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EDUCATION

2021 – Ph.D, History, Columbia University.

- Dissertation title: “Power and Elite Competition in the Neo-Assyrian Empire, 745 to 612 B.C.”
- Advisor: Prof. Marc Van De Mieroop.

2017 – M.Phil, History, Columbia University.

2016 – M.A., History, Columbia University.

2014 – M.A., Biblical Archaeology, Wheaton College and Graduate School.

2011 – B.A., Peace, War & Defense, History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2021-2022 – Visiting Professor of History and Political Science, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC.

2020-2021 – Doris G. Quinn Fellow.

2019-2020 – Adjunct Instructor, Warren Wilson College Department of History, Politics, and Economics, Swannanoa, NC.

2019 – Adjunct Instructor, Montreat College Department of History, Montreat, NC.

2015-2018 – Teaching Assistant, Columbia University Department of History, New York, NY.

2013-2014 – Museum Associate, Wheaton College Archaeology Museum, Wheaton, IL.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Art and Heritage Destruction in Media” in the *Routledge Handbook of Heritage Destruction*. Edited by Antonio Gonzalez Zarandona, Emma Cunliffe and Melathi Saldin. London: Routledge, forthcoming 2022.

“Identifying Centers of Domestication.” 106-108, 203-205 in *An Educator’s Handbook for Teaching About the Ancient World, Volume 1*. Edited by Pinar Durgun. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2020.

“New Light on the Assassination of Sennacherib.” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2019-2 (June 2019): 88-90.

“Understanding ISIS’s Destruction of Antiquities as a Rejection of Nationalism.” *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies* 6, No. 1-2 (2018): 32-58.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Neo-Assyrian Background of Genesis 10:1-4 and its Implications for Dating the Priestly Source.” November 20-23, 2021, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas [upcoming].

“The Decline and Fall of the Assyrian Empire in Babylonia: An Organizational Communication Perspective.” November 17-20, 2021, American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois [upcoming].

“Fragmentation, Leveling, and a Lack of Effective Control: How Neo-Assyrian Kings Simultaneously Bolstered and Undermined Royal Authority in Babylonia and Beyond.” American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, 2020 (paper accepted but withdrawn due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

- “A Great King Without Rival: The Literary Memory of Sargon of Akkad in 8th-7th Century Assyria as a Background for Nimrod in Genesis 10:8-12.” November 24, 2019, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, San Diego, California.
- “Power and Elite Competition in the Neo-Assyrian Empire: Towards a Social Network-Based Model.” November 23, 2019, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.
- “Removing *shirk* and *jahiliyyah*: ISIS’s Destruction of the Pre-Islamic Past as a Rejection of Nationalism.” November 18, 2017, special panel on “The Past in Peril and the Perils of the Past: Ancient History in Modern Near Eastern Politics,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
- “Warlords and Entrepreneurs: The Origins of Guerrilla War in Civil War North Carolina.” April 16, 2014, Public Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Testing the Canon of Ancient Near Eastern Art and Archaeology*. Edited by Amy Gansell and Ann Shafer (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), in *Ancient Near Eastern Studies*. Forthcoming.
- Culture in Crisis: Preserving Cultural Heritage in Conflict Zones* (Washington, DC: The Antiquities Coalition/Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, 2017), in *Future Anterior: Journal of Historic Preservation, History, Theory, and Criticism* 15, No. 1 (Summer 2018): 68-77.

HONORS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020-21 – Doris G. Quinn dissertation completion fellowship.
- 2020 – Bernard and Muriel Bloom Fellowship, Columbia University Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies (postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic).
- 2019 – Travel Grant, Columbia University Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies.
- 2019 – Columbia University Arts and Sciences Graduate Council Student Travel Grant.
- 2018 – Fellow at the Robert Anderson Research Charitable Trust, London.
- 2017 – Brebner Travel Award, Columbia University Department of History.
- 2017 – Bernard and Muriel Bloom Fellowship, Columbia University Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies.
- 2017 – Eric and Carol Meyers Excavation Fellowship, American Schools of Oriental Research.
- 2016 – Summer Pre-Prospectus Research Travel Grant, Columbia University Department of History.
- 2016 – Robert Stigler Fellowship for Archaeological Fieldwork, Columbia University Department of Anthropology.
- 2016 – Summer Research Grant, Columbia University Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies.
- 2015 – Ackerman Fellowship, Tell es-Safi/Gath Excavations.
- 2011 – Russell S. Cowell Academic Excellence Award, Curriculum in Peace, War & Defense, UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2011 – Phi Beta Kappa.
- 2010 – Dunlevie Honors Undergraduate Research Award, UNC-Chapel Hill.

INVITED LECTURES

- “Illuminating the Bible through the World of the Ancient Near East: The Case of Nimrod in Genesis 10:8-12,” September 23, 2019, Montreat College Honors Program Lecture Series.
- “The Destruction of Antiquities in the Middle East: Why did ISIS do it?” April 8, 2019, Appalachian State University Religious Studies Club.
- Guest speaker, MALS 74400 “Debates in Cultural Heritage,” May 1, 2018, The Graduate Center, City University of New York.
- Guest lecture, HIST UN2026 “Roman Social History,” November 27, 2017, Columbia University.
- Guest lecture, PWAD 352 “History of Intelligence Operations,” February 9, 2012, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

“John N. Whitford’s War: Confederate Guerrilla Warfare in Craven and Carteret Counties, 1862-1865,” November 9, 2011, New Bern Civil War Round Table, New Bern, North Carolina.
“Confederate Intelligence Gathering,” April 26, 2011, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Undergraduates in Security Studies Honors Thesis Presentations, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

PRINT ARTICLES (NON PEER REVIEWED)

“The *qurbūtu*: The Assyrian King’s Elite Bodyguard.” *Ancient Warfare* 14, no. 6: 25-25.
“İşid Neden Yok Ediyor?” *Aktüel Arkeoloji* No. 52 (Temmuz-Ağustos [July-August] 2016): 14-23 [in Turkish].

