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Education:

- 2016 to present: **Ph.D.** Department of History. University of California, San Diego.
Dissertation: “Unbecoming Romans.”
Committee: Edward Watts (chair), Denise Demetriou, Anthony Kaldellis, Nancy Caciola, Mira Balberg & Page DuBois.
- 2015: **B.A.** (*summa cum laude*) in History, with a minor in Latin. The Ohio State University.
Senior Thesis: “The Churches of Northern Kythera.” Directed by Timothy E. Gregory.
- Dissertation:** “Unbecoming Romans.”
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My dissertation, “Unbecoming Romans,” consists of a series of case studies on Romaness as an ethnic identity at the geographic edges of the Roman state - or Romanía. It investigates the extent to which the inhabitants of these regions identified as and were accepted as members of a larger community of Romans, and it uncovers reasons why this identity might be accepted or denied by others. It finds that many of those who lived at the margins of Romanía self-identified as Romans, but whether or not this was understood by others depended upon the specific context of the observer.

Publications:

Articles & Chapters in Edited Volumes:

- “The Two Lives of St. Theodore of Kythera,” *Estudios bizantinos* 9 (2021): 79-98.

Articles in Preparation and Under Review:

- “The Functions of Geography and Ethnography in Herodotus’ Indian *Logos*.” (Under Review).
- “The Medieval Landscape of Kythera,” “APKAS Project Data Management,” and “Catalogue of the Churches of Northern Kythera,” *Australian Paliochora-Kythera Archaeological Survey*, eds. Stavros Paspalas and Lita Tzortzopoulos-Gregory. (Volume in Preparation).

Book Length Translations & Commentaries:

- *The Letters of Aeneas of Gaza*. Co-authored with Edward Watts and Jamie Marvin. (In Preparation).

Conference Presentations & Lectures:

- “Why I Teach Mazaris’ Journey to Hades.” *Teaching Conversations... Why I Teach*. University of California, San Diego (by invitation). Fall 2023.
- “Roman Sicily through the Eyes of the Arabs.” *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity Conference*. University of California, Santa Barbara. September 21-24, 2023.
- “Imperial Justifications for the Roman Conquest of Crete.” *The Society for Military History*. San Diego. March 23-26, 2023.
- “The Churches of Kythera as Spaces of Physical and Spiritual Protection.” Invited Lecture for the *Australian Archaeological Institute of Athens*. (Spring 2023 - Postponed).
- “Understanding the Churches of Kythera as a Response to Insecurity.” *Mediterranean Archaeology Australian Research Community (MAARC) 3*. The University of Sydney. February 13-15, 2023.
- “Why did the Continuator of Symeon use Prokopios as a Model for the Conquest of Crete?” *Pacific Partnership in Late Antiquity*. University of Auckland. November 12-13, 2022.
- “Re-examining the Roman Conquest of Crete as a Liberation,” *48th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference*. University of California, Los Angeles. November 3-6, 2022.
- “Osios Theodoros and the Historical Memory of Kythera.” *The International Conference of the Australian Early Medieval Association*. September 30 - October 1, 2022.
- “Reading Romanness in Three Sicilian Rebellions,” *International Medieval Congress*. University of Leeds. July 5, 2022.
- “The Legend of St. Theodore of Kythera and the Foundation of his Monastery,” *International Congress on Medieval Studies. Byzantium Bizarre: Storytelling through Sacred Spaces*. Western Michigan University. May 9-14, 2022.
- “The De Administrando Imperio and Levels of Belonging in Roman Southern Italy,” *Pacific Partnership in Late Antiquity*. University of Auckland. February 18-20, 2022.
- “The Australian Paliochora-Kythera Archaeological Survey,” *International Institute Research Conference*. University of California, San Diego. April 5, 2019.
- “The Indian Logos: A Case Study of Herodotean Geography,” *First Annual UC San Diego-Fudan University (Shanghai, China) Conference on Ancient Greek History*. University of California, San Diego. May 1, 2018.

Fellowships, Grants & Honors:

- Vassiliadis Grant. Summer 2020, Summer 2021.
- UCSD International Institute Graduate Fellowship. Spring 2018.
- Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens Grant. Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2020.
- UC San Diego History Department Travel Grant. Summer 2017.

- UC San Diego History Fellowship. 2016-2017.
- The Ohio State University, Dean's List. 2012-2015.
- The Ohio State University, Provost Scholarship. 2012-2015.

Teaching Experience:

Lecturer for Revelle College, UC San Diego Humanities Program

- Renaissance, Reformation, and Early Modern Europe: Summer 2023

Lecturer for Department of History, UC San Diego

- The Byzantine Empire: Summer 2022. Summer 2023.

Teaching Assistant for Revelle College, UC San Diego Humanities Program

- Israel & Greece: Winter 2018, Winter 2019, Winter 2020, Winter 2022, Winter 2023.
- Rome, Christianity, and the Middle Ages: Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022.
- Renaissance, Reformation, and Early Modern Europe: Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022.
- Enlightenment, Romanticism, Revolution: Winter 2021.
- Modern Culture: 1848-Present: Spring 2021.

Grader for Department of History, UC San Diego

- Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire: Fall 2018, Fall 2020.
- Dictatorships in Latin America: Fall 2017.
- Golden Age of Piracy: Spring 2017.
- Roman Republic: Winter 2017.

Graduate Student Researcher

- for Revelle College at UC San Diego Humanities Program. Fall 2022.
- for Edward Watts, project titled “Resilient Rome.” Summer 2020.

Archaeological Experience:

- Australian Paliochora-Kythera Archaeological Survey. Director: Stavros Paspalas, the University of Sydney). 2014-Present.
- The Ohio State University Excavations at Isthmia. Director: Timothy E. Gregory, the Ohio State University. 2014-2015.
- Kythera Water Project. Director: Timothy E. Gregory, the Ohio State University. 2014.

Language Proficiency:

Reading:

Ancient Greek | Latin | French | Italian | German

Reading & Speaking:
Modern Greek (Intermediate)

Technical Proficiency:

GIS (Geographic Information Systems)

Research Interests:

Medieval/Eastern Roman History | the Macedonian Dynasty | Roman Identity | Roman Perceptions of “Others” | Hagiography | the Archaeology of Medieval Greece | Herodotus | Reception Studies

Professional Experience & Training:

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- Graduate Review Board Member and Mentor for the *Challenger Research Journal*. 2022-2023.
 - Recognition of Expertise in Equitable and Evidence-based Teaching: Spring 2023.
 - Summer Graduate Teaching Scholar: Summer 2022.
 - Course Design Seminar: Spring 2022.
 - Introduction to College Teaching: Winter 2022.
 - Institute of Humanities (IAH) Dissertation Workshop: Winter 2021.
 - Teaching in the Humanities: Fall 2017. Fall 2018.

Memberships and Affiliations:

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- Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens (AAIA)
 - American Historical Association (AHA)
 - Byzantine Studies Association of North America (BSANA)
 - Society for Classical Studies (SCS)

References:

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 - Denise Demetriou: dedemetriou@ucsd.edu
 - Jon Frey: frejona@msu.edu
 - Antony Lyon: alyon@ucsd.edu
 - Lita Tzortzopoulos-Gregory: rita.gregory@sydney.edu.au