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Special Interests:

Greek History and Historiography, Greek Religion, Ancient Sparta, Achaemenid Persia

Education

Ph.D., May 1986, in Classics, Brown University.

B.A., M.A., 1981, in Classics, University College, Oxford University.
(with concentration in ancient history and philosophy)

B.A., 1978, in Classics, University of California, Berkeley.

Summer Session, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 1977.

Employment

2018—: David Magie '97 Class of 1897 Professor of Classics

2015—: Professor of Classics, Princeton University.

2013—2015: Senior Research Scholar, with continuing appointment, and
Lecturer with the Rank of Professor, Princeton University.

2007—2012: Senior Research Scholar, with continuing appointment, Princeton
University.

2003—2007: Lecturer in Classics, Princeton University.

Spring 2002: Visiting Professor of Classics, Princeton University.

Spring 1998: Visiting Associate Professor of Greek, Bryn Mawr College.

1987—2003: Assistant to Associate to John W. Wetzel Professor of Classics,
Franklin and Marshall College. Chair of the Department in 2000/1 and 2002/3.

Awards

Old Dominion Research Professor, Humanities Council, Princeton University, 2018/19

Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship, Fall 2010.

NEH Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent Scholars, 1999/2000.

Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, Oxford University, 1993/4.

Junior Fellow, The Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington D.C., 1990/1.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1990.

Michaelides Fellowship, Brown University, Spring 1985.

University Fellowship, Brown University, 1981/2.

Dr. F. Parkes Weber Prize for 1975, Royal Numismatic Society London, for an essay entitled, “Alexander of Epirus, Alexander of Macedonia, and the Gold Coinage of Tarentum.”

Professional Service

Member of the Planning Committee: Fate and Prognostication in Early China and the Ancient Mediterranean. International Consortium for Research in the Humanities at Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (sponsored by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research).

Associate Editor for Ancient History, *American Journal of Philology*, from 2017
 Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Philology*, 2011-2016
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Ancient History*, 2012-2016

University and Departmental Service

Policy Committee (2016-2017) of the Faculty Committee on the Graduate School

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Classics, Princeton University, 2015—2018.

Publications: Books

Editor, *The Cambridge Companion to Xenophon* (Cambridge University Press, 2017).

Xenophon's Anabasis, or The Expedition of Cyrus. In the series Oxford Approaches to Classical Literature (Oxford University Press, 2012, cloth and paperback).

The Seer in Ancient Greece (University of California Press, 2008; paperback 2009).

Herodotus, Histories, Book IX. Edited with Introduction and Commentary, in collaboration with John Marincola (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge Greek and Latin Classics, 2002; reprinted with corrections 2008).

Theopompus of Chios. History and Rhetoric in the Fourth Century B.C. (Oxford University Press, 1994; paperback 1997, with a postscript).

Georgica: Greek Studies in Honour of George Cawkwell, ed. by Michael A. Flower and Mark Toher, (Institute of Classical Studies, University of London, Bulletin Supp. 58, 1991).

Book in Progress

The Art of Historical Fiction in Ancient Greece

Publications: Articles

“Religion, griechische” in *Militärsgeschichte der griechisch-römischen Antike. Lexikon* (Der Neue Pauly, Supplement 12, Metzler-Verlag, forthcoming 2019).

“Xenophon’s *Anabasis* and *Cyropaedia*. A Tale of two Cyruses”, in Bruno Jacobs and Robert Rollinger, eds, *Ancient Information on Persia Re-Assessed: The Impact of Xenophon’s Kyrupaideia* (in the series *Classica et Orientalia*, Harrassowitz Verlag, forthcoming 2019).

“Divination and the ‘Real Presence’ of the Divine in Ancient Greece,” in E. Eidinow and L. Driediger-Murphy, eds, *Ancient Divination and Experience* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2019).

“Divinity and Divining” Appendix in D. Thomas and S. Brennan, eds., *The Landmark Xenophon’s Anabasis* (Pantheon Books, forthcoming 2019).

