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**Research interests:** cross-cultural interaction in the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age Mediterranean; history and archaeology of the Iron Age Mediterranean; Greek-Anatolian interactions; Greek-Near Eastern interactions; cultural history of the Greek world, Archaic to Hellenistic; Greek historiography and local tradition; Greek, Anatolian, and Semitic epigraphy; political thought and practice; ethnicity; cultural memory; multilingualism; history of religions.

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### EMPLOYMENT

Jan. 2025-                    **The University of Edinburgh, School of History, Classics and Archaeology**  
Lecturer in Ancient History

Oct. 2022-Dec. 2024      **Magdalen College, University of Oxford**  
Fellow by Examination in Ancient History

Jan.-July 2022            **Princeton University, Department of Classics**  
Postgraduate Research Associate & Lecturer

### VISITING POSTS

Spring 2026 (forthc.)    **All Souls College, University of Oxford**  
Evans-Pritchard Lecturer (awarded)

Sept. 2024                **Università di Pisa, Department of Philology, Literature, and Linguistics**  
CECIL Visiting Fellow (invited)

### EDUCATION

Sept. 2016-Dec. 2021    **Princeton University**  
Department of Classics, Program in the Ancient World  
PhD in Classics (Ancient History). Viva: 15 December 2021; degree award: 22 January 2022.  
Dissertation: *Rulership in the Making: Greece, Anatolia, and the Levant, 12th–6th cent. BC*  
MA in Classics (September 2018)

Sept. 2011-July 2016    **Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa**  
Faculty of Humanities, Division of Ancient History and Classical Philology  
Diploma di Licenza (BA & MA) in Classical Philology, Linguistics, and History (December 2017)

Sept. 2014-July 2016    **Università di Pisa**  
Department of Philology, Literature, and Linguistics  
MA in Classics, 110/110 *cum laude* (July 2016)

Sept. 2011-July 2014    **Università di Pisa**  
Department of Philology, Literature, and Linguistics  
BA in Classics, 110/110 *cum laude* (July 2014)

Sept. 2006-June 2011      **Liceo Classico Lucio Valerio Pudente, Vasto**  
Diploma di Maturità Classica, 100/100 *cum laude* (July 2011)

## FURTHER EDUCATION

Sept. 2020-June 2021      **Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa**  
Faculty of Humanities, Division of Ancient History and Classical Philology; Long-Term Visitor

Sept. 2019-Aug. 2020      **Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München**  
Department of History, Chair of Ancient History of the Near and Middle East; Visiting Student

Sept.-Dec. 2018            **New York University**  
Institute for the Study of the Ancient World; Inter-University Consortium

Sept. 2016-May 2018      **University of Pennsylvania**  
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations; Exchange Scholar Program

## GRANTS & AWARDS

Spring 2026                Evans-Pritchard Lectureship, All Souls College, University of Oxford  
Fall 2021                    Dean's Completion Fellowship, Princeton University  
2019-2020 (AY)          Donald and Mary Hyde Academic-Year Fellowship for Research Abroad in the Humanities,  
Princeton University  
2018-2019 (AY)          A. Watson Armour, III '33 Centennial Fellowship, Princeton University  
2016-2017 (AY)          Merit Grant, Center for Human Values, Princeton University  
2011-2016                 Full Scholarship, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa

## PUBLICATIONS

### a. Monographs

1. (in prep.) *A Common Path in a Diverse World: Political Development in the Iron Age Eastern Mediterranean, ca. 1200–600 BCE*. [Proposal under review with Cambridge University Press.]
2. (in prep.) *Political Geographies of the Iron Age Mediterranean*, for the series *Cambridge Elements: The Mediterranean Iron Age*, ed. by C. López-Ruiz and T. Hodos. [Contracted with Cambridge University Press.]