ONLINE ARTICLES (NON PEER REVIEWED)

“Hatra’s Embattled History, from the Romans to ISIS.” *Apollo: The International Art Magazine*, [May 23, 2017](#).
“What Central Africa’s War on Poaching Can Teach Us About Fighting the Plunder of Antiquities.” *HyperAllergic*, [July 5, 2016](#).
“The Centre of Learning Destroyed by ISIS in Iraq.” *Apollo: The International Art Magazine*, [June 17, 2016](#).
“Another Treasure Lost in Iraq: The Story of Mar Behnam Monastery.” *HyperAllergic*, [June 23, 2015](#).
“In Battle Against ISIS, Saving Lives or Ancient Artifacts.” *HyperAllergic*, [April 17, 2015](#).
“What ISIS Destroys, Why, and Why We Must Document It.” *HyperAllergic*, [March 6, 2015](#).

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

2016 – Panel chair, “Reflections on Exile,” *Refuge and Refugees in the Ancient World* (held at Columbia University, November 11-12).
2016 – Planning committee member, *Refuge and Refugees in the Ancient World* (held at Columbia University, November 11-12).

COURSES TAUGHT (PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR)

PSC 2903 Ancient Imperialism: Assyria, Rome, China (Warren Wilson College). [upcoming Fall 2021]
HIS 1900 World History: From the Stone Age to 1500 (Warren Wilson College).
HIS 2900 History of the Modern Middle East from 1870 to the Arab Spring (Warren Wilson College).
HIS 4800 Senior Seminar: History & Political Science (Warren Wilson College). [upcoming Fall 2021]
HS 101 World Civilization I: to 1500 (Montreat College).
SPCL 400 003 History of Nuclear Weapons: Politics, Strategy, Technology, and Culture (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill C-START undergraduate teaching program).

COURSES TAUGHT (TEACHING ASSISTANT)

HIST UN 1002 Ancient History of Mesopotamia and Asia Minor (Columbia University).
HIST UN 1010 The Ancient Greeks, 800-146 BCE (Columbia University).
HIST W1020 The Romans and their Empire, 754 BCE to 641 CE (Columbia University).
HIST UN 2004 The Mediterranean World After Alexander the Great (Columbia University).
HIST UN 2611 Jews and Judaism in Antiquity (Columbia University).
HIST W3020 Roman Imperialism (Columbia University).

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

2018 – Completed Inclusive Teaching Seminar, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning.
2017 – Completed Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning workshop, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning.
2017 – Completed Reflective Teaching Seminar, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning.
2014 – Worked to develop educational modules to enable Wheaton College professors to use artifacts from the laboratory collection as teaching aids.

2013 – Worked to develop museum displays, Wheaton College Archaeology Museum.

EXCAVATION EXPERIENCE

2020 – Square Supervisor, The Tel Burna Excavation Project (postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

2017 – Square Supervisor, Area K, The Bar-Ilan University Expedition to Tell es-Safi/Gath.

2015–2016 – Volunteer, The Bar-Ilan University Expedition to Tell es-Safi/Gath.

2012 – Volunteer, Israeli Antiquities Authority excavation at Jerusalem University College.

2012 – Volunteer, Temple Mount Antiquities Salvage Operation, Jerusalem, Israel.

2012 – Volunteer, Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon, Ashkelon, Israel.

2009 – Volunteer, Excavation at Town Creek Indian Mound, Mt. Gilead, North Carolina.

2009 – Volunteer, UNC Catawba Project, Van Wyck, South Carolina.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2018 – Workshop organizer, Columbia Center for Archaeology.

2018 – Paper reviewer, Undergraduate Judaic Studies Conference.

2017 – Peer reviewer, *The International Journal of the Red Cross*.

2011–present – Maintain and update blog at *Gates of Nineveh: An Experiment in Blogging Assyriology* (<http://gatesofnineveh.wordpress.com/>).

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2018 – Three-month research period at the Department of the Middle East, British Museum, London.

2017 – Study trip to Greece (Crete and Rhodes) with Columbia University’s Center for the Ancient Mediterranean.

2015 – Study trip to Greece (Attica, the Peloponnese, and Delos) with Columbia University’s Center for the Ancient Mediterranean.

2012 – Studied at Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem, Israel.

2010 – Museum Volunteer, North Carolina Aviation Museum, Asheboro, North Carolina.

2009 – Laboratory Volunteer, UNC Research Labs of Archaeology.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

2016 – Interviewed on *Audio Files Podcast* episode “Revival,” October 5.

2016 – Interviewed on *Up All Night*, BBC Radio 5, September 28.

2015 – Interviewed at HistoryBuff.com, December 10.

2015 – Interviewed on CJAD Radio Montreal, August 26.

2015 – Interviewed on *The Loopcast*, March 16.

2015 – Interviewed on *World Brief with Josh Epps*, Huffington Post Live, February 27.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

2017 – Ancient Assyria, Roman Imperialism, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Mesopotamia-General (Columbia University).

2014 – Archaeology of Ancient Israel (Wheaton College).

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

Passed competency exams in: Akkadian, Biblical Hebrew, French, German, Sumerian.

Formal Study: Modern Arabic, Attic Greek, Ugaritic, Biblical Aramaic, Jewish Babylonian Aramaic, Jewish Palestinian Aramaic, Qumran Aramaic.

MEMBERSHIPS IN SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Schools of Oriental Research

Society of Biblical Literature