Hieroglyphs in Late Antique Egypt (manuscript in preparation; under contract at the University of Pennsylvania Press).

Unexpected Animals in Unexpected Places in the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period: Proceedings of the Third International Meeting of the Medieval Animal Data-Network, edited by Genevieve Carlton, Mónica Walker, and Jennifer Westerfeld (in preparation).

“Monastic Graffiti in Context: The Temple of Seti I at Abydos,” submitted for *Writing and Communication in Early Egyptian Monasticism*, edited by Malcolm Choat and Mariachiara Giorda (expected in 2015 from Brill).

“Coptic Christianity and the Legacy of Pharaonic Egypt,” submitted for *The Blackwell Companion to Ancient Egyptian Religion*, edited by Martin Bommas (expected in 2015 from Wiley-Blackwell)

“Revisiting the Egyptian Memnon: Landscape and Memory in Western Thebes,” accepted for inclusion in the *Festschrift for Janet H. Johnson*, edited by Robert Ritner (expected in 2014 from the Oriental Institute).

“A Coptic Letter Concerning a Waterwheel,” accepted for inclusion in *Coptica Lipsiensia. Koptische Texte, bearbeitet auf der 2. Internationalen Sommerschule für Koptische Papyrologie. Archiv für Papyrusforschung, Beihefte*, edited by Anne Boud'hors, Jennifer Cromwell, Sebastian Richter & Reinhold Scholl (Berlin & New York: De Gruyter; volume in preparation)

“A Coptic Letter Referring to the Bishop of Babylon,” *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 50 (2013): 171-181.

“Saints in the Caesareum: Remembering Temple-Conversion in Late Antique Hermopolis.” In *Memory and Urban Religion in the Ancient World. Cultural Memory and History in Antiquity 2*. Edited by Martin Bommas, Juliette Harrison, and Phoebe Roy, 59-85. London: Bloomsbury, 2012.

Review of *Mysterious Lands*, edited by David O’Connor and Stephen Quirke. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 66:4 (October 2007): 295-96.

“Christian Perspectives on Pharaonic Religion: The Representation of Paganism in Coptic Literature.” *Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt* 39 (2003): 5-12.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

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| 2012 | Research Initiation Grant (\$5000), University of Louisville Office of the Executive Vice-President for Research and Innovation, Louisville, KY |
| 2009-10 | Junior Fellowship in Byzantine Studies, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington, DC |
| 2008-09 | Martin Marty Center Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL |
| 2008 | Research Grant, Institut Français d’Archéologie Orientale, Cairo |
| 2004-09 | Rantz & Cross Scholarships, University of Chicago Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Chicago, IL |
| 2003-04 | Mellon Graduate Achievement Fellowship, University of Chicago Division of the Humanities, Chicago, IL |
| 2000-04 | Century Scholarship, University of Chicago Division of the Humanities |
| 2000 | Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Illinois Chapter |

Conference Papers

- 2014 “Misreading the Past: Christian ‘Translation’ of Hieroglyphs in Late Antique Egypt,” University of Louisville symposium on Translation and the Global Humanities, Louisville, KY (October)
- “Golden Calves and Sacred Snakes: Signs of Idolatry in Late Antique Egypt,” Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Portland, OR (April) and Third International Meeting of the Medieval Animal Data-Network, Louisville, KY (May)
- 2013 “Hieroglyphs, Antiquity, and Christian Authority in Byzantine Egypt,” 2nd International Symposium on Coptic Culture, Stevenage, UK (July)
- 2012 “Monastic Graffiti in Context: The Temple of Seti I at Abydos,” 9th International Congress of Coptic Studies, Rome (September)
- “Inscribed Memories: Writing and Landscape in Late Antique Abydos,” Yale University conference *Double Stories - Double Lives: Reflecting on Textual Objects in the Pre-Print World*, New Haven, CT (April)
- 2011 “‘Fantastic Images’: Reading Hieroglyphs in Byzantine Egypt,” 37th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference, Chicago, IL (October)
- “Landscapes of Memory in Late Antique Egypt: The Temple of Seti I at Abydos,” University of Oxford conference *Continuity and Destruction in Alexander’s East: The Transformation of Monumental Space from the Hellenistic Period to Late Antiquity*, Oxford (May)
- “Recovering Christian Abydos: Coptic Graffiti from the Temple of Seti I,” Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Chicago, IL (April)
- 2010 “Saints in the Caesareum: Remembering Temple-Conversion in Late Antique Egypt,” University of Birmingham colloquium *Cultural Memory and Religion in the Ancient City*, Birmingham, UK (June)
- 2009 “What’s in a (Place-)Name? Toponymy and Memory in Late Antique Egypt,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Rome (July)
- “Laws for Murdering Men’s Souls: ‘Reading’ Hieroglyphs in Coptic Egypt,” Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Dallas, TX (April)
- “Hermitage HF3 and Anchoritic Settlement West of Abydos,” Institut Français d’Archéologie Orientale, colloquium *Ermitages d’Égypte du premier millénaire*, Cairo (January)
- 2008 “(Re-)Visiting the Egyptian Memnon: Landscape and Memory in Western Thebes,” Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Seattle, WA (April)