Introduction to the Persian translation of T. J. Luce, *The Greek Historians*. London and New York: Routledge, 1997 (forthcoming, in Persian).

“Understanding Delphi Through Tibet,” *Greece & Rome* 65.1 (2018), 34-53.

“Spartan Religion,” in Anton Powell, ed., *The Blackwell Companion to Ancient Sparta* (2017), 425-451.

“Introduction” and “Xenophon as a Historian” in M. Flower, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Xenophon* (Cambridge University Press, 2017), 1-12, 301-322.

“Piety in Xenophon’s Theory of Leadership,” in Richard Fernando Buxton, ed., *Aspects of Leadership in Xenophon, Histos* supplementary volume 5 (2016), 85-119. This is an English version of my article in *The Chinese Journal of Classical Studies*.

色諾芬領導理論中的虔敬, *The Chinese Journal of Classical Studies* No. 24. (Winter 2015).

“Religious Expertise,” in Esther Eidinow and Julia Kindt, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Ancient Greek Religion* (Oxford University Press, 2015), 293-307.

“Implied Characterization and the Meaning of History in Xenophon’s *Hellenica*,” in R. Ash, J. Mossman, and F.B. Titchener. eds., *Fame and Infamy: Essays for Christopher Pelling on Characterization in Greek and Roman Biography and Historiography* (Oxford, 2015), 110-127.

“Spartan ‘Religion’ and Greek ‘Religion’,” in Stephen Hodkinson, ed., *Sparta: Comparative Approaches* (Classical Press of Wales, 2009), 193-229.

“Athenian Religion and the Peloponnesian War,” in Olga Palagia, ed., *Athenian Art in the Peloponnesian War* (Cambridge University Press, 2009), 1-23.

“The Iamidae: A Mantic Family and its Public Image,” in B. Dignas and K. Trampedach, eds., *Practitioners of the Divine: Greek Priests and Religious Officials from Homer to Heliodoros* (Center for Hellenic Studies, 2008), 187-206.

“Not Great Man History: Re-conceptualizing a Course on Alexander the Great,” *Classical World* 100.4 (2007), 417-423.

“The Size of Xerxes’ Expeditionary Forces,” in Robert Strassler, ed., *The Landmark Herodotus: The Histories* (Pantheon Books, 2007), Appendix R, pages 802-6.

“Herodotus and Persia,” in Carolyn Dewald and John Marincola, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Herodotus* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), 274-289.

“The Invention of Tradition in Classical and Hellenistic Sparta,” in A. Powell and S. Hodkinson eds., *Sparta: Beyond the Mirage* (Classical Press of Wales/Duckworth, 2002), 193-219.

“Alexander the Great and Panhellenism,” in A. B. Bosworth and E. Baynham, eds., *Alexander the Great In Fact and Fiction* (Oxford University Press, 2000; paperback 2002), 96-135.

“From Simonides to Isocrates: the Fifth-Century Origins of Fourth-Century Panhellenism,” *Classical Antiquity* 19.1 (2000), 65-101.

“The Panhellenism of Philip and Alexander,” in *Ancient Macedonia: Sixth International Symposium* (Institute for Balkan Studies, 2000), vol. 1, 419-29.

“Simonides, Ephorus, and Herodotus on the Battle of Thermopylae,” *Classical Quarterly* 48 (1998), 365-79.

“Revolutionary Agitation and Social Change in Classical Sparta,” in Michael A. Flower and Mark Toher, eds., *Georgica: Greek Studies in Honour of George Cawkwell* (Institute of Classical Studies, University of London, Bulletin Supp. 58, 1991), 78-97.

“Agesilaus of Sparta and the Origins of the Ruler Cult,” *Classical Quarterly* 38 (1988), 123-134.

“IG II².2344 and the Size of Phratries in Classical Athens,” *Classical Quarterly* 35 (1985), 232-35.

Publications: Reviews

Emily Baragwanath, *Motivation and Narrative in Herodotus* (Oxford University Press, 2008) *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2009.07.35.

