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EMPLOYMENT :

- 2018 – Assistant Professor of Classics, University of Georgia at Athens
- 2017 – 2018 Post-doctoral Teaching Fellow, Florida State University
Department of Classics
- 2015 – 2017 Post-doctoral Research Fellow and Lecturer, University of Michigan
Kelsey Museum of Archaeology

EDUCATION :

- Ph.D. **University of Pennsylvania**, with distinction
Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World, May 2015
Dissertation Title : *Water after Antiquity in the Eastern Mediterranean: the
Afterlives of Roman Hydraulic Infrastructure (300 – 800 CE)*
Advisers: Robert Ousterhout (chair), John Haldon, and Renata Holod.
Examination Fields: Late Antique Archaeology and Art, Byzantine
History, Archaeological Method and Theory
- M.A. **University of Pennsylvania**
Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World, May 2011
Thesis Title : *The Logistics of Late Antique and Medieval Building in
Western Cappadocia: A Quantitative Approach for Problems in
Byzantine History*
Advisers: Robert Ousterhout and John Haldon.
- B.A. **Indiana University, Bloomington**
Art History and Religious Studies (with certificate in Medieval Studies)

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS :

Time-periods : 0 – 1000 CE

Regions : Anatolia, Greece and the Balkans, the Levant

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Areas of Research : archaeology; architecture; environmental history; material culture; social and economic history; geopolitics; comparative analysis; urbanism; labor; history of technology; geographical and architectural survey.

BOOK PROJECTS :

- 2021 *Water for Roman Cities after Antiquity: Adaptation and Abandonment.* Manuscript in preparation for Oxford University Press, Classical Archaeology Series.
- 2021 *The Roman and Byzantine Environment: A Sourcebook.* Manuscript in preparation for Routledge, Sourcebooks for the Ancient World Series.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND REFEREED CHAPTERS :

- In preparation “Water and Social Relationships in Byzantine Neighborhoods” for *Byzantine Neighborhoods*, eds. B. Anderson and F. Kondyli, Birmingham Byzantine and Ottoman Studies Series (London: Routledge, 2020?)
- Accepted “Hydraulic Landscapes of Cities in the East Roman World” for *Landscapes of Pre-industrial Cities*, eds. J. Beardsley and G. Farhat, Landscapes Studies Series (Washington D.C.: Dumbarton Oaks, 2018) [[link](#)]
- Submitted “Earthquakes and Urban Adaptation in Late Antiquity” in *The Power of Nature: Agency and the Archaeology of Human-Environmental Dynamics*, ed. M. Smith (University of Colorado Press, on contract)
- Submitted “Conflict Architecture: Making History at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, Hebron” for *Constructing Sacred Space*, eds. V. Marinis, J. Pickett, and A. Papalexandrou (Turnhout: Brepols, 2020?)
- 2018 “Earthquakes as the Quintessential SCE [Short-Term Catastrophic Event]: Methodology and Societal Resilience” for *Human Ecology* 46, special issue with the *Princeton Climate Change and History Research Initiative*, eds. J. Haldon, A. Izdebski, and S. White (2018): 1-14 [lead co-author with Lee Mordechai] [[link](#)]
- 2017 “Water and Empire in the *de Aedificiis* of Procopius” for *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 71 (2017): 95-125 [[link1](#)/[link2](#)]
- 2016 “Architectural energetics for tumuli construction: the case of the medieval Chungul Kurgan on the Eurasian Steppe” for *Journal of Archaeological*