- 2007 “The Vocabulary of Sacred Space in Documentary Papyri from Late Antique Egypt,” 25th International Congress of Papyrology, Ann Arbor, MI (July); Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Toledo, OH (April)
- “The Writing on the Wall: Coptic Graffiti at the Intersection of Text and Artifact,” University of Chicago colloquium *Text Envy and Artifact Allure: Evidence, Methods, and Epistemologies across the History/Prehistory Divide*, Chicago, IL (May)
- “Kharga Oasis Coptic Graffiti Project 2006 Field Season,” with E. Cruz-Urbe, Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Jersey City, NJ (April)
- 2005 “Coptic Graffiti from Kharga Oasis,” Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Boston, MA (April)
- 2004 “Child Donation in Late Antique Egypt,” Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Tucson, AZ (April)
- 2003 “Christian Self-Definition and the Depiction of Paganism in Early Coptic Literature,” Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Atlanta, GA (April)

Invited Lectures

- 2012 “Fantastic Images: Reading Hieroglyphs in Byzantine Egypt,” American Research Center in Egypt, Washington, DC Chapter (December)
- “Coptic Egypt,” University of Chicago Summer School Program, Chicago, IL (July)
- “Pagan Places, Christian Traces: Visiting a Pharaonic Temple in Christian Late Antiquity,” The Kentucky Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, Louisville, KY (March)
- 2011 “Banksy at the Pyramids: Graffiti from Roman and Christian Egypt,” University of Louisville Medieval and Renaissance Studies Workshop, Louisville, KY (March)
- “Christian Graffiti from Late Antique Egypt: Sources and Methods,” University of Kentucky Department of History, Graduate Methods Seminar, Lexington, KY (February)
- 2010 “Pharaonic Egypt in the Coptic Imagination,” Catholic University of America, seminar *Inhabiting Late Antique Landscapes*, Washington, DC (February)
- “Landscapes of Memory: Pharaonic Egypt in the Coptic Imagination,” Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington, DC (February)
- 2009 “Landscapes of Memory: Pharaonic Egypt in the Coptic Imagination,” American Research Center in Egypt, Washington, DC Chapter (December)

- “(Re)Writing the Pagan Landscape in Late Antique Egypt: From Shenoute to Pseudo-Cyril,” University of Chicago Ancient Societies Workshop, Chicago, IL (February)
- 2008 “Christian Graffiti and Sacred Spaces in Late Antique Egypt,” South Suburban Archaeological Society, Chicago, IL; American Research Center in Egypt, Chicago Chapter, Chicago, IL
- 2007 “Christian Graffiti and Sacred Spaces in Late Antique Egypt,” Chicago Archaeological Society, Chicago, IL
- 2006 “Coptic Graffiti and Early Christian Impressions of the Past,” University of Chicago Ancient Societies Workshop, Chicago, IL (April)

Teaching Experience

University of Louisville, Department of History (2010-present)

History of Civilizations; Honors History of Civilizations; Introduction to Ancient Egypt; Introduction to the Ancient Near East; Egypt after the Pharaohs; Egypt in the Western Imagination (undergraduate/graduate seminar); Cleopatra: History and Myth (undergraduate/graduate seminar); Women in the Ancient World; Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity; Landscape and Memory in Late Antiquity (graduate seminar)

University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (2003-2009)

Instructor of record: Departmental B.A. Seminar; Introduction to Sahidic Coptic; Coptic Texts 1 and 2; Roman and Late Antique Egypt: Texts and Contexts; Continuity and Innovation in Late Antique Egypt: Art, Architecture, and Material Culture
Teaching assistant: Introduction to Middle Egyptian Hieroglyphs; Introduction to Egyptian Religion and Magic

Oriental Institute Museum/University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies (2003)
Literature and Culture of Coptic Egypt

Coptic Orthodox Church of Saint Mark and Saint Bishoy (2002)
Introduction to Bohairic Coptic

Fieldwork and Related Professional Experience

- 2008–2009 Research Affiliate, “Chrétiens d’égyppte dans le désert occidental,” Institut Français d’Archéologie Orientale, Cairo
- 2008 2nd International Summer School in Coptic Papyrology, Universität Leipzig
- 2004-2008 Epigrapher/Coptic Specialist, Kharga Oasis Coptic Graffiti Project
- 2006 American Society of Papyrologists Summer Institute in Papyrology, Columbia
- 2005-2006 Epigrapher/Coptic Specialist, Abydos Survey for Paleolithic Sites

University and Extramural Service

2013– present 2nd Vice President, Kentucky Society of the Archaeological Institute of America

2012–present Co-Director, University of Louisville Medieval & Renaissance Research Group

2012–present External reviewer for Oxford University Press

2013–present Committee on Academic Discipline and Student Grievance, University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences

2013–14 Chair of the Undergraduate Committee, University of Louisville History Dept.

2011–13 Graduate Committee, University of Louisville History Dept. (Chair 2012-13)

Languages

Reading and speaking knowledge of French, reading knowledge of German, Italian, ancient Egyptian (Old, Middle, Late, Demotic, Hieratic), Coptic (various dialects), Koine Greek

Memberships

American Research Center in Egypt (2003–); American Society of Papyrologists (2007–); International Association of Coptic Studies (2012–)

References

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