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## Degrees

***Ph.D., Classics*** 2019

University of Toronto

Collaborative Program in Ancient Greek and Roman History (ColPAH)

Dissertation: *Rising from Below: The Families of Roman Municipal Freedmen and Social Mobility in the Roman Empire*

Supervisor: Christer Bruun (Toronto)

Examiners: Andreas Bendlin (Toronto), Seth Bernard (Toronto), John Bodel (Brown), Jonathan Edmondson (York)

***M.A., Classics*** 2010

University of Kansas

Thesis: *A New Perspective on the Early Roman Dictatorship, 501-300 B.C.*

Supervisor: Anthony Corbeill (Kansas)

Examiners: Carolyn Nelson (Kansas), Tara Welch (Kansas)

***M.A., History*** 2004

Northwest Missouri State University

Thesis: *Trojan Franks: The Classical Military Connection in Frankish Warfare*

Supervisor: Ronald Ferris

***B.S., History and Humanities*** 2002

Northwest Missouri State University

## Academic Appointments

### ***Lecturer***

University of Toronto, Department of Classics Spring 2020

### ***Andrew W. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow***

Washington and Lee University, Department of Classics Fall 2019

### ***Sessional Lecturer***

University of Toronto, Department of Classics Spring 2019

### ***Course Instructor***

University of Toronto, Department of Classics

2012-2018

### **Research Areas**

- Roman social history, especially slaves, freedmen and freedwomen, and the municipal elite
- Roman imperial and municipal administration in Italy and the West
- Latin epigraphy
- Greek and Roman historiography

### **Teaching Experience**

#### ***Lecturer, University of Toronto***

Classical Spaces, Sites, and Monuments

Spring 2020

Introduction to Classical Mythology (two sections)

Spring 2020

#### ***Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Washington and Lee University***

Introduction to Roman History and Culture

Fall 2019

'Invisible Romans': Marginal Groups in Roman Society

Fall 2019

#### ***Sessional Lecturer and Course Instructor, University of Toronto***

History and Culture of the Roman World

Spring 2019

Introduction to Classical Studies

Summer 2012

Introduction to Greek History

Spring 2019

Introduction to Roman History

Fall 2018, Spring 2018

Introduction to Roman Society and Culture

Spring 2017

Introductory Latin I

Summer 2018, Fall 2017

Introductory Latin II

Spring 2019, Spring 2015,  
Summer 2014, Spring 2013

Spectacle in the Roman World

Summer 2018, Summer 2013

#### ***Course Instructor, University of Kansas***

Introduction to Greek and Roman Mythology

Spring 2010, Summer 2009

Introductory Latin II

Spring 2008

Readings in Latin Literature: Cicero and Catullus (two classes)

Fall 2009

Vergil's *Aeneid* (Books 1, 6)

Spring 2009, Spring 2008

#### ***Course Instructor, Northwest Missouri State University***

Roman History and Archaeology

International Studies in Art Program in Italy

Summer 2016, Summer 2015

### ***Tutorial Leader, University of Toronto***

Introduction to Classical Studies	Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2012, Fall 2010
Introduction to Roman History	Fall 2018
Introduction to Roman Society and Culture	Fall 2017, Fall 2013

### ***Team-teaching Tutorial Leader, University of Kansas***

Introductory Ancient Greek I	Fall 2008
Introductory Ancient Greek II	Spring 2009
Introductory Latin I	Fall 2007

### ***Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto***

The Classical World in Film	Spring 2019, Spring 2016, Spring 2015
History and Culture of the Greek World	Fall 2017
History and Culture of the Roman World	Spring 2015
Introduction to Classical Mythology	Fall 2011
Introduction to Roman History	Spring 2016, Fall 2012, Summer 2011
Introduction to Roman Society and Culture	Fall 2014, Spring 2012
Latin and Greek in Scientific Terminology	Summer 2018, Summer 2016
Method and Theory in Classics	Spring 2015
Spectacle in the Roman World	Fall 2013

### ***Tutor, University of Kansas***

Introductory Ancient Greek I-II	Summer 2009
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## **Publications**

### ***Articles***

‘The Elusive *Libertina Nobilitas*: A Case-Study of Roman Municipal Freedmen in the \**Augustales*’  
(under review at *Phoenix*)

‘Mostly Work and Some Play: The Roman Municipal *Familia Publica* as a ‘Professional Association’ (under review at *Historia*)

### ***Articles in progress***

‘An Epitaph of a Successful *Augustalis* of Puteoli (CIL X 1899) and the Impact of ‘Impersonal’ Slave Households on Roman Freedmen and Freedwomen’

‘A *Lectisternium* for a Pimp?: Ballio’s *lectisterniator* (Plautus Ps.162) and Private Religious Practice in Roman Society’