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- Science* 75 (2016): 101-14 [first author with John Schreck, Renata Holod, Yuriy Rassamakin, Oleksandr Halenko, Warren Woodfin] [[link](#)]
- 2016 “Temples, Churches, Cisterns and Pipes: Water in Late Antique Ephesus,” in *De Aquaeductu Atque Aqua Urbium Lyciae Pamphyliae Pisidiae: The Legacy of Sextus Julius Frontinus, International Congress on the History of Water Management and Hydraulic Engineering in the Mediterranean Region. Antalya, October 31 – November 9, 2014*, ed. G. Wiplinger, *Babesch Annual Papers on Mediterranean Archaeology Supplement 27* (Leuven: Babesch/Peeters, 2016), 297-312 [[link](#)]
- 2016 “The environmental, archaeological and historical evidence for climatic changes and their societal impacts in the Eastern Mediterranean in Late Antiquity”, for *Quaternary Science Review* 136: 189-208 [2nd co-author with Adam Izdebski, Neil Roberts, Tomasz Waliszewski] [[link](#)]
- 2016 “Water in Byzantium” in *Proceedings of the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Belgrade 22-27 August 2016: Round Tables*, eds. B. Krasmanović and L. Milanović (Belgrade: AIEB), 835-839 [[link](#)]
- 2014 “Patronage Contested: Archaeology, Crusader Interventions, and the Early Modern Struggle for Possession at the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem,” in *Visual Constructs of Jerusalem*, eds. Bianca Kühnel, Galit Noga-Banai, Hanna Vorholt = *Cultural Encounters in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages*, no. 18 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2014), pp. 35-45 [[link](#)]
- 2013 “The University of Pennsylvania Excavations (1927-1933) in Historical Context: Biblical Archaeology and the Late Antique” and “Religious Devotion in Domestic Contexts”, *Late Antique Beth Shean Revisited Issue, Expedition Magazine of the University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology* 55.1 (Philadelphia: University Museum Press, Spring 2013): pp. 12-15 and 21-23 [[link](#)]
- 2011 “The Apse Mosaic of Hagia Eirene: the Splendor of Iconoclasm” in *Mosaics of Anatolia*, ed. G. Sözen (Istanbul, 2011): pp. 309-320 [[link](#)]

BOOK REVIEWS :

- 2019 Review of Philip Niewöhner, (ed.), *Archaeology of Byzantine Anatolia* (Cambridge, 2017), for the *Journal of Roman Archaeology*.
- 2017 Review of Cornelis van Tilburg, *Streets and Streams: Health Conditions and City Planning in the Graeco-Roman World* (Leiden: Primavera, 2015), for the

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Bryn Mawr Classical Review [[link](#)]

- 2014 Review of Anna Calderone, (ed.), *Cultura e religione delle acque. Atti del Convegno interdisciplinare "Qui fresca l'acqua mormora ... "* (S. Quasimodo, *Sapph. fr. 2,5*), Messina, 29-30 marzo 2011 = *Archaeologica* 167 (Rome: Bretschneider, 2012), for the Bryn Mawr Classical Review [[link](#)]
- 2013 Review of Steven Mithen, *Thirst. Water and Power in the Ancient World* (Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press, 2012), for *Expedition Magazine of the University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology* 55.2 (Philadelphia: University Museum Press, Fall 2013) [[link](#)]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE :

- 2018 – **Assistant Professor, University of Georgia**
"Classical Mythology" [CLAS1020]
"Introduction to Classical Archaeology" [CLAS2000]
"Ancient Science and Technology" [CLAS3XXX]
"Archaeology of Roman Cities" [CLAS4130]
"Environmental History of the Roman Empire" [CLAS4/6XXX]
"Archaeology of the Post-Classical World" [CLAS4/6XXX]
"The Archaeology of Anatolia from Troy to Gallipoli" [CLAS4/6XXX]
"Making of Medieval Europe" [CLAS4/6XXX] [study abroad]
"The Archaeology of Water" [CLAS8XXX]
- 2017 – 2018 **Lecturer, Florida State University**
"Archaeology of the Late Roman Empire" ARH 5161
"Classical Mythology" CLT 3370 [large lecture]
"Archaeology of Roman Italy" ARH 3150 [large lecture]
"Cemeteries and the City: From Antiquity to Tallahassee" ARH4173/5174
- 2016 – 2017 **Lecturer, University of Michigan**
"Environmental History in the Near East" HIST399/ENV462/NES390
"Death and the City: Cemeteries from Antiquity to Ann Arbor"
CLARCH350/HIST230/NES291

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- Oct 2018 "A Transitional Period Settlement? The date and function of the rock-cut complex Kırk İn (İscehisar, Afyonkarahisar, Turkey)", conference paper at the 44th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference in San Antonio, TX [[link](#)]
- Sept 2018 "Monumental Building, Monumental Labor: Energetics in Archaeology",

