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Research Interests

- Greek historiography
- Xenophon's political philosophy
- Social conflict and warfare

Appointments

- Associate (2021-present), Assistant (2017-2021) and Visiting Assistant (2015-2017) Professor, and Riley Scholar (2014-2015), Department of Classics, Colorado College
- Lecturer, Department of Classics, University of Texas at Austin (2011-2014)
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, College of Charleston (2010-2011)
- Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Classics, University of Washington (2006-2009)

Education

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| • University of Washington | Ph.D. in Classics | 2010 |
| Dissertation: <i>A Model of Conflict: the Metonymic Function of Stasis in Xenophon's Hellenica</i> (Adviser, Deborah Kamen) | | |
| | M.A. in Classics | 2007 |
| • American Numismatic Society | Summer Seminar Member | 2007 |
| • American School of Classical Studies at Athens | Regular Member | 2004-2005 |
| • Vassar College | B.A. in Classics with Honors | 2003 |

Publications

Articles and Chapters:

- "What's Funny About Pheraulas?," in D. Johnson, G. Danzig and R. Illarraga, eds. *Debating Cyrus: Leadership in Xenophon's Cyropaedia*. De Gruyter (2026): 167-176.
- "Prudent Alarm and Illustrated Threats: Rhetorical Fear in Xenophon," in I. Worthington and P. Gontijo, eds. *Fearmongering in Greek and Roman Literature and Beyond*. Routledge (2025): 193-206.
- "Hoplites and Oligarchy: a Marked Association in Classical Greece." *Phoenix* 75.3-4 (2021) [published 2023]: 257-283.
- "Confundiendo guerra civil con guerra en la *stasis* griega." In S. Casamayor Mancisidor, R. Portero and E. Álvarez-Fernández, eds., *La Violencia en la Historia*. Ediciones Universidad de Salamanca (2021): 73-90.
- "Forging Unity, Exporting Unrest: Xenophon and Isocrates on *Stasis*." In M. Tamiolaki, ed., *Xenophon and Isocrates: Political Affinities and Literary Interactions, Trends in Classics* 10.1 (2018): 154-70.
- "Modeling Hegemony through *Stasis*: Xenophon on Sparta at Thebes and Phlius," *ICS* 42.1 (2017): 21-40.
- "Xenophon on Leadership: Commanders as Friends." In M. Flower, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Xenophon*. Cambridge University Press (2017): 323-37.
- "Novel Leaders for Novel Armies: Xenophon's Focus on Willing Obedience in Context." In R. F. Buxton, ed. *Aspects of Leadership in Xenophon. Histos Supplement* 5 (2016): 163-97.
- "Instructive Irony in Herodotus: the Socles Scene," *GRBS* 52.4 (2012): 559-86.
- "The Northern Syria 2007 Hoard of Athenian Owls: Behavioral Aspects," *American Journal of Numismatics* 21 (2009): 1-27.

Editor:

- R. F. Buxton, ed. *Aspects of Leadership in Xenophon*. *Histos* Supplement 5 (2016).

Reviews:

- N. Humble, *Xenophon of Athens: a Socratic on Sparta* (Cambridge University Press 2021), *BMCR* 2025.10.50.
- F. Hobden, *Xenophon* (Bloomsbury Academic 2020), *CR* 72 (2022): 54-55.
- A. Kapellos, *Xenophon's Peloponnesian War* (De Gruyter 2019), *H-Soz-Kult*, 6/21/2021.
- C. Atack, *The Discourse of Kingship in Classical Greece* (Routledge 2020), *Polis* 38 (2021): 144-7.
- M. Berti, *Digital Fragmenta Historicorum Graecorum* (Leipzig 2017), *SCS Blog*, 3/18/2018.
- V. J. Gray, *Xenophon's Mirror of Princes* (Oxford 2011), *CJ Online* 2012.09.08.
- J. A. Swanson and C. D. Corbin, *Aristotle's Politics: a Reader's Guide* (London 2009), *BMCR* 2011.06.27.

Presentations (since 2016)

- "The Arrows of Cyrus: Expressive Uses of Currency in Xenophon's *Anabasis*," Xenophon's Economic Thought, Universidad Panamericana (Mexico), September 2026 (scheduled).
- "Genre as Mentality and Genre as Setting in Xenophon," *Sokratikoi logoi, Platonikoi logoi*, Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Buenos Aires (Argentina), November 2024.
- "Misread Self-Fashioning in Xenophon," International Xenophon Society Conference, Centro Cultural Recoleta, Buenos Aires (Argentina), November 2024.
- "The Sense of an Ending," Baccalaureate address, Colorado College, May 2023.
- "El problema de los hoplitas como unidad social," *Sokratikoi logoi, Platonikoi logoi*: Argumentation and Rationality, between Philosophy, Poetics and Politics, National Academy of Sciences at Buenos Aires (Argentina), November 2022.
- "Alienation Across Genres," Xenophon and Genre / Genres and Xenophon panel, Celtic Conference in Classics, Lyon (France), July 2022.
- "Xenophontic Leaders and Histrionic Emotions," Xenophon and the Emotions, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel), May 2022.
- "Demea and Crude Exemplarity in Terence's *Adelphoe*," CAMWS annual meeting, Winston-Salem, March 2022.
- "Mythology Across Cultures," Pikes Peak Library District Winter Adult Reading Program, East Library, January 2020.
- "The Hoplite Class as a Flexible Category in Greek Political Thought," University of Colorado Boulder, January 2020.
- "Hoplites: the Fighting Rich or the Fighting Poor?," Kenyon College, April 2019 | Marshall University, November 2019.
- "Confundiendo guerra patriótica y guerra civil en la Grecia clásica," Congreso Internacional La Violencia en la Historia, University of Salamanca (Spain), October 2019.
- "Lysias and Polemarchus in Plato: Distancing Socrates from the Thirty," SCS annual meeting, Toronto, January 2017.
- "Xenophon's Leadership Theory: 'Massifying' Aristocratic Friendship," 25th International Conference of Philosophy, Olympic Center for Philosophy and Culture, Olympia (Greece), July 2016.
- "The Hoplite Class as a Complex Category in Greek Thought," SCS annual meeting, San Francisco, January 2016.