### b. Articles in Refereed Journals

1. (in press) “A Fluid Political Landscape: Power, Hegemony, and Ethnicity in Iron Age Phrygia”, *Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 61, 2024 [special issue ed. by L. d’Alfonso et al., *Phrygia between the East and the West*.]
2. “The Tyrants’ Cousins. Ruling Practices and Political Concepts between Anatolia and Early Greece”, *Klio: Beiträge zur Alten Geschichte* 106/1, 2024, pp. 1-57.
3. “Giochi di nomi. Tre note su Alicarnasso e l’iscrizione di Salmacide”, *Ricerche Ellenistiche* 4, 2023, pp. 95-124.
4. “Languages, Peoples, and Power: Some Near Eastern Perspectives”, *Chatreššar* 4/1, 2021, pp. 5-39.
5. “Bellerophon, Pegasos and the Foundation of Halikarnassos. Contributions to the Study of the Salmakis Inscription”, *Studi Classici e Orientali* 63, 2017, pp. 109-143.
6. “A Multi-Ethnic City Shapes Its Past. The ‘Pride of Halikarnassos’ and the Memory of Salmakis”, *Annali della Scuola Normale di Pisa. Classe di Lettere e Filosofia* 8/1, 2016, pp. 3-35.

### c. Articles in Edited Volumes (\*\* = peer-reviewed)

1. \*\* “Iron Age Anatolian Politics and the Lydian Tradition”, in E. Pulvirenti (ed.), *Anatolian Interactions: Criss-Cross Contacts and Cultural Dynamics in the First Millennium BCE* (Quaderni 18). Università degli Studi di Trento: Trento 2024, pp. 149-201.
2. “A Rhetoric of Accumulation: The Multi-Ethnic Identity of Halikarnassos in Antiquarian and Public Discourse”, in A. Payne, Š. Velhartická, and J. Wintjes (eds.), *Beyond All Boundaries: Anatolia in the First Millennium BC* (Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis 295). Peeters: Leuven, Paris, Bristol (CT) 2021, pp. 604-635.

#### d. Online

1. “Tonians and Carians in an Aramaic Letter from Saqqâra: Notes for a Tentative Interpretation of *NSaqPap 26*”, *BAF-Online: Proceedings of the Berner Altorientalisches Forum* 4/1, 2019 [2021].
2. *Greek Economic Inscriptions 037: Telmessos. Honorary Decree for Ptolemy son of Lysimachos* (2017)
3. *Greek Economic Inscriptions 030: Olymos. Decree on Purchase of Land* (2017)

#### e. Book Reviews

1. Alex R. Knodell, *Societies in Transition in Early Greece: An Archaeological History* (Oakland 2021), *Mediterranean Historical Review* 38/1, 2023, pp. 147-152.
2. Kathryn Stevens, *Between Greece and Babylonia. Hellenistic Intellectual History in Cross-Cultural Perspective* (Cambridge 2019), *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und Vorderasiatische Archäologie* 111/2, 2021, pp. 286-296.

#### PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. *Ancient Anatolia Network*, sponsored by The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH), University of Oxford; academic member (2023-2024).
2. *A World History of Ritual*, School of Anthropology and Centre for the Study of Social Cohesion, University of Oxford (Principal Investigator: Harvey Whitehouse); member of leading team and expert coordinator for South-Western Asia (Anatolia, Mesopotamia, Southern Levant, Persia; 2022-2024).
3. *Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond*, funded by the Getty Foundation (Connecting Art Histories Initiative) and hosted by the Johns Hopkins University and the National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens (Coordinators: Marian Feldman and Antigoni Zournatzi); PhD member (2018-2020).
4. *Greek Economic Inscriptions* (GEI), Laboratorio di Storia, Archeologia e Tradizione dell’Antico, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (Coordinators: Anna Magnetto and Donatella Erdas); contributor (2015-2017).
5. *Lessico greco delle navi e della navigazione*, Laboratorio di Scienze dell’Antichità, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (Coordinators: Anna Magnetto and Donatella Erdas); contributor (2014).

