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Positions

July 2019 – present	Professor of Classics, Department of Classics, Williams College Department chair, July 2022 – June 2024
August 2013 – May 2014	Associate Professor, Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome
July 2013 – June 2018	Associate Professor, Department of Classics, Williams College Department chair, July 2015 – June 2017
July 2006 – June 2013	Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, Williams College
August 2002 – May 2006	Assistant Professor, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Education

August 2002	Ph.D. in Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania. Dissertation (supervised by Dr. Joseph Farrell): The Epistolary Habit: Representation, Participation, and Exchange among the Roman Elite.
May 1999	M.A. in Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania
May 1996	B. A. in Classics, Reed College in Portland, Oregon Senior thesis (advised by Dr. Walter Englert): Ascent to Beauty, Ascent to God: an essay on Plato's <i>Symposium</i> and St. Augustine's <i>Confessions</i>
Spring 1995	Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, Italy

Honors, Awards, Grants

Oakley Center Fellowship and Herbert H. Lehman Fellowship, Williams College, 2024-25
Global Initiatives Venture Fund, Williams College, funding for 2020 and 2023 Winter Study travel courses, "Performance and Place in Ancient Greece" and "Presence in Place: The Greek Dramatic Imagination" (both with Sarah Olsen) and for Spring 2024 travel extension to the island of Crete for CLLA 422/CLGR 422, jointly with Sarah Olsen.
Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship (2022) for a fully funded research trip to Crete, with Sarah Olsen, in preparation for travel extension trip. Funding was extended in consideration of pandemic restrictions; we traveled in May 2023.
Visiting Scholar, American Academy in Rome, July 2019
Global Initiatives Venture Fund, Williams College, funding for 2017 Winter Study travel course, "Where All Roads Go: Ancient Rome and Environs" (with Edan Dekel)
Oakley Center Fellowship and Herbert H. Lehman Fellowship, Williams College, 2009-10
College of Liberal Arts Research Fellowship Supplement, University of Minnesota 2005-06
Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship 2005-06

Best Paper Presentation in 2003, awarded by the Women's Classical Caucus January 2, 2004, for "Exemplary Grief: A 'technology of gender' in Senecan Consolation," delivered at the 2003 APA Annual Meeting.
 Faculty Summer Research Fellowship and McKnight Summer Fellowship for the Arts and Humanities, 2003
 Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper. CAMWS Annual Meeting, 2001
 A. W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship. University of Pennsylvania, 2000-2001
 Benjamin Franklin Fellow. University of Pennsylvania, 1996-2001
 Phi Beta Kappa. Reed College, May, 1996

Research and Publications

Book

The Gift of Correspondence in Classical Rome: Friendship in Cicero's Ad Familiares and Seneca's Moral Epistles.
 Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2012.

Articles and Chapters

"Measurement, Memory, and Moral Progress in Seneca's *De Brevitate Vitae*" in *Seneca and Stoic Apatheia: Ethics, Physics, and the History of Emotions*, Myrto Garani and Fabio Tutrone, eds. De Gruyter. Forthcoming.
 "Ut amare discas: Anticipating Friendship in *Epistulae Morales* 35." *Lucius Annaeus Seneca* 2 (2022), 45-80.
 "Cicero the Satirist? Scurrilous Poses in the *Letters*," in a special issue of *Hermathena*, entitled *The Epistolary Cicero: Further Readings in the Letters*, Roy Gibson and Ruth Morello, eds. (2022), 225-263.
 "Seneca on Augustus and Roman Fatherhood," in *Intertextuality in Seneca's Philosophical Writing*, Sophia Papaioannou, Andreas Michalopoulos, and Myrto Garani, eds., New York: Routledge (2020) 23-49.
 "Nature's Monster: Caligula as *Exemplum* in Seneca's *Dialogues*," in *KAKOS: Badness and Anti-Value in Classical Antiquity*, edited by Ineke Sluiter and Ralph M. Rosen. Leiden: Brill. (2008), 451-475.
 "Exemplary Grief: Gender and Virtue in Seneca's Consolations to Women" *Helios* 33.1 (2006), 73 – 100.
 "Paternal Grief and the Public Eye: Cicero, *Ad Familiares* 4.6" *Phoenix* 59.3-4 (2005), 267 – 287.
 "Sympathetic Rivals: Consolation in Cicero's Letters," *American Journal of Philology* 26.2 (2005), 237 – 255.

