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Major Fields of Research and Teaching:

Ancient Greek political thought, law, and history; ancient democracy; Greek historiography, especially Herodotus and Thucydides; ancient Greek social and cultural history, especially ritual and popular culture; slavery in the Ancient World; ancient Greek oratory and rhetorical theory.

## Employment:

2020-present Josiah Ober Collegiate Professor of Ancient History, University of

Michigan.

2012- present Professor, Department of Classical Studies and History, University of

Michigan

2014 - 2017 Chair, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan

2010-2013: Director, Interdepartmental PhD Program in Greek and Roman History,

University of Michigan.

2006-2012: Associate Professor, Department of Classical Studies and History,

University of Michigan.

1998- 2006: Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of

Michigan.

1997-8: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan

1996-7: Lecturer, Classics Department, Princeton University

Education:

1997: Ph.D., Classics, Princeton University

1994: M.A., Classics, Princeton University

1991: M.A., Classics, Queen's University (Canada)

1990: A.B., with honors, Classics, Harvard University

1989: Summer School, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece.

1989: Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, Italy.

Awards:

2022: John D’Arms Faculty Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring

2021- Collegiate Professorship, University of Michigan

2020-1: Michigan Humanities Award

May 2012: Invited Professor, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France

2005-6: John Rich Fellowship, Institute for the Humanities, University of

Michigan.

1995-6: Graduate Prize Fellow, Center for Human Values, Princeton University.

1989: Josephine Murray Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University.

Publications:

Books:

*Slaves and Slavery in Ancient Greece*. Cambridge University Press, 2021

*Slaves Tell Tales and Other Episodes in the Politics of Popular Culture in Ancient Greece*. Princeton University Press, 2012.

*Exile, Ostracism and Democracy: The Politics of Expulsion in Ancient Greece*. Princeton University Press, 2005.

Co-Edited Volume:

R. Balot, S.Forsdyke and E.Foster eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Thucydides*. Oxford, 2017.

Articles and Book Chapters

“Early Greek Democracy” in *The Cambridge History of Democracy* (forthcoming)

“‘Doing Whatever She Wants and Going Wherever She Pleases’ The Legal Capacities of Enslaved Women in the Delphic Manumission Documents” co-written with Katelin Mikos, PhD student, University of Michigan (forthcoming)

“Trial By Jury in Classical Athens: A Travesty of Justice?” Conference volume in Honor of Jeffrey Rusten, Cornell University (forthcoming)

“Unfree and Enslaved Persons” in Hans Beck, Christy Constantakopolou and Jeremy MacInerny eds. *The Oxford History of the Classical Greek World* (forthcoming)

Oxford Classical Dictionary Online articles on "revolts and resistance by the enslaved" and "cultures of enslavement." (forthcoming)

“How to Find A New Master: The Agency of Enslaved Persons in Ancient Greece” in S. Gartland and D.Tandy eds. *Voiceless, Invisible and Countless: Subordinate Experience in Ancient Greece, 800-300 BCE*. (forthcoming)

“The Battle of Salamis and the Democratization of Justice” in *Salamis and Democracy. 2,500 Years After* Springer: Cham Switzerland. 2022

“Slave Agency and Citizenship in Classical Athens” in *Symposion: Gesellschaft für griechische und hellenistische Rechtsgeschichte.* Vienna, 2019.

“Ancient and Modern Conceptions of the Rule of Law” in M.Canevaro, A.Erskine and J.Ober eds. *Ancient Greek History and Contemporary Social Science*. Edinburgh, 2018. 184-212.

“Thucydides’ Historical Method” in R. Balot, S.Forsdyke and E. Foster eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Thucydides* (2017) 19-38.

“Slaves, Stories and Cults: Conflict Resolution between Masters and Slaves in Ancient Greece” *Common Knowledge 21.1* (2015).

“The Impact of Democracy on Communal Life” in J.P.Arnason, K.Raaflaub and P. Wagner eds. *The Greek polis and the invention of democracy: a politico-cultural transformation and its interpretations*. Blackwell, 2013, 227-259.

“Born from the Earth: The Political Uses of an Athenian Myth” in C.Faraone and A.Seri eds. *Imagined Beginnings: Ancient Cosmogonies, Theogonies and Anthropogonies in the Eastern Mediterranean*. Special edition of the *Journal for Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 12 (2012) 119-141.

"Peer-Polity Interaction and Cultural Competition in Sixth-Century Greece" in N.Fisher and H. van Wees eds. *Competition in the Ancient World*. Wales Classical Press, 2011. 147-174.

“Exile” in M. Gagarin et al. eds. *Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*. Oxford University Press, 2010.

"Civic Institutions" in G. Boys-Stones, B. Graziosi and P.Vasunia eds*. The Oxford Handbook of Hellenic Studies*. Oxford, 2009. 197-210.

"The Uses and Abuses of Tyranny" for R.Balot ed. *The Blackwell Companion to Ancient Political Thought*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2009. 231-246.

"Street Theater and Popular Justice in Ancient Greece: Shaming, Stoning and Starving Offenders Inside and Outside the Courts" *Past and Present* 201(2008) 3-50.

"Land, Labor and Economy in Solonian Athens: Breaking the Impasse between History and Archaeology" J.H. Blok and A.P.M.H. Lardinois eds., *Solon of Athens: New Historical and Philological Approaches*, Leiden: Brill, 2006. 334-350.

"Herodotus, political history and political thought" in C. Dewald and J. Marincola eds. *The Cambridge Companion to Herodotus.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006. 224-241

"Revelry and Riot in Archaic Megara: Democratic Disorder or Ritual Reversal?" *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 125 (2005) 73-92.

"Herodotus on Greek History, 525-480 " in Irene de Jong, Egbert Bakker and Hans van Wees eds. *A Companion to Herodotus*. (Leiden, 2002) 521-549.

"Athenian Democratic Ideology and Herodotus' *Histories*" *American Journal of Philology* 122.3 (2001) 333-362.

"Exile, Ostracism and the Athenian Democracy" *California Studies in Classical Antiquity*  19.2 (2000) 232-263.

"From Aristocratic to Democratic Ideology and Back Again: The Thrasybulus Anecdote in Herodotus' *Histories* and Aristotle's *Politics*." *Classical Philology* 94 .4 (1999) 361-372.

Blogs and Opinion Pieces:

“Looking Backward in Order to Look Forward: Lessons about Humanity and the Humanities from the Plague at Athens” in K. Hass ed. *Being Human During COVID.* Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. 2021. 176-180.

“Slavery Then and Now: Interrogating the Past to Understand the Present” <http://www.cambridgeblog.org/2021/07/slavery-then-and-now-interrogating-the-past-to-understand-the-present/>

“Ridding Ourselves of a Demagogue: What the Ancients would have thought of Impeachment” <https://press.princeton.edu/ideas/ridding-ourselves-of-a-demagogue-what-the-ancient-greeks-would-have-thought-of-impeachment?utm_source=facebook-main&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=Ideas&utm_content=websitelink>.

“Free Speech in Herodotus’ *Histories*” Herodotus Helpline. A World-Wide Community dedicated to the Father of History. <https://herodotushelpline.org/ask-us/>