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Employment:

The University of Colorado Boulder

Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, August 2019-

Georgetown University

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, August 2018-August 2019

Education:

Columbia University

Ph.D., Classical Studies, May 2018

Dissertation: "Playing the Judge: Law and Imperial Messaging in Severan Rome"

Dissertation Supervisors: Francesco de Angelis, William Harris

Dissertation Committee: Katja Vogt, James Zetzel

External Readers: Serena Connolly, Michael Peachin

M.Phil., Classical Studies, February 2015

M.A., Classical Studies, October 2011

Yale Law School

J.D., May 2014

Yale Law Journal, Articles Editor

Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, Executive Editor

The University of Chicago

B.A., Classical Studies, June 2008, Phi Beta Kappa

Monographs:

- *The God and the Bureaucrat: Roman Law, Imperial Sovereignty, and Other Stories* (Cambridge University Press, *Studies in Legal History*, 2025)
- *Roman Law for Historians* (under preliminary contract, Brill, *Brill Research Perspectives in Ancient History*)

Edited Volumes:

- *Empire of Correspondence* (co-edited with Serena Connolly, Elsemieke Daalder, and Matthijs Wibier) (in preparation for submission to Brill, *Impact of Empire*)

Articles and Book Chapters:

- “Lampreys and the Birth of Roman Imperial Jurisdiction” (forthcoming, *Classical Antiquity*)
- “Analyzing Anonymity in Justinian’s Digest: A New Statistical Methodology” *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Romanistische Abteilung* 142 (2025) 547–73
- “Beyond the Constitutions of Marcus: Cassius Dio, Italian *Volksrecht*, and the Trouble with Law on the Books” *Klio* 107 (2025) 126–48
- “How to Do the History of Elagabalus,” in Ella Haselswerdt, Sara H. Lindheim and Kirk Ormand, eds., *The Routledge Handbook of Classics and Queer Theory* (Routledge, 2024) 408–22
- “The Epistemology of the Courthouse,” in Brenda Cossman & Joseph Fischel, eds., *Enticements: A Queer Legal Studies Reader* (NYU Press, 2024) 29–58
- “Straight Talk About Curved Horns and Gay Marriage: A New Reading of Juvenal’s Second Satire” *Classical Quarterly* 73 (2024) 822–36
- “Precedential Reasoning and Dynastic Self-Fashioning in the Rescripts of Severus Alexander,” *Historia: Zeitschrift für alte Geschichte* 69 (2020) 103–25
- “The Marrying Kind,” *Tennessee Law Review* 83 (2015) 83–159
- “The Effect of Bankruptcy on Roman Imperial Credit Markets,” *Business & Bankruptcy Law Review* 2 (2015) 207–49
- “Price’s Progress: Sex Stereotype and Its Potential for Discrimination Law,” *Yale Law Journal* 124 (2014) 396–446

Dictionary Entries:

- “Ulpian,” *Oxford Classical Dictionary*
- “Vicki Schultz,” *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*

Review Publications:

- Lisa Pilar Eberle and Myles Lavan (eds.), *Unrest in the Roman Empire: A Discursive History*, *Sehepunkte* 25 (2025); <https://www.sehepunkte.de/2025/06/39631.html>
- Andre Heller, *Kommentar zur Vita Alexandri Severi der Historia Augusta*, *Gnomon* 97 (2025) 429–32
- Fara Nasti, *L’Enchiridion di Sesto Pomponio: Una ricostruzione*, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, <https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2024/2024.11.03>
- Olivier Hekster & Koenraad Verboven (edd.), *The Impact of Justice on the Roman Empire*, *CR* 71 (2021) 1–3
- Emma Dench, *Empire and Political Cultures in the Roman World*, *Sehepunkte* 19 (2019); <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2019/02/32333.html>
- David Johnston (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Roman Law*, *Classical World* 109 (2016) 420–21

Awards and Fellowships:

- 2025: Summer Tytus Fellowship, University of Cincinnati
- 2024: Kayden Research Award, CU Boulder (\$3,000)

- 2024: Lead, NEH Collaborative Research Grant (\$50,000)
- 2024: Faculty Fellowship, CU Boulder Center for Humanities and the Arts
- 2023: Faculty Fellowship, Benson Center (\$5,000)
- 2023: Loeb Classical Library Fellowship (\$40,000)
- 2021: Charles McCurdy/University of Virginia Fellow, J. Willard Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History
- 2017: Core Preceptor Fellowship in Contemporary Civilization, Columbia University
- 2017: First-Year Mentorship Grant, Department of Classical Studies, Columbia University
- 2016: Core Preceptor Fellowship in Contemporary Civilization, Columbia University
- 2015: First-Year Mentorship Grant, Department of Classical Studies, Columbia University

Invited Lectures:

- Wipszycka Late Antique Seminar, **University of Warsaw**, October 2025
- Guest Lecture, “Sex and Gender in Greece and Rome,” **Gonzaga University**, April 2024
- Center for Values and Social Policy, **University of Colorado-Boulder**, February 2024
- Legal History Colloquium, **Vanderbilt University**, November 2023
- Edinburgh Roman Law Group, **University of Edinburgh Law School**, November 2023
- Keynote, *Order and Chaos*, **University of British Columbia**, March 2023
- Guest Lecture, “The Roman Empire,” **The University of Iowa**, March 2022
- Classics Seminar Series, **Australian National University**, March 2022
- McClanahan Lecture, **Colorado University-Boulder**, McClanahan Lecture, February 2022
- Workshop on the Regulation of Family, Sex, and Gender, **University of Chicago Law School**, April 2021
- Guest Lecture, “Racism and Homophobia in Classics and Ancient History,” **University of Nebraska-Omaha**, April 2021
- Guest Lecture, “The Ancient Economy,” **Colorado College**, September 2020