Esther Eidinow, *Oracles, Curses, and Risk Among the Ancient Greeks* (Oxford University Press, 2007) in the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 14.4 (December 2008), 891-892.

W. Heckel and J. C. Yardley, *Alexander the Great. Historical Sources in Translation* (Blackwell Publishing, 2004) in *Classical Review* 55.1 (2005) 227-28.

Papers

International Conference: Anabasis in Antiquity and Beyond. Xenophon's *Anabasis* and its Legacy (Heraklion, Crete, October 19-21, 2018), "Teaching the *Anabasis* in the Twenty-First Century: Challenges and Prospects." Fifteen minutes (read in absentia).

Mercer House, Princeton, "Personal Reflections on the Comparative Study of Religion," Oct 5, 2018. One Hour.

"Capturing the Human" Humanities Colloquium, Princeton University, "Social Control in Ancient Sparta," September 20, 2018. 15 minutes, followed by panel discussion.

CUNY Graduate Center, "Divination and the 'Real Presence' of the Divine in Ancient Greece," May 4, 2018. One hour.

SCS Annual Meeting, 2017, "We Were Warned! Omens, and Portents Foretelling Victory and Defeat," as part of the APA panel *Learning from War: Greek Responses to Victory and Defeat*. Thirty minutes.

Erfurt University (Germany), Urban Religion: a workshop in collaboration with the Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, Erfurt University (Germany), "Greek religion, Greek religion(s), or No Religion?" June 2-3, 2016. Thirty Minutes.

Conference at the Institute of Classical Studies, London, *Negotiating, Communicating, Relating: Approaches to Ancient Divination*, "Divination and the 'Real Presence' of the Divine in Ancient Greece," July 21, 2015. Thirty minutes.

International Consortium for Research in the Humanities at Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, "Understanding Delphi Through Tibet" in the workshop *Fate, Freedom and Prediction: Reflections on Comparative Method in Early China and the Ancient Mediterranean*, May 12, 2015. Thirty-minute paper followed by one hour of discussion.

University of California at Los Angeles, "'Religion' in the Ancient World," a *Roundtable Discussion*, "Greek religion, Greek religion(s), or No Religion?" part of a three paper panel on defining ancient Religions, April 9, 2015. Thirty minutes.

Princeton University, *Lived Ancient Religion*: a workshop in collaboration with the Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, Erfurt University (Germany), "Divination and the 'Real Presence' of the Divine in Ancient Greece," January, 23 2015. Twenty-five minutes.

Chinese University of Hong Kong, public lecture on "Ancient Warfare", Sept. 15, 2014. Part of a three-paper symposium on warfare in ancient Greece, Egypt, and China.

Chinese University of Hong Kong, graduate seminar on "The Greek Historians", Sept 12, 2014.

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Conference on "Religion and Politics in Comparison: The Ancient Greco-Roman World and Early China, 4th Century BCE-5th Century CE". Sept. 11-12, 2014. Designated discussant.

APA Annual Meeting, 2014, "Piety in Xenophon's Theory of Leadership," as part of the panel *Xenophon and the Challenges of Leadership*. Twenty minutes.

Oxford University, joint presentation with John Marincola to the *The Green and Yellow Herodotus seminar*, on Book IX of Herodotus' *Histories*, Dec. 5, 2013. One and a half hours.

University of Auckland, New Zealand, "Greek Historical Writing", July 23, 2013. One hour.

University of Wellington, New Zealand, "Mind the Gap: What ancient historians consciously leave out and why?", July 25, 2013. One hour.

University of Sydney, Careers seminar at the Amphorae VII graduate "PhDs and Job Hunting in the US," July 18, 2013. One Hour

Fordham University, "The Gods in Greek Historiography," March 5, 2012. One hour.

Florida State University, Tallahassee, "The Gods in Greek Historiography," Feb. 3, 2012. One hour.

Indiana University Bloomington, "Spartan 'Religion' and Greek 'Religion'," Nov. 5, 2009. One hour.

