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PRINCIPAL TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Intellectual history of Greco-Roman antiquity and the medieval Islamicate world; Science, Technology and Society (STS) in the pre-modern world; disciplinarity and disciplinary histories, reception studies

EDUCATION

- 2010–2013: **PhD in Classics**, University of Warwick
- 2008–2009: **MA in Classics**, University of Wisconsin at Madison
- 2004–2008: **BA in Latin and Greek with a Latin emphasis**, awarded with highest distinction, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

POSITIONS

- 2022–2023: **Director of the STS Graduate Certificate**
- 2022–: **Dry Appointment in History**
- 2021–: **Dry Appointment in the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies**
- 2020–2021: **Director of the Interdepartmental Program in Ancient History (IPAH)**
- 2020–: **Associate Professor of Classical Studies and Middle East Studies**, University of Michigan
- 2015–2020: **Assistant Professor of Classical Studies**, University of Michigan.
- January–April 2015: **Research Associate** on the ERC funded project ‘Arabic Commentaries on Hippocrates’ *Aphorisms*’, University of Manchester.

AWARDS

- Fall 2019: ‘The Art in Brief: Time and Exegesis in Greco-Roman and Islamicate Medicine’, Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, 4-month Junior Fellowship, (PI, \$18,000).
- 2019–2020: ‘Vernacularizing the “Abrahamic Religions”’, Mcubed, University of Michigan (co-PI with Hussein Fancy, Ryan Szpiech, Ellen Muehlberger, Ruth Tsoffar, Gottfried Hagen, Bryan Roby, Sol Hart, Yasmin Moll, Cameron Cross, and Rebecca Wollenberg, \$60,000)
- 2017–2018: ‘Classical and Medieval Traditions of Transdisciplinarity: Plato’s *Timaeus* in Arabic’, Charles P. Brauer Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan (PI, \$71,000)
- 2014–2015: ‘Al-Rāzī and the Arabic *Timaeus*’, British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (co-PI with Pauline Koetschet, £4,030)
- 2014–2015: ‘Medicine, Philosophy, and the Rhetoric of Genre in the Arabic Middle Ages’, Frances A. Yates Short-term Fellowship, Warburg Institute (PI, £4,800)
- October 2013–July 2014: IAS Early Career Fellowship, University of Warwick (PI, £5,710)
- Fall 2010–2013: ‘Galen and the Arabic Traditions of Plato’s *Timaeus*’, Warwick Postgraduate Research Scholarship, University of Warwick (PI, £52,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Galen and the Arabic Reception of Plato’s Timaeus* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020)
 - Winner of the [2021 Charles J. Goodwin Award of Merit](#), Society for Classical Studies
 - Reviewed in *Mind* (2022), *Speculum* 97.3 (2022); *Aestimatio* 2.2 (2021); *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 142 (2022).
- *Greek Science and Semitic Secularisms: Greco-Arabic Studies in the 20th Century* [in preparation]

Edited Volumes

- [Galen’s Humanistic Medicine: The Essay Quod Optimus Medicus](#), *Scripta Antiquitatis Posterioris ad Ethicam Religionemque pertinentia*, vol. XLIII (Mohr Siebeck, May 2023).

Translations

- ‘Galen’s *Compendium of Plato’s Timaeus*’, with Pauline Koetschet, in *Galen’s Writings on Plato’s Timaeus*, ed. P. van der Eijk, Galen into English (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) [under

contract, Fall 2024].