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- invited lecture for *Archaeology of Labor* series at Cornell Institute of Archaeology & Material Studies in Ithaca, NY [[link](#)]
- Apr 2018 “Earthquakes and Urban Adaptation in Late Antiquity” for *Archaeology of Non-human Agents*, Society for American Archaeology in Washington D.C.
- Oct 2017 “Cutting Monumentality Down to Size? Labor and Energetics” for *Size Matters: Extra-Large Projects in the Ancient World*, Topoi / Freie Universität, Berlin.
- May 2017 “Hydraulic Landscapes of Cities in the East Roman World” at *Landscapes of Pre-industrial Cities*, Dumbarton Oaks Spring Symposium.
- Apr 2017 “Conflict Architecture: Writing History at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, Hebron” at *Constructing Sacred Spaces: A Career Celebration for Robert Ousterhout*, the University Museum at the University of Pennsylvania.
- Nov 2016 “The Environmental History of Late Antique Monasticism” for *Late Antique Monasticism*, ASOR 2016 in San Antonio, TX [with A. Eger]
- Aug 2016 “Water and Environment” in *Food, Environment and Landscape in Byzantium* Roundtable, 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Belgrade [with James Crow, Adam Izdebski, John Haldon, and Johannes Preiser-Kapeller]
- Oct 2015 “Structuring Neighborhoods with Water in Late Antiquity” for *Archaeology of Byzantine Neighborhoods* panel, sponsored by the Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art and Culture Center, at the 41st Annual Byzantine Studies Conference, New York City.
- Sept 2015 “Riot at the Baths, Murder at the Fountains: Urban Violence and Public Architecture in Late Antiquity,” invited lecture at *Center for Late Ancient Studies*, Duke University.
- May 2015 “Climate Change and Cultural Response during Late Antiquity” at the workshop *Climate and Society in Byzantine and Ottoman Anatolia, 300-1900 CE: Towards understanding the impact of climate on complex societies of the pre-industrial era*, Princeton University.
- April 2015 “Water after Antiquity: the Afterlives of Roman Water Infrastructure in the Eastern Mediterranean (300 – 800 CE)”, public PhD dissertation defense for *Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World* graduate group, UPenn.

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- Oct 2014 “Temples, Churches, Cisterns and Pipes: Water in Late Antique Ephesus” at the conference *De Aquaeductu Atque Aqua Urbium Lyciae Pamphyliae Pisidiae: The Legacy of Sextus Julius Frontinus, International Congress on the History of Water Management and Hydraulic Engineering in the Mediterranean Region. Antalya, October 31 – November 9, 2014* organized by Gilbert Wiplinger for the Frontinus Gesellschaft and the ÖAI Wien.
- Mar 2014 “Water Management in Procopius’s *Buildings*” at Dept. of History, Georgetown University.
- Feb 2014 “Contextualizing the UPenn Excavations at Beth Shean: the Water Systems on the Tell” at the symposium *Beth Shean Revisited*, UPenn.
- Feb 2014 “Water after Antiquity: the early medieval afterlives of Roman hydraulic infrastructure in the Eastern Mediterranean,” a *Junior Fellowship Research Report* at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C.
- Oct 2013 “The energetics of monumental architecture in the thirteenth century. Three comparative case studies: Seljuk, Kipchak, and Byzantine” at *VI^e Rencontres Byzantines*, Institut National d’histoire de l’art, Paris.
- Sept 2013 “Towards an Energetics Approach to Sultanniya: Bricks, Scaffolds, and Vaults in Medieval Iran” at *In the Line of Great Domes: The Mausoleum of Oljeitu in Sultanniya, Iran (1306-1313)* symposium at UPenn.
- April 2012 “The Energetics of Monumental Construction in the 13th Century. Three Cross Cultural Case Studies: Seljuk, Kipchak, and Byzantine” at the conference *Masons at Work*, UPenn.
- Nov 2012 “Procopius’s *Buildings* and the *Lives* of Late Antique Saints: Contrasting Top-Down and Bottom-Up Approaches to Urban Water Management in Late Antiquity” at the *38th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference*, Brookline, Mass.
- Nov 2012 “Temples, Churches, and Cisterns: Water Management in Late Antique Jarash” at *Water for the Queen of Cities: An International Symposium Concerning the Water Supply of Byzantine Constantinople*, Research Center for Anatolian Civilization at Koç University, Istanbul.
- May 2011 “The Transformation of the Roman Bath as a Sculptural and Epigraphic Environment During Late Antiquity” for the *Brown Bag Lunch Series*, *Joukowsky Institute for World Archaeology*, Brown University.
- March 2011 “The Roman Bath as Epigraphic Environment in Late Antiquity” at the

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University of Chicago Workshop for Research in Late Antiquity and Byzantium,
Department of History.