Reviews

Emilia A. Barbiero. *Letters in Plautus: Writing Between the Lines*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023.
 Pp. xii + 229. Published online April 5, 2024 and in print in *Journal of Roman Studies* 114, 173 – 173.
 Katharina Volk, *The Roman Republic of Letters: Scholarship, Philosophy, and Politics in the Age of Cicero and Caesar*.
 Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2021. *New England Classical Journal* 49.2, 45-6.
 Liz Gloyd, *The Ethics of the Family in Seneca*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017. *Journal of Roman Studies* 110, 305-6.
 Han Baltussen, ed. *Greek and Roman Consolations: Eight studies of a tradition and its afterlife*. Swansea: The Classical Press of Wales, 2013. *Classical Review* 66.2, 439-441.
 Christopher Star, *The Empire of the Self: Self-Command and Political Speech in Seneca and Petronius*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2012. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2014.09.52.
 Timothy M. O'Sullivan, *Walking in Roman Culture*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011. *The New England Classical Journal* 39.4, 309-312.
 Shadi Bartsch and David Wray, eds. *Seneca and the Self*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2010.07.05.
 Jacqueline Carlon, *Pliny's Women: Constructing Virtue and Creating Identity in the Roman World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009. *The New England Classical Journal* 37.3, 235-237.
 Brad Inwood, *Reading Seneca: Stoic Philosophy at Rome*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2005. *Classical Journal* 104.1, 77-80.
 John Henderson, *Morals and Villas in Seneca's Letters: Places to Dwell*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2006.11.40.
 Sara H. Lindheim, *Mail and Female: Epistolary Narrative and Desire in Ovid's Heroides*. Madison, University of Wisconsin Press, 2003. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2004.06.57.

In progress or contemplation

The Master's House: Paternal Authority and Exemplary Virtue in Roman Literature (book project); Seneca's Roman Wisdom (shorter book project, a study of the later *Moral Epistles*); an essay on sex and space in Seneca's tragedy *Thyestes*, a student commentary on Cicero's speech *De Lege Manilia*, a Latin reader and commentary entitled *Along the Appian Way*.

Presentations

"Heroic and Vernacular Labor in Seneca's *Moral Epistles*," for the Symposium Vesuvianum *Labor Invisus*: The World of Work. October 10-13, 2024. Bacoli, NA, Italy.

"Seneca on the Cost of Wealth, or, Good Measure in the later *Moral Epistles*," an invited lecture for the "Cost of Living" seminar series at the Institute for Classical Studies at University College, London. November 13, 2023.

"Friends and (Self-)Lovers: Letter 35," an invited paper for the conference "Seneca: Love Letters" at Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza." Originally scheduled for October 7-8, 2020; postponed until October 2021 due to COVID-19.

"Building the Master's House: the *Domus* and Roman Fatherhood" Reed College Latin Forum, November 18, 2017. Portland, Oregon.

"*Patres* Under Pressure: Seneca on Fatherhood During the Principate," The 2017 Guttman Memorial Lecture at Union College, May 18, 2017. Schenectady, New York.

"Seneca's Roman Fathers," Intertextuality in Seneca's Philosophical Works, a conference at The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. May 5-6, 2017. Athens, Greece.

"Cicero the Satirist? Generic variation and allusion in the *Letters*." Society for Classical Studies 147th Annual Meeting, January 8, 2016. San Francisco, California.

"Balancing Priorities, Desires, and Constraints." Remarks for the "Workshop: Teaching Gender and Sexuality in Classical Antiquity" at the AALAC Symposium, "New Directions in Gender and Sexuality in Classical Antiquity," March 28, 2015 at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts.

"Epistolary reflexes in non-epistolary writing, or, Ciceronian epistolarity beyond letters." Ancient Epistolary Network conference at the University of Manchester, June 27, 2014. Manchester, UK.

"Caesar's *Dignitas* and Catiline's Letter in Sallust." Classical Association of New England Annual Meeting, March 16, 2013. Storrs, Connecticut.

"Epistolary Rhetoric and Social Negotiation in Cicero's *Ad Familiares*." Public lecture at Smith College, February 28, 2013. Northampton, MA.

"Pastor's Impassivity: A Parodic Exemplum at *De Ira* 3.22." A presentation for the seventh biennial meeting of MACTe (A regional colloquium for untenured classics faculty to present and discuss works in progress.) May 5, 2012. Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

"Bad Emperors: Imperial Exemplars in Seneca's *De Ira* Book 3." Classical Association of the Middle West and South 108th Annual Meeting. March 29, 2012. Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"Narrative Thinking and the Traumatic Past in Seneca's *Medea*." Classical Association of the Middle West and South 106th Annual Meeting. March 27, 2010. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"Some Fatal Encounters with Gaius: *Epistulae Morales* 77.18 and *De Ira* 3.18.3-19." Classical Association of New England Annual Meeting. March 19, 2010. Providence, Rhode Island.

