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Teaching and Research Interests

Republican Latin literature, Latin Poetry, Greek poetry

Academic Positions

Rutgers University, Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Classics, 2018 to present, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, 2013 to 2018; Yale University Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, 2006 to 2013

Education

Princeton University, PhD in Classics, September 2006. Dissertation: *Reinventing Epic: Traditional Poetry and the Annals of Quintus Ennius*. Committee: Joshua Katz (Director), Denis Feeney, Andrew Ford

Bryn Mawr College, M.A. in Classical Languages, May 2001

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, B.A. in Language and Literature (Classics Track), *summa cum laude*, May 1998

Kean College of New Jersey, B.A. in English, May 1996

Teaching Experience

Rutgers University. Teaching Assistant Professor 2013 to present: *Indo-European Linguistics, Elementary Greek* (Second Semester, Freshman Level), Spring 2019; *Greek and Roman Mythology, Word Power*, Fall 2018; Visiting Assistant Professor, 2013 to 2018: *Ovid: Heroides, Elementary Greek*, Spring 2018 *History of Latin Literature I, Seneca's Medea, Greek and Roman Mythology*, Fall 2017; *Elementary Greek* (Second Semester, Freshman Level), *Ancient Mythology and Society*, Spring 2017; *Greek and Roman Mythology, Elementary Greek*, Fall 2016; *Indo-European Linguistics, Elementary Greek* (Second Semester, Freshman Level), Spring 2016; *Greek and Roman Mythology, Elementary Latin, Elementary Greek*, Fall 2015; *Roman Civilization, Roman Drama in Translation* Spring 2015; *Greek and Roman Mythology, Elementary Greek, Roman Comedy* Fall 2014; *Introduction to Latin Poetry* (Second Semester, Sophomore Level), *Roman Civilization*, Spring 2014; *Greek and Roman Mythology, Elementary Greek* (First Semester, Freshman Level), *Roman Satire*, Fall 2013;

Yale University. Assistant Professor 2006-2013: *Intensive Beginning Latin*, Summer

2013; *Intensive Beginning Greek*, Spring 2013; *Comparative Grammar of Latin*, Latin 131 (First Semester, Sophomore Level), Fall 2012; *Roman Tragedy, Comparative Greek Morphology*, Spring 2012; *Comparative Grammar of Latin, Survey of Latin Literature*, Fall 2011; *Poetry and Prehistory* (A Freshman Seminar on Indo-European Myth and Poetry), Latin 120 (Second Semester, Freshman Level), Spring 2011; *Comparative Grammar of Greek, Roman Comedy* Fall 2010; *Classical Mythologies*, Spring 2009; *Comparative Grammar of Latin, Survey of Latin Literature*, Fall 2008; *Classical Mythologies, Boethius*, Spring 2008; *Comparative Grammar of Greek, Survey of Latin Literature*, Fall 2007; *Roman Comedy, Introduction to Latin Poetry*, Spring 2007; *Comparative Grammar of Latin, Daphnis and Chloe*, Fall 2006.

Princeton University. Instructor, 2004-2005: *Intensive Intermediate Latin*, Fall 2004; Assistant in Instruction, 2002-2005: *Comedy*, Spring 2005; *Origins and Nature of The English Vocabulary*, Spring 2004; *The Roman Republic*, Fall 2002

Advising

Senior Theses: Katherine Tomiak, "Insanity and Myth in Roman Comedy," 2014-15, Jesse Storbeck, "The Origins of the Indo-European Medio-Passive Participle," 2011 (Now a graduate student at USC); Matthew Newman, "Greek epigrams in Rome," 2008.

Publications

Book

2014 *The Annals of Quintus Ennius and the Italic Tradition* (The Johns Hopkins University Press)

Reviews <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2015/10/25926.html>,
<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2015/2015-03-13.html>,
https://muse.jhu.edu/login?auth=0&type=summary&url=/journals/classical_world/v108/108.3.fortson.html,
https://muse.jhu.edu/login?auth=0&type=summary&url=/journals/american_journal_of_philology/v136/136.4.biggs.html

Articles

2017 "Becoming Gallic: Orality, Voice and Identity in Roman Gaul" In Slater, Niall ed. *Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World Vol. XI* (Boston/Leiden: Brill): 377-96.

2015 "Ennius and Virgil" Review of N. Goldschmidt. *Shaggy Crowns. Ennius' Annales and Virgil's Aeneid* (Oxford University Press, 2013), *Classical Review* 65 no. 2: 426-27.

2015 "Out of the Mouth of Babes and Englishmen: The Invention of the Vernacular Grammar in Anglo-Saxon England" In Archibald, Elizabeth, Brockliss, William and Gnoza, Jonathan eds. *Learning Latin and Greek from Antiquity to the Present* (Yale Classical Studies 37) (New York: Cambridge University Press): 83-98.