Conference Presentations:

- “Seneca’s *Apocolocyntosis* and the Fantasy of the Imperial Litigant.” To be delivered at the **2026 Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies**, San Francisco, CA, January 2026
- “Why Medieval Jurists Cared About Roman Law (And Why You Should Too).” To be delivered at the **2025 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History**, Detroit, MI, November 15, 2025
- “No Past: Dictionaries, Plato, and Queer Legal Historiography.” To be delivered at the **2025 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History**, Detroit, MI, November 13, 2025
- “Why Law? Law as a Social Actor in the Severan Jurists.” Delivered at conference entitled: “**Law, Wealth, and Inequality**,” Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, June 27, 2025
- “Law on the Ground in Cassius Dio’s Italy.” Delivered at the **2023 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History**, Philadelphia, PA, October 26, 2023
- “Law as Database: The Indexing of Imperial Constitutions.” Delivered at the **77th Session of the Société Internationale Fernand de Visscher pour l’Histoire des Droits de l’Antiquité**, University of Helsinki School of Law, August 23, 2023

- “*Constitutio Sacra*: Citation, Anonymity, and Power in the *Digest*.” Delivered at the **2023 Association of Ancient Historians Annual Meeting**, Florida State University, April 22, 2023
- “Lampreys and the Birth of Roman Imperial Jurisdiction.” Delivered at the **2023 Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, LA, January 6, 2023
- “Werewolves and Other Party Tricks in the *Cena Trimalchionis*.” Delivered at the **2020 Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians**, The University of Iowa, April 24, 2020
- “Death of a Crossdresser: Legal Storytelling in Pomponius.” Delivered at the **2020 Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting**, Washington, DC, January 3, 2020
- “Severan Jurists, Policy Analysis, and the Rule of Law.” Delivered at the **73rd Session of the Société Internationale Fernand de Visscher pour l’Histoire des Droits de l’Antiquité**, Edinburgh Law School, September 2019
- “Exemplarity, Precedent, and the Rules of Law.” Delivered at conference entitled: “**Roman Law and Latin Literature**,” Durham University, September 2019
- “Bureaucratic Consistency and Dynastic Continuity: The Case of Titus.” Delivered at the **2019 Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting**, San Diego, CA, January 3, 2019
- “Personality and Power in the Age of the Emperor(s).” Delivered at conference entitled: “**The Creation of Roman History and Epigraphy: Theodor Mommsen from 1817 to 2017**,” Columbia University, December 9, 2017
- “Negligence, Economics, and the Demon Barber of the Via Sacra.” Delivered at the **2017 Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians**, Brown University, May 6, 2017
- “Persuasive Authority: Continuity and Precedent in the Rescripts of Severus Alexander.” Delivered at the **2017 Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting**, Toronto, ON, January 7, 2017
- “Roman Same-Sex Marriage and the ‘Feminine Mystique.’” Delivered at the **2016 Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians**, Puget Sound University, May 2016)

Organized and Chaired Panels:

- Organizer and Chair, “Legal and Other Orders: Strong Pluralisms in the Classical Mediterranean.” Convened at the **2024 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History**, San Francisco, CA, October 2024
- Organizer, “Disability in Ancient History.” Special Panel convened by the **Association of Ancient Historians**, February 8, 2023
- Chair, “Individual, Community, and Law in Ancient Greece.” Convened at the **2022 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History**, Chicago, IL, November 12, 2022
- Organizer and Chair, “Teaching while Queer,” Special Panel convened by the **Association of Ancient Historians**, August 15, 2022
- Organizer and Chair, “The Critical Turn in Roman Legal History.” Convened at the **2021 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History**, New Orleans, LA, November 6, 2021

Service (above department level):

- **Peer Reviewer**, Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, Cambridge University Press, *Classical Antiquity*, *Historia: Zeitschrift für alte Geschichte*, *Jindal Global Law Review*, *Journal of Late Antiquity*, *Law and History Review*, *Journal of Homosexuality*
- **Member**, Committee on Gender Studies in the Profession, Society for Classical Studies (2024–present)
- **Chair**, Committee on Diversity, Association of Ancient Historians (2023–present)
- **Committeemember**, Professional Liaison Committee, American Society for Legal History (2021–2024)
- **Chair**, Committee on Mentoring, Association of Ancient Historians (2021–2023)
- **Committeemember**, Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Affairs Committee, Boulder Faculty Assembly (2021–2023)
- **Co-President**, Colorado Classics Association (2019–2021)
- **Interview Panelist**, Fulbright Program, Georgetown University (2018)

Teaching Experience (2011–)

- **The Severan Age**
- **Latin Literature, Prose: Sallust**
- **Intermediate Latin: Vergil**
- **Modern Issues Ancient Times: Imperial Propaganda**
- **The Rise and Fall of Rome**
- **Latin Literature, Verse: Juvenal**
- **Roman Law**
- **Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Rome**
- **Power and Passion: An Introduction to Latin Literature**
- **Latin Literature, Prose: Ciceronian Invective**
- **Latin Literature, Poetry: Catullus and Martial**
- **Marketing the Roman Empire**
- **The Rise of Rome: A Survey of Hellenistic and Republican History**
- **Survey of Roman Imperial History**
- **Slavery in the Greek and Roman Worlds**
- **Contemporary Western Civilization**
- **Intermediate Latin: Ovid and Sallust**
- **Accelerated Introductory Latin**
- **Intermediate Latin: Catullus and Cicero**

Professional Memberships:

- Society for Classical Studies
- Association of Ancient Historians
- American Society for Legal History
- Colorado Classics Association