Journal Articles

- ‘Paul Kraus, Richard Walzer, and Galen’s *Com.Tim.*’, *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 31 (2021) 253–84.
- ‘Probable New Fragments and a Testimonium from Galen’s Commentary on Plato’s *Timaeus*’, *Classical Quarterly* 69.1 (September 2019), 1–18.
- ‘New Material from Galen’s *On the Authentic and Spurious Works of Hippocrates*’, *Classical Philology* 113 (2018) 305–29.
- ‘The Hippocratism of ‘Alī ibn Riḍwān: Autodidacticism and the Creation of a Medical Isnād’, *Journal of Islamic Studies* 28.2 (2017) 155–77.
- ‘Two New Pharmacological Texts by al-Rāzī: *On How to Administer Whey* and *On the Benefits of Whey*, with Dr. Pauline Koetschet, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 137.1 (2017) 25–42.
- ‘Adaptation in Medieval Islamicate Medical Compilations: The Example of Arrow Extractions’, *Journal of Semitic Studies* 62.1 (2017) 153–80.
- ‘Maximianus Medicus: Greek Medical Theory and the Greek Girl’s “Gravior Morbus” (El. 5.108)’, with Dr I. Fielding, *Philologus* 160 (2016) 151–62.
- ‘Reevaluating the Authenticity of the Fragments from Galen’s *On the Medical Statements in Plato’s Timaeus* (Scorialensis Graec. Φ-III-11, ff. 123^r–126^v)’, *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 192 (2014) 93–103.
- ‘Textual Note on Paul of Aegina, *Pragmateia* 6.88’, *Classical Quarterly* 64.2 (2014) 867–9.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- ‘Loeb and Kraepelin’s Disciplinary Visions’, in ed. R. Thomas, *James Loeb and the History of Psychiatric Medicine*, Harvard University Press (submitted).
- ‘Regimen for a Cosmic Prince: Timaeian Pediatrics in San. Tu. 1’, in T. Tieleman (ed.), *Galen on Human Nature* (Leiden) (submitted).
- ‘Galen Beyond Baghdad’, in R. Rosen and P. Singer (eds.), *Oxford Companion to Galen* (2024) 535–57.
- ‘Para-Plutarchan Traditions in the Medieval Islamicate World’, with Dr Pauline Koetschet, in S. Xenophontos and K. Oikonomopoulou (eds.), *The Brill Companion to the Reception of Plutarch* (2019) 373–386.
- ‘Beyond the Disciplines of Medicine and Philosophy: Greek and Arabic Thinkers on the Nature of Plant Life’, in P. Adamson and P. E. Pormann (edd.), *Philosophy and Medicine in the Formative Period of Islam* (London: Warburg Institute Press) (2018) 206–217.

Dictionary and Encyclopaedia Entries

- ‘Ibn Sarabiyun (Yuhanna)’, *Encyclopedia of Islam, Third Edition* (2019) [online]; (2020) 62a–63a.
- Entries on ‘Medicine’, ‘Surgery’, ‘Cassius Felix’, and ‘Helvius Vindicianus’, in O. Nicholson and M. Humphries (edd.), *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity* (2018).
- Chapters on ‘Ophthalmology’ and ‘Gynaecology’, P. E. Pormann (ed.), *1001 Cures: Medicine in the pre-modern Middle East* (Manchester: Foundation for Science Technology and Medicine, 2018) 86–95, 104–111.

Book Reviews

- V. Nutton, *A Thinking Doctor in Imperial Rome*, Routledge, 2020. *Aestimatio* 2.1 (2021) [online].
- P. Bouras-Vallianatos and B. Zipser (edd.), *Brill’s Companion to the Reception of Galen*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2019. *The Classical Review* 70.1 (April 2020).
- W.V. Harris (ed.), *Popular Medicine in Graeco-Roman Antiquity: Explorations*. Leiden: Brill, 2016. *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 92.2 (2018) 372–4.
- Hayes, Evan and Stephen Nimis, *Galen Three treatises: On my own books, On the order of my own books, and That the best physician is also a philosopher. An intermediate Greek reader*. Oxford, OH: Faenum Publishing, 2014. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (13 August 2014).
- Stefano Valente, *I Lessici a Platone di Timeo Sofista e Pseudo-Didimo: Introduzione ed Edizione Critica*. Berlin and Boston: De Gruyter. *The Classical Review* 63.2 (2013) 398–400.
- Leigh Chipman, *The World of Pharmacy and Pharmacists in Mamlūk Cairo*. Leiden: Brill, 2010. *Social History of Medicine* 25.1 (February 2012), 566–7.

SELECT INVITED LECTURES

- May 2024: ‘Past Presents: Tradition and Continuity in early 20th-century Greco-Arabic Studies’, *Medieval Studies Colloquium*, Yale University.