Awards

External:

- Tytus Visiting Scholar Fellowship, Department of Classics, University of Cincinnati (Fall 2019)
- Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies (2005-2006)

Internal (Colorado College, unless indicated):

- Research: Faculty Development (Teaching Release) Block Award, Dean of the Faculty's Office (2026); Research and Development Grant, Humanities Executive Committee (fall and spring 2025, 2019, 2018, 2017); Summer Research Grant, Dean of the Faculty's Office (2020); Faculty Research Development Block, Dean of the Faculty's Office's Office (2019)
- Summer Faculty Student Collaborative Research Grant: Dean of the College's Office (2026, 2025, 2023), Vice Provost's Office (2021), Provost's Office (2019), Colorado College
- Dean of the Faculty Teaching Award, Colorado College (2023)
- Course Development: Curriculum Development Grant (2019 for Diverse Learning Across the Liberal Arts Initiative, 2016, 2015); Critical Inquiry Grant, Freshman Year Experience Program (2018); Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation Grant, Dean of the Faculty's Office (2018); Mellon Foundation Language Grant (2014)
- Conference Travel: Second Conference Attendance Grant, Humanities Executive Committee (2021, 2019, 2016, 2015); Rachel and Ben Vaughan Faculty Fellowship in Classics, UT Austin (2014)
- Dissertation Fellowships (University of Washington): The Graduate School Fellowship (2010); Greenfield Fellowship, Department of Classics (2010)
- Abby Leach Fellowship for study at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Vassar College (2004-2005)

Teaching Experience

Greek:

- Advanced: Historiography, Oratory
- Intermediate: Herodotus, Homer, Lysias, Plato
- Elementary: Hansen and Quinn, Luschnig, Mastronarde, Groton

Latin:

- Advanced: Terence
- Intermediate: Caesar, Cicero, Pliny Minor, Vergil
- Elementary: Wheelock, Sheldermine

Literature and Civilization:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Economy • Greek and Roman Slavery • Freshman Year Writing Course: Getting Tipsy with Socrates • Warfare in Greece and Rome • Introduction to Greek and Roman Civilizations • Classical Cultural Heritage Management and Archaeology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshman Year Writing Course: Introduction to Classical Literature and Archaeology • Greek and Roman Drama • Classical Mythology • Greek Civilization • Freshman Year Writing Course: Western Concepts of Freedom and Authority (Renaissance to Today) • Greek and Latin Etymologies |
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History:

- Archaic and Classical Greek History
- Greek and Roman Historiography
- Ancient Mediterranean: Sumer to Mohammed
- Roman History: Empire
- Hellenistic History

Study Abroad:

- Rome, Naples, Sicily: Crossroads of the Ancient Mediterranean (co-teacher)
- Rome and Naples: Greek and Roman Art and History (co-teacher)

Advisor for undergraduate Classics theses: 14 students

Supervisor of undergraduate research assistants: 6 students

Service

External:

- Vice President, Colorado Classics Association (2026-present)
- Member (2025-present), Committee on Career Planning and Development, Society for Classical Studies (SCS)
- Member, Editorial Board, *Xenophon Studies* series, De Gruyter (2025-present)
- Communications Director, Colorado Classics Association (2018-2024)
- Dissertation External Examiner, Vitor de Simoni Milione, *Sémantique de la guerre: l'apport de la rationalité militaire, des analogies et des métaphores guerrières dans la philosophie de Xénophon*, Department of Philosophy, University of Montreal, February 2024
- Submission Referee: *Mnemosyne: A Journal of Classical Studies*, Brill (2026), *Xenophon Studies* volume, De Gruyter (2026), *Revista de Historiografía*, Carlos III University of Madrid (2025); *Classical Antiquity*, University of California Press (2024); *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought*, Brill (2023); *American Journal of Philology*, John Hopkins University Press (2022); Bloomsbury Academic (2022); *Classical World*, CAAS (2021); *Classical Journal*, CAMWS (2019); *Akropolis: Journal of Hellenic Studies*, Center for Hellenic Studies, Montenegro (2019); *World History and Classics*, Oxford University Press (2011)
- External Reviewer for a Tenure File: Department of Modern Languages, Kansas State University (2022)
- Member (2015-18) and Chair (2017-18): Coffin Fellowship Committee, SCS

Internal (Colorado College):

- Member, Budget and Finance Subcommittee, Faculty Executive Committee (2026-present)
- Assessment Representative: Department of Classics (2017-21, 2022-present)
- Chair: Department of Classics (2022-2026)
- Member, General Education Assessment Committee, Analysis and Interpretation of Meaning Working Group (2020-21); International Studies Taskforce (2018-19); Advancement Committee (2017-18)
- Non-Departmental Member, Search Committee: Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology (2020), Assistant Professor of Religion (2019)