2014 “Spoken Prayers and Written Instructions in the Central Italian Cultural *Koinê* and Beyond” In Scodell, Ruth ed. *Between Orality and Literacy: Communication and Adaptation in Antiquity; Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World Vol. X* (Boston/Leiden: Brill): 197-217.

2012 “*Visus Homerus Adesse Poeta*: The *Annals* of Quintus Ennius and the *Odyssey* of Homer” *Classical World* 106 no. 1 (2012): 29-50.

2011 “Indo-European Linguistics” (an entry in the Oxford Bibliography Online series) ^[L]_[SEP]

2009 “Epic or Exegesis?: The Form and Genesis of the *Táin Bó Cúalnge*,” *Proceedings of the Harvard Celtic Colloquium* 23: 112-32 ^[L]_[SEP]

2008 “Asterisking Ennius: The *Annales* of Quintus Ennius and the Indo-European Tradition” *Journal of Indo-European Studies* 36: 333-55.

2006 “Speaking in Tongues: Collocations of Word and Deed in Proto-Indo-European” *Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Indo-European Conference* (Washington DC: Center for the Study of Man): 179-96.

Publications under Contract

“Deny Thy *Pater*: The Reception of Ennius in Silver Latin Epic” (invited contribution to *The Blackwell Companion to Latin Epic 14-96 CE*)

Publications in Preparation

Greek Myth in the Middle Roman Republic (Book Manuscript)

An Empire of Origins: Varro, Etymology, and Empire (Article)

Selected Papers and Presentations

“An Empire of Origins: Varro, Etymology, and Empire” *Ἀρχή* and *Origo*: The Power of Origins, Newcastle University, May 2019

“Ennius, Medea, and Empire” (Invited Lecture), Richard Stockton University, November 2017

“A Ludic Allusion in *Aeneid* 7.656-57” CAAS, October 2016

“Becoming Gallic: Orality, Voice and Identity in Roman Gaul” *Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World XI: Voice and Voices*, Emory University, September 2014

“*Medea...medicamento*: Greek origins and Roman horizons in the middle Republic” (Invited Lecture), Yale University, December 2012 ^[L]_[SEP]

“*Interpretationes Etruscae*: The Discourse of Accretion in Plautus' *Amphitruo*” (Invited Lecture), SUNY Buffalo, October 2012

“Hercules Victor: A Diachronic Perspective” Annual Brown-Yale Seminar (Invited Lecture), Brown University, September 2012^{[L][SEP]}

“Spoken Prayers and Written Exegesis in the Central Italian Cultural *Koinê* and Beyond” Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World X: Tradition, Transmission, and Adaptation, University of Michigan, June 2012

“Will the Real Jason Please Stand Up? The Argonautic Cycle in the *Pseudolus* of Plautus” American Philological Association, Philadelphia, January 2012

“Splitting the Sameness: Grammatical Categories and Lexical Selection in the *Excerptiones de arte grammatica Anglice* of Aelfric” Learning Me Your Language: A Conference on the Teaching and Learning of Latin and Greek as Second Languages, Yale University, March 2009

“Bridge-Maker or Pathfinder? The etymology of Latin *Pontifex* Revisited” American Philological Association, Chicago, January 2008

“Speaking in Tongues: Hands, Tongues, and Other Body Parts in Greek, Latin and Other Languages” Yale University, January 2006^{[L][SEP]}

Miscellaneous

Winner 991 Challenge Grant for Developing Courses on Language

Member, Rutgers University, Language Engagement Pedagogy Board, 2018-present

Faculty Mentor, Aresty Research Assistant Program, 2016-present

Reader AP Latin, 2016

TA Coordinator, Department of Classics, Rutgers University, 2013-present

Member, AP Latin Development Committee, 2013-2017^{[L][SEP]}

Freshman Advisor, Branford College, Yale University, 2007-09, 2011-13^{[L][SEP]}

Sophomore Advisor, Yale University, 2008-10, 2011-12^{[L][SEP]}

Yale University Morse Junior Faculty Fellowship, 2009-10^{[L][SEP]}

Chair, Committee for Awarding Foreign Fellowships, Yale University, 2009

Organizer, Greek, Latin, and Indo-European Poetry Conference, Yale University, April 2009

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Classics, Yale University, 2008-09

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of Classics, Yale University, 2008-09

Compiled undergraduate Greek reading list for Yale Classics Department, 2006

References

Prof. Kirk Freudenburg kirk.freudenburg@yale.edu

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Prof. Denis Feeney dfeeney@princeton.edu

Prof. James McGlew jmcglew@rci.rutgers.edu