‘The Limits of Social Capital: The Social and Economic Mobility of Roman Imperial Freedmen in the Towns of Central Italy’

‘Municipal *Apparitores* and Avenues of Social Mobility in Roman *Municipia* and *Coloniae*’

‘Reconsidering the Roman dictatorship in the fifth and fourth centuries BCE’

‘*Sed si habeat competitorem legitime quaesitum, praeferri eum oportet* (Dig. 50.2.3.2): A Reevaluation of the *Spurii filius* in Roman Society’

### ***Monograph in progress***

*Starting from Scratch: The Socioeconomic Position of Roman Municipal Freedmen and Their Families*

### **Conference Presentations**

2020 ‘Creating *familiaritas*: Cicero’s Letter of Recommendation of 46-45 BCE’  
Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

2020 ‘*Servi empticii* and Manumission in the Roman Municipal *familia publica*’  
Third North American Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy, Washington, DC

2019 ‘A Case-study of Intergenerational Participation in Roman Professional Associations’  
Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA

2018 ‘The Descendants of Roman Municipal Freedmen in the *ordo decurionum* and the Limits of the *macula servitutis*’  
Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

2016 ‘The Associative Features of the Roman Municipal *familia publica*’  
Classical Association of Canada Annual Conference, Quebec City, QC

2013 ‘Private *lectisternia* and Roman Religious Practice: A Study in Pluralism in Roman Religion’  
New Frontiers in Graduate History Conference, York University, Toronto, ON

2010 ‘Plautus’ *lectisterniator* and Roman *dies natales*’  
Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK

2008 ‘*Io triumphe*: Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* 3.511-733 and Augustus’ Triumph of 29 B.C.’  
Conference on Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

### **Invited Talks**

2020 ‘Going Somewhere?: Migration and Geographical Mobility in the Roman West’  
Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies Public Lecture Series, Toronto, ON

- 2018 'Disney's Hercules and the Reception of the Myth of Hercules'  
Historical Studies Society Movie Night, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Toronto, ON
- 2018 'Roman Municipal Freedmen and the \*Augustales'  
Ancient History Proseminar, Department of Classics, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
- 2018 'The Status of Municipal Freedmen in Roman Towns: A Case-study of the \*Augustales'  
Epigraphy Colloquium: Epigraphy and History in Italy and the Western Provinces  
York University, Toronto, ON
- 2016 'Family Groups in the Roman Municipal *familia publica*'  
ColPAH Work in Progress Seminar, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

## Awards and Recognitions

- 2018, 2014, 2013, 2012 M.B. Wallace Memorial Graduate Award in Classics  
Department of Classics, University of Toronto
- 2017 Conference Travel Grant  
Graduate Student Union, University of Toronto
- 2016-17 Doctoral Completion Grant  
School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto
- 2015-16 Doctoral Completion Grant  
School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto
- 2015 Norwood Traveling Research Fellowship (Rome)  
Department of Classics, University of Toronto
- 2011 Zbigniew Jarkiewicz Memorial Scholarship  
Department of Classics, University of Toronto
- 2010-11 Avie Bennett Award  
School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto
- 2010 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award  
Research and Graduate Studies, University of Kansas
- 2009 Mildred Lord Greef Essay Award  
Department of Classics, University of Kansas
- 2009 Austin Lashbrook Award for Outstanding Overall Contribution to the Classics Program  
Department of Classics, University of Kansas

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| 2008 | Tenney Frank Award for Foreign Study (American Academy in Rome)<br>Department of Classics, University of Kansas |
| 2005 | University Distinguished Master's Thesis Award<br>Graduate School, Northwest Missouri State University          |

## Research Assistantships

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| 2015-16 | Editing references and bibliography for monograph<br>Department of Classics, University of Toronto (Boris Chrubasik) |
| 2013    | Research Assistant<br>Department of Classics, University of Toronto (Christer Bruun)                                 |

## Related Experience and Training

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| 2008 | Summer Program in Archaeology, Participant<br>American Academy in Rome  |
| 2008 | Pompeii Archaeological Research Project: Porta Stabia, Excavator<br>University of Cincinnati – American Academy in Rome |
| 2007 | Summer Institute in Rome, Participant<br>University of Kansas   |

## Departmental Service

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| 2013-15 | Graduate Classics Course Union, Vice-President<br>Department of Classics, University of Toronto |
| 2008-9  | Graduate Student Representative<br>Department of Classics, University of Kansas                 |

## Professional Memberships

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|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 2008-present | American Academy in Rome        |
| 2015-present | British School at Rome          |
| 2016-present | Classical Association of Canada |
| 2015-present | Society for Classical Studies   |

## Languages

English (native); Ancient Greek (advanced reading); Latin (advanced reading); French (reading); German (reading); Italian (reading, advanced speaking and writing)

## References

***Christer Bruun, Professor***

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