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**PRINCIPAL TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Greco-Roman and medieval Islamicate intellectual history; pre-modern medicine and philosophy; Galen; disciplinarity; reception studies; science, technology, and society studies; brevity; temporality; gender and health

**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**

* August 2015–Present: **Assistant Professor of Classical Studies**, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan.
* August 2019–Present: **Affiliate Faculty**, Department of Middle East Studies, University of Michigan.
* August 2018–Present: **Core Faculty**, Interdepartmental Program for Greek and Roman History (now the Interdepartmental Program for Ancient History), 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) [in production, October 2020].

***Translations***

* ‘Galen’s *Compendium of Plato’s* *Timaeus*’, with Pauline Koetschet, in *Galen on Human Nature*, ed. P. van der Eijk (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) [submitted August 2019 and currently under review by the editor; 52,805 words].

***Journal Articles***

* ‘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 ʿAlī 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. 123r–126v), *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 192 (2014) 93–103.
* ‘Textual Note on Paul of Aegina, *Pragmateia* 6.88ʼ, *Classical Quarterly* 64.2 (2014) 867–9.

***Chapters in Edited Volumes***

* ‘Galen Beyond Baghdad’, in R. Rosen, J. Laskaris, and P. Singer (eds.), *Oxford Companion to Galen* [submitted and reviewed, 10,946 words].
* ‘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***

* 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.

***Work in Progress***

*Edited Volumes*

* Galen, *That the Best Doctor is also a Philosopher*, Scripta Antiquitatis Posterioris ad Ethicam Religionemque pertinentia (Mohr Siebeck, 2023). [introduction, text, and translation by me and interdisciplinary papers from 8 contributors].

*Articles*

* ‘Plato Arabus in WWII: Paul Kraus, Richard Walzer, and Galen’s *Com.Tim.*’, *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* [in preparation].
* ‘Imperial Universalism and the Genesis of Modern Graeco-Arabic Studies’, *Journal of the History of Ideas* [in preparation].
* ‘Galen on Necessity’, [in preparation, 10,753 words].

**SELECT INVITED LECTURES**

* July 13–15 2020: ‘Timaean Pediatrics: Galen’s Regimen for a Cosmic Prince’, *Human Nature: Medical and Philosophical Perspectives in the Work of Galen of Pergamum*, Utrecht University.
* December 2019: ‘Plato Arabus in WWII: Imperial Universalism and Greco-Arabic Studies’, Harvard 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, Ṣafad, Israel.

**EVENTS ORGANIZED**

* October 15–16, 2021, Workshop on Galen’s *That the Best Doctor is also a Philosopher*, Göttingen, Germany.
* 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.

**TEACHING**

**University of Michigan**

**Undergraduate**

***courses***

* Ancient Medicine: from Mesopotamia to the medieval Middle East (CLCIV 392/HIST 292) (Winter 2016, 2017, Fall 2018).
* The Mediterranean: Greco-Roman Science and Islam (CLCIV 253/ISLAM 392) (W16, 18)
* Sex, Birth, and Contraception in the Ancient World (CLCIV 102) (F15, 16)
* Intermediate Greek (GREEK 301) (F16, F18)
* The Ancient Greek Novel (CLCIV 125) (W17)

***honors theses***

* ‘Threatening the Patriarchy: Socio-Religious Anxiety and Abortion in Classical Athens’ (supervisor), passed with highest honors (F17–W18)

**Graduate**

***courses***

* Plato’s *Symposium* (GREEK 470) (F15)

***seminars***

* The Poetics of Ancient Medicine (GREEK 821) (W19)

***preliminary exams***

* Disability in Antiquity (HIST 599) (W18)
* Ancient Botany (GREEK 599) (W17)

***dissertations***

* ‘Care and Disability in Roman Antiquity’ (IPGRH), committee member (18–20)
* ‘Mental Disability and Illness in Rabbinic Literature’ (HIST/JUDAIC), committee member (F18–22)
* ‘The Lost Tribe of Plato: The Druze Religion and its Relation to Platonic and Neoplatonic Philosophy’ (MIDEAST), committee member (19–22)

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

* Member of the SCS/AIA Committee on Diversity in the Profession (2019–2022)
* Outside evaluator of a book manuscript. Brill Middle Eastern and North African Monograph Series (2017)
* Outside reviewer of manuscripts for *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* (2015), *Classical Quarterly* (2017), *Journal of Islamic Studies* (2017)
* External examiner for the MA thesis ‘An evaluation of evidence of paradigm shifts in the transmission of Classical Greek texts through Medieval Arab scholarship’, University of Malta (W20)

***University of Michigan***

* Departmental Executive Committee (AY 16/17, 18/19)
* IPGHR Executive Committee (AY 18/19)
* Mediterranean Cluster Steering Committee (AY 15/16–16/17, 18/19)
* Numismatics Job Search Committee (AY 16/17)
* Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (AY 16/17)
* Graduate Studies Committee (AY 15/16)