Conference on *Greek Historiography in the Fourth Century B.C.: Problems and Perspectives*, University of Bologna, Dec. 13-15, "The Gods in History." Thirty-five minutes (read in absentia by John Marincola).

Conference on *Sparta in a Comparative Perspective*, University of Nottingham, UK, Sept. 2007, "How Distinctive was Spartan Religion?" Forty minutes.

Conference in Honor of Charles Fornara, Brown University, Oct. 2006, "Athenian Religion and the Peloponnesian War." Forty minutes.

A Workshop in the Department of the Classics, Harvard University, Feb. 2007: *Greek Historiography in the Fourth Century BCE: Decline or Development?* "The place of Ctesias of Cnidus in the development of Greek historiography." Forty minutes.

New York University, "Greek Divination as a System of Knowledge and Belief," Oct. 27, 2006. One hour.

APA Annual Meeting, 2006, "How to Interpret an Eclipse: the Case of the Athenians at Syracuse." Fifteen minutes.

Princeton University, "How to Test an Oracle," March 7, 2005. Twenty-five minutes.

Classical Association of The Atlantic States, "Not Great Man History: Re-conceptualizing a Course on Alexander the Great," As part of the panel *Contemporary Perspectives on Alexander the Great* Oct. 8, 2004. Twenty minutes.

Rutgers University, "The Iamidae: A Mantic Family and its Public Image," Nov. 7, 2003. One hour.

International Symposium at the Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C., *Greek Priests from Homer to Julian*, "The Iamidae: A Mantic Family and its Public Image," August 25-28, 2003. Discussion of circulated paper.

AIA Annual Meeting 2003, Discussant for the panel *The Timeless and Temporal: The Political Implications of Art in Athens during the Peloponnesian War, 431-404 B.C.* Twenty minutes.

CUNY Graduate Center, "The Iamidae: A Mantic Family and its Public Image," April 5, 2002. One hour.

APA Annual Meeting, 2001, "The Council at Samos on the Future of Ionia," as part of the APA panel *Herodotean Historiography: Civic Traditions, Ideology, and Authorial Narrative Patterning*. Twenty minutes.

Harvard University, "The Invention of Tradition in Classical and Hellenistic Sparta," November 16, 2000. One hour.

Brown University, "Tisamenus of Elis: a Greek Seer in History and Legend," November 15, 2000. One hour.

The Celtic Conference in Classics, Inaugural Meeting, Maynooth, National University of Ireland, Sept. 2000, "The Invention of Tradition in Classical and Hellenistic Sparta." Fifty minutes.

International Symposium *Alexander the Great: History and Romance*, University of Newcastle, Australia, July 7-9, 1997, "Alexander the Great and Panhellenism." One hour.

Association of Ancient Historians Annual Meeting, 1997, "The Invention of Tradition in Classical and Hellenistic Sparta." Thirty minutes.

Bryn Mawr College, March 7, 1997, "Panhellenism from Simonides to Alexander." Fifty minutes.

The Sixth International Symposium on Ancient Macedonia, Thessalonike, Oct. 18, 1996, "The Panhellenism of Philip and Alexander." Fifteen minutes.

Conference at the University of Liverpool, May 3, 1994, on Problems in Spartan History: "The Invention of Tradition in Classical and Hellenistic Sparta." One hour.

University College, Oxford University, June 11, 1994, "The Invention of Tradition in Classical and Hellenistic Sparta." One hour.

University of Leningrad (Saint Petersburg), Jan. 7, 1992, "Moral Decay and the Macedonian Conquest of Greece." One hour.

University College, Oxford University, Oct. 27, 1989, "Social Discontent in Classical Sparta." One hour.

Association of Ancient Historians Annual Meeting, 1988, "Greek Self-Perception and the Macedonian Conquest." Thirty minutes.

APA Annual Meeting, 1985, "The Reference to Theopompus of Chios in Speusippus' *Letter to Philip*." Fifteen minutes.