- June 2023: ‘James Loeb and Emil Kraepelin’s Disciplinary Visions’, *James Loeb and Psychiatry*, The Loeb Library/University of Munich.
- September 2021: ‘Timaeian Pediatrics: Galen’s Regimen for a Cosmic Prince’, *Human Nature: Medical and Philosophical Perspectives in the Work of Galen of Pergamum*, Utrecht University.
- March 2019: ‘Galen and the Arabic Reception of Plato’s *Timaeus*’, Utrecht University.
- March 2018: ‘Pseudo-Plutarch in the *Book of Proofs and Reflections regarding Creation and Divine Governance: Providence and Natural Philosophy*’, conference on ‘Received Opinions: Doxography in Antiquity and the Islamic World’, LMÜ-Munich, Germany.
- October 2016: ‘Plato Arabus’, Princeton University.
- September 2016: ‘The Hippocratism of Ibn Riḍwān’, University of Pennsylvania.
- May 2015: ‘A Prolegomenon to a study of *On Hippocrates*’ *Sevens*’, conference on ‘Pseudo-Galenic Texts and the Formation of the Galenic Corpus’, Warburg Institute, London, UK.
- November 2012: ‘Galen’s *Timaeus* as Medical Text in ar-Rāzī’s *Comprehensive Book*’, conference on ‘Galen in the Arabic and Hebrew Traditions’, Bar Ilan University, Şafad, Israel.

EVENTS ORGANIZED

- April 8–9, 2022, Workshop on Galen’s *That the Best Doctor is also a Philosopher* [zoom]
- March 9–10, 2017, ‘The Art and Science of Healing: From Antiquity to the Renaissance’, an international symposium held at the Hatcher Library and Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

At Michigan

- Member of Faculty Senate Assembly, University of Michigan (2022–2024)
- Executive Committee Member for Humanities Institute, University of Michigan (2022–2024)
- STS Certificate Steering Committee (2022–3)
- Tenure Review Panel Member, University of Michigan (2021)
- Executive Committee, IPAH (2018–23)
- Executive Committee, *Contexts for Classics* (2022–)
- Steering Committee, Mediterranean Cluster (2015–)
- Executive Committee, Classical Studies (2016/17, 2018/19)
- DEI Committee Member, Classical Studies (2015–2017)

Beyond Michigan

- Editorial Board Member, *Bulletin d'études orientales*, Beirut.
- Series Advisory Board Member, *Greek/Modern Intersections*, ed. Artemis Leontis (University of Michigan Press)
- Series Advisory Board Member, *[Encounters] Between Asia and Classics*, ed. Arum Park and Young Kim (University of Michigan Press)
- President of the Society for Ancient Medicine and Pharmacology (2024–2027)
 - Vice President (2020–2023)
- Member of the SCS/AIA Committee on Diversity in the Profession (2019–2021)
- Manuscript Reviewer. Cambridge University Press (2021); Brill Middle Eastern and North African Monograph Series (2017)
- Outside reviewer of manuscripts for *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* (2024); *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* (2015), *Classical Quarterly* (2017), *Journal of Islamic Studies* (2017)

DISSERTATIONS ADVISED

- Kaitlin Karmen, Crip Time and Narrative in Greek Literature, Classical Studies (chair, 2024)
- Alanna Heatherly, *The Hermeneutics of Pain in Imperial Literature*, Classical Studies (co-chair, 2023–)
- Benjamín A. Figueroa Lackington, *The Non-Place of Premodern Asian Philosophies: A Methodological Contribution with Two Studies*, Comparative Literature (committee member, 2023–)
- S. Yeager, *Evagrius and Demonic Transformations of the Body, Mind, and Soul*, Classical Studies (committee member, 2022–)
- Hannah Roussel, *Mad Rabbis: The Intersection of Bodyminds with Personal, Communal, and Non-Human Relationships in the Babylonian Talmud*, History and Judaic Studies (committee member, 2023)
- Salman Elamir Amir, *The Lost Tribe of Plato: The Druze Religion and Ismā‘īlī Neoplatonism*, Middle East Studies (committee member, 2023)
- Emily Lamond, *Disability in the Roman Familia*, IPAH (committee member, 2022)

- Anna Cornell, *An Other View: Intersectionality and Identity in Classical Greece*, Classical Studies (committee member, 2022)

TEACHING

Undergraduate

- CLCIV 392/HIST 292/STS 392: *Ancient Medicine*
- CLCIV 253/ISLAM 3XX: *The Mediterranean: Greek Science in the medieval Islamicate World*
- CLCIV 125: *The Ancient Greek Novel: Heroes, Heroines, and Pirates*
- CLCIV 120: *Women and Healthcare: From Antiquity to the Present; Sex, Birth, and Contraception in Antiquity*
- GREEK 301: Intermediate Greek

Graduate

- GREEK 870/JUDAIC 617 003: Mediterranean Theory
- GREEK 821: Ancient Medicine
- GREEK 561: Medical Writers
- GREEK 542: Imperial Greek Literature
- GREEK 470: Plato's *Symposium*
- HIST 630/MEMS 611 002: Ancient Mediterranean History
- STS 517