- Nov 2010 “Patronage Contested: Archaeology, Crusader Interventions, and the Early Modern Struggle for Possession at the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem” at the conference *Visual Constructs of Jerusalem*, Hebrew University in Jerusalem.
- May 2010 “Visualizing Ancient and Medieval Architecture: Concepts and Approaches” at the *Digital Art History* session, International Conference for Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo.
- April 2010 “The Logistics of Building: Three Examples from Medieval Cappadocia” at the *Medieval Logistics Workshop*, Princeton University.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS :

- 2014-2015 Dean’s Scholar, School of Arts and Sciences. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- 2014 President Gutmann Leadership Award, UPenn.
- 2014 Travel Grant, Frontinus Gesellschaft. Bonn, Germany.
- 2013-2014 Junior Fellow in Byzantine Studies. Dumbarton Oaks, Trustees of Harvard University. Washington D.C.
- 2012 Harrell Fellow, American Center for Overseas Research. Amman, Jordan.
- 2011-2012 Junior Residential Fellow. Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul. Declined.
- 2011-2012 Penfield Dissertation Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia.
- 2011-2015 Louis J. Kolb Society Fellow in Mediterranean Archaeology. Philadelphia PA.
- 2010 Tousimis Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper 2009, Byzantine Studies Association of North America.
- 2007-2012 Williams Fellow in Archaeology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2007-2011 Discretionary Travel Grants, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.

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- 2006 Gallagher Essay Prize in Religious Studies, Indiana University.
- 2006 Herman B. Wells University Library Research Award, Indiana University.

FIELDWORK :

- 2015 Molyvoti in Thrace Archaeological Project, Greece. Survey supervisor, for Tom Tartaron and Nathan Arrington, UPenn/ASCSA and Princeton University. One unpublished report submitted to the MTAP and Greek Ephoreia, with Kurtis Tanaka.
- 2013-2014 Ephesus Project, Turkey. Architectural and Hydraulics Investigator, under supervision of Sabine Ladstätter, Österreichisches Archäologisches Institut. "Water pipes and conduits in Ephesus," two unpublished reports submitted to the Turkish Ministry of Culture, one published chapter in edited volume [see above].
- 2012 Islamic Jarash Project, Jordan. Architectural and Hydraulics Investigator, under supervision of Alan Walmsley, University of Copenhagen. "Water in Late Antique Jarash," unpublished report submitted to the Department of Antiquities, Jordan. Researcher supported by ACOR Harrell Fellowship.
- 2012 Chungul Kurgan Project, Ukraine. Architectural investigator, under supervision of Renata Holod, UPenn. Article for *Journal of Archaeological Science* published November 2016 [see above].
- 2009-2014 Site studies supported by Louis J. Kolb Society in: Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Albania, Croatia, Greece, Cyprus, China, and Turkey's provinces of Cilicia, Lycia, Caria, Ionia, Lydia, Pisidia, Phrygia, Galatia, Bithynia, Paphlagonia, and Pontus
- 2009 Avkat Field Survey Project, Intensive Survey Team Leader and Architectural Investigator, under supervision of John Haldon and Hugh Elton, Princeton and the British Institute in Ankara, with Trent University. Preparation of one unpublished report.
- 2007 Excavations at Villa Magna, Lazio under supervision of Lisa Fentress, UPenn / American Academy in Rome. Preparation of unpublished report.

GRANTS AWARDED :

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2016 Dumbarton Oaks Fieldwork Grant, \$10,000 for Gölören Archaeological Project.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE :

2016-7 Organization and fundraising (\$25k to date) for international symposium, *Constructing Sacred Space: A Career Celebration for Robert Ousterhout*, at UPenn 7-8 Apr 2017

2009 Participant in Roman Pottery Summer School, at the American Academy of Rome, supervised by Archer Martin.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES :

French (read, write, speak)	Classical and Medieval Latin (read)
Italian (read, write, speak)	Classical, Medieval, Modern Greek (read)
German (read, intermed. speaking)	Turkish (read, basic speaking)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES :

Robert Ousterhout, Professor of Byzantine Art and Architecture, University of Pennsylvania ousterob@sas.upenn.edu / 215-898-3249

John Haldon, Shelby Professor of European History, Princeton University jhaldon@princeton.edu / 609-258-9456

Renata Holod, College of Women Class of 1963 Term Professor in the Humanities, University of Pennsylvania rholod@sas.upenn.edu / 215-898-8714

James Crow, Professor of Byzantine Archaeology, University of Edinburgh Jim.crow@ed.ac.uk / 0131-650-2455

Hugh Elton, Dean of Arts & Sciences / Professor of Roman History, University of Trent hughelton@trentu.ca / 01705-748-1011

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