"From Practice to Metaphor in Seneca's *Moral Epistles*." University of Texas at Austin. June 18, 2009. (A pre-circulated paper; however, travel delays made it impossible for the scheduled colloquium to meet.)

"From Practice to Metaphor: Gift and Debt in Seneca's *Moral Epistles*." A presentation for the inaugural meeting of MACTe (Biennial colloquium of Massachusetts and Connecticut untenured faculty in classics). May 2, 2009. Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

"All in the Family: Kinship and Identity in Cicero's Letters." Classical Association of New England Annual Meeting. March 19, 2009. Boston, Massachusetts.

"Euphemism in Cicero's Letters." Center for Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures Colloquium. February 25, 2009. Williams College.

"Friendship, Kinship, and Identity in Cicero's Letters." Public lecture for the Cornell University Classics Department, October 24, 2008. Ithaca, New York.

“Bodies and Houses in Seneca’s *Moral Epistles* 7 and 43.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Meeting, April 17, 2008. Tucson, Arizona.

“Nature’s Monster: Caligula as Exemplar in the Dialogues of Seneca the Younger.” Penn-Leiden Colloquium on Ancient Values IV. June 3, 2006. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“Pastor’s Impassivity: A Parodic Exemplum at *De Ira* 2.33.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Annual Meeting, April 1, 2005. Madison, Wisconsin.

“Form, Friendship, and the Self in Seneca’s *Moral Epistles*.” Roman Virtues and Vices Panel at the American Philological Association Annual Meeting, January 6, 2005. Boston, Massachusetts.

“Exile, *res publica*, and Cicero’s Republic of Letters.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South Centennial Annual Meeting. April 16, 2004. St. Louis, Missouri.

“The Epistolary Economy: Rivalry and Friendship in Roman Letters.” McKnight Summer Fellow presentation, March 25, 2004. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

“The Silence of Atticus and the Construction of Epistolary Character.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South 99th Annual Meeting. April 4, 2003. Lexington, Kentucky.

“Exemplary Grief: A ‘technology of gender’ in Senecan Consolation.” American Philological Association 134th Annual Meeting, January 5, 2003. New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Profit and Loss in Seneca’s *Epistulae Morales*.” Classical Association of the Midwest and South 97th Annual Meeting, April 19, 2001. Provo, Utah.

“*Sors* and Sacrifice in Vergil’s *Aeneid*.” American Philological Association 131st Annual Meeting, December 29, 1999. Dallas, Texas.

“The Ironic Initiation of Simichidas: The Theocritean Response to Plato’s *Phaedrus*.” American Philological Association 130th Annual Meeting, December 28, 1998. Washington, DC.

Senior Theses or Independent Studies Advised at Williams

Guanghao Yu. Marriage, Sexuality and Women’s Social Roles in Virgil’s *Aeneid*. Spring 2021.

D. Andrew Rondeau. *Fata, Fortuna, and Felicitas* in Roman Literature. Spring 2017.

Jacob Gelman. Cicero and Natural Law. Fall 2012.

Ian McLean. Egypt in the Roman Literary Imagination. Fall 2012.

Celia Campbell. The Neglected Door: New Appreciations of the *Paraclausithyron*. Fall 2008.

Elizabeth C. H. Upton. From Pseudolus to Trimalchio: The Literary Transformation of the *Servus Callidus*. Fall 2007.

Elliot Heilman. Roman Verse Satire and its Audience. Fall 2006.

Courses Taught at Williams

Latin

Intermediate Latin: The Late Republic (CLLA 201) Fall 2006, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2025

Introductory Latin (CLLA 102) Spring 2007, Spring 2021, Spring 2024

Roman Comedy (Advanced Latin, CLLA 408) Spring 2007, Spring 2017, Fall 2020

Seneca and the Self (Advanced Latin, CLLA 409) Fall 2007, Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2019, Fall 2022

Caesar and Cicero (Advanced Latin, CLLA 407) Fall 2008, Fall 2012, Fall 2015, Fall 2018, Spring 2022

Vergil’s *Aeneid* (CLLA 302) Spring 2009, Spring 2016, Spring 2023

Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* (CLLA 415) Spring 2020

Crete in the Ancient Roman Imagination (CLLA 422) Spring 2024

Greek

Introduction to Greek (CLGR 102) Spring 2017

Intermediate Greek: Plato and Hesiod (CLGR 201) Fall 2007, Fall 2010, Fall 2023

Advanced Greek: Plato (CLGR 409) Spring 2013, Fall 2020

Advanced Greek: Homer’s *Odyssey* (CLGR 402) Spring 2022

Advanced Greek: Plato and Aristophanes (CLGR 406) Fall 2023

Classical Studies (Topical seminars, with Greek and Latin texts in translation)