#### TALKS, CONFERENCES, & WORKSHOPS (\*\* = on invitation)

1. \*\* (forthc.) “Comunicazione epistolare in Erodoto e ‘dispotismo orientale’: strategie narrative, modelli, contesti”, in *Scrittura, lingua e società nel Mediterraneo Orientale antico*, Workshop, University of Verona, Verona, 24 January 2025.
2. \*\* “Para-Institutional Figures and Institutional Ambiguity in the Iron Age Eastern Mediterranean”, in *Emerging Figures of Political Power during the Iron Age II-III in the Asian Near East and Eastern Mediterranean*, Colloque, École Pratique des Hautes Études – PSL, Paris, 24-25 May 2024.
3. \*\* Discussant in *Text and Artifact: Approaches to Cultural Interaction in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Early First Millennium BCE*, Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston (IL), 25-26 April 2024.
4. \*\* “The Hieroglyphic Luwian Inscription MARAŞ 1: An Experiment in Rhetoric”, Epigraphy Workshop, Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford, 19 February 2024.
5. \*\* “‘King of Adana’ and ‘King of Hiyawa’: Political Rhetoric in Iron Age Cilicia”, Anatolian Seminar, Faculty of Linguistics, University of Oxford, 30 November 2023.
6. \*\* “Power and Society in the Iron Age Eastern Mediterranean: The Quest for Common Denominators”, lecture for the Greek Archaeology Group and Prehistoric and Early Greece Graduate Seminar, School of Archaeology, University of Oxford, 23 November 2023.
7. \*\* Discussant in *The World History of Ritual: Wild, Doctrinal, and Imagistic Modes of Religiosity from the Palaeolithic to the Present*, Second Workshop, Magdalen College, Oxford, 2 May 2023.
8. \*\* “La *koiné* culturale micrasiatica di Santo Mazzarino e i suoi ‘limiti’”, in *Fra Oriente e Occidente: le vie della cultura e le vie del potere*, Giornata di Studi, Dipartimento di Studi Storici, Università di Torino & Fondazione Luigi Firpo Onlus, in collaborazione con Fondazione 1563, Turin, 14 April 2023.
9. \*\* “Iron Age Anatolian Politics and the Lydian Tradition”, in *Anatolian Interactions: Criss-Cross Contacts and Cultural Dynamics in the First Millennium BCE*, Online Workshop, Università di Trento, 9-10 December 2022.
10. \*\* Discussant in *The World History of Ritual: Wild, Doctrinal, and Imagistic Modes of Religiosity from the Palaeolithic to the Present*, First Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis (MO), 22 October 2022 (remote participation).
11. “‘Royal’ Inscriptions from Iron Age Anatolia: An Open Genre”, in *Revisiting Royal Inscriptions: Definition(s), Variations, and Functions*, Workshop, 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Overseas Research, Virtual Component, 19-23 October 2022.

12. "A Fluid Political Landscape: Power and Hegemony in Iron Age Phrygia", in *Phrygia between the East and the West*, International Conference jointly organized by the University of Pavia and the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (NYU), Pavia, 7-9 April 2022.
13. "Materiality and Epigraphy: The Case of the Xanthos Trilingual", in *Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond*, Second Workshop, Panel 4: *Materiality and Agency*, Orthodox Academy of Crete, Kolymvari, Crete, 29-30 September 2019.
14. "Talking to the Stranger in the Ancient Near East: Success and Failure of Gyges and Ashurbanipal", in *Sign, Speech, and Society in the Ancient Near East: 100 Years of Ancient Near Eastern Studies in Prague*, International Conference, Charles University, Prague, 16-19 September 2019.
15. "Ionians and Carians in an Aramaic Letter from Saqqâra: Notes for a Tentative Interpretation of NSaqPap 26", 4. Berner Orientalisches Forum, Bern, 11-12 June 2019.
16. "From Text to Monument: Sociolinguistics and Epigraphy in the Bilingual Funerary Inscriptions from Lycia", in *Epigraphic Approaches to Multilingualism and Multilingual Societies in the Ancient Mediterranean*, Session 3H, Annual Meeting of the Society of Classical Studies and the Archaeological Institute of America, San Diego, 3-6 January 2019.
17. Response to: Nassos Papalexandrou, "Mediterranean Monster Cultures in the Early First Millennium BCE: The Marvelous Griffin Cauldrons", in *Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond*, First Workshop, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, 2-9 October 2018.
18. "Code-Switching and Style Interference in First Millennium BCE Anatolian Monumental Epigraphy", in *Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond*, First Workshop, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, 2-9 October 2018.
19. "Memories from a Karian Past: The Native Core of Halikarnassos", in *Beyond All Boundaries: Anatolia in the 1st Millennium BC*, International Conference, Ascona (Switzerland), 17-22 June 2018.
20. "Herakles, Melqart, and the 'Middle Ground': What Inscriptions Can Tell", Epigraphic Friday 2018, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 16 March 2018.
21. "Colonial Narratives and Cultural Memory: Views from Halikarnassos", in *Collective Identities and Memory: The Epigraphic Evidence*, Session 4D, Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Boston, 4-7 January 2018.
22. \*\* Response to Amanda Herring, "Hekate of Lagina: A Chthonic Goddess Doing Her Civic Duty", in *Religion and the State in Classical Greece and Rome*, Princeton University, 22-23 September 2017.
23. "The Memory of Salmakis: A Historical and Cultural Approach to the 'Pride of Halikarnassos'", Epigraphic Friday 2017, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 3 March 2017.
24. "Foreign(?) Unguent Factories near Knossos (8th cent. BC): A Case Study", in *Acculturation and the Ancient Historian: Challenges and Prospects*, Oxford-Princeton Colloquium 2017, University of Oxford, 11-13 January 2017.

## ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE PANELS

1. (with Giorgos Tsolakis, NYU-ISAW) *Epigraphic Approaches to Multilingualism and Multilingual Societies in the Ancient Mediterranean*, Joint Colloquium, Session 3H, Annual Meeting of the Society of Classical Studies and the Archaeological Institute of America, San Diego, 3-6 January 2019.
2. (with Giorgos Tsolakis, NYU-ISAW) *Collective Identities and Memory: The Epigraphic Evidence*, Colloquium, Session 4D, Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Boston, 4-7 January 2018.

## TEACHING ACTIVITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

[Format: (L) = Lecture Course; (T) = Discussion Class ("Tutorial"); (S) = Seminar; \* = for graduate students]

- Sem2 2024/25 The Greek World 1B: Greece's New Horizons (Classical and Hellenistic Greece) (L; T)  
 Sem2 2024/25 Ancient History 2B: Themes and Methods (L; T)  
 Sem2 2024/25 Greece and the Near East: Contacts, Conflicts, Exchanges (S)

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

[Format: (T) = Tutorial; (C) = Class; (L) = Lecture Course; \* = for graduate students]

- MT 2024 Aristocracy and Democracy in the Greek World, ca. 550-450 BC (C; co-taught)  
 TT 2024 The Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age Aegean (T)  
 HT 2024 Hieroglyphic Luwian Historical Inscriptions (C\*)  
 HT 2024 Greek History, ca. 750-479 BC: Documents – Archaic Greek Epigraphy (L)

MT 2023 Greek History, ca. 650–479 BC: The Archaic Greek World (T)  
 MT 2023 The Greeks and the Mediterranean World, ca. 950–500 BC (T)  
 TT 2023 The Greeks and the Mediterranean World, ca. 950–500 BC (T)  
 TT 2023 The World of Homer and Hesiod (T)  
 MT 2022 The Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age Aegean (T)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

[Format: (S) = Seminar; (P) = Discussion Class (“Precept”)]

Spring 2022 Kings and Tyrants: Greece and the Near East, ca. 1000–450 BCE (S)  
 Spring 2019 Creation Stories: Babylonian, Biblical and Greek Cosmogonies Compared (P) (Assistant in Instruction)  
 Fall 2018 Archaic and Classical Greece (P) (Assistant in Instruction)

UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA

[Format: (S) = Seminar; \* = for graduate students]

Sept. 2024 Percezioni di multilinguismo: lingue e potere politico nel Mediterraneo Orientale antico (S\* on invitation)

**LANGUAGES**

**Modern** Italian (native), English (fluent), German (good), French