Love and Strife (CLAS 201, with Edan Dekel), Fall 2020
 The Art of Friendship (CLAS 212, with Edan Dekel), Fall 2016, Fall 2025
 Sex and Gender in Ancient Greece and Rome (CLAS/COMP/WGSS 241 [T] [W]), Spring 2015, Spring 2019
 The Ancient Novel (CLAS 105/COMP 113) Fall 2006, Fall 2008 [T] [W], Spring 2012 (renumbered CLAS 226/COMP 226 [T] [W])
 Roman Literature: Foundations and Empire (CLAS 102/COMP 108) Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2016; Roman Literature: Gender, Virtue, Empire (CLAS 102/COMP 108 renamed) Spring 2020, Spring 2023
 The Examined Life: Ancient Ethical Literature at Rome (CLAS 227/COMP 277), Fall 2021

Winter Study

Plato's *Symposium* And Its Afterlife (CLAS 15) 2012, 2015
 Where All Roads Go: Ancient Rome and Environs (CLAS 25, a travel course with Edan Dekel) 2017
 Performance and Place in Ancient Greece (CLAS 25, a travel course with Sarah Olsen) 2020
 Presence in Place: The Greek Dramatic Imagination (CLAS 25, a travel course with Sarah Olsen) 2023

Service at Williams

Campus Environmental Advisory Committee Chair, July 2024 – June 2026
 Institutional representative to ICCS-Rome (the Centro)
 Institutional representative to the Advisory Council of the American Academy in Rome
 Faculty Steering Committee 2012-2013, 2018 – 2020 (chair 2019-20)
 International Education Committee 2016-17
 Curricular Planning Committee, 2015-17
 Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Advisor (Rebecca Williams), 2015-17
 Library Committee Chair, 2014-15
 Labeltalk 2012 at the Williams College Museum of Art
 Co-organizer (with Jason Josephson) of Oakley Center discussion seminar, “On Debt,” Fall-Spring 2012
 Olmsted Prize Committee, 2011-12
 Co-organizer (with Edan Dekel) of Oakley Center discussion seminar, “Consider the Log: Reflecting on the present and future practice of the liberal arts,” Fall 2011
 Committee on Educational Policy, 2011-12
 Faculty Review Panel, 2011-13; 2015-17
 Williams College Children’s Center Advisory Committee, 2010-2011
 Calendar and Scheduling Committee, 2010-2011
 Faculty Compensation Committee, 2008-09, 2020 – 2022
 Williams College Children’s Center Parent Committee, Co-Chair, 2008-09
 Users’ Committee for the North and South Academic Buildings, 2008-09
 Committee on Undergraduate Life, Fall 2007

Service to the Profession

Annual Fund Committee/Fundraising Committee of the Society for Classical Studies, 2022 – February 2025
 External reviewer for promotion to full professor (March 2024)
 Member of external review committee for Skidmore College Classics department, Spring 2022 (rescheduled from Spring 2020)
 Managing Committee for the Centro (ICCS) in Rome, elected to a five-year term, January 2020 through January 2025
Thesaurus Linguae Latinae Fellowship selection committee for the SCS, January 2019
 External reviewer for promotion and tenure (Summer 2014, 2016)
 Manuscript reviewer for the University of Toronto Press (Spring 2013)
 Occasional article referee for *Classical Journal*, *Helios*, *Phoenix*, *Classical World*, *Ancient Society*, *Transactions of the American Philological Society/TAPA*, *Classical Quarterly*. (Most recently February 2025.)

“Crafting an Effective AP Vergil and Caesar Syllabus,” (with Benjamin Rubin), a workshop for Berkshire County secondary school Latin teachers sponsored by the Foreign Academic Alliance and hosted by the Oakley Center at Williams College, May 4, 2012.

Alumni Admissions Representative (AAR) for Reed College (most recent interviews in December 2011)

Organizer and respondent for MACTe III, a biennial regional conference for untenured classicists, hosted by the Classics Department and the Oakley Center at Williams College, May 8, 2010.

Presider for Juvenal panel at the 106th CAMWS Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 27, 2010.

Respondent for MACTe II at Amherst College, December 5, 2009.

Member of CAMWS Committee on the Grant, Semple, and Benario Travel Awards, June 2004-2006

Associate editor for *The Jewish Quarterly Review*, published by the Center for Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania. September 2001-July 2002

Professional Memberships

Society for Classical Studies

Women’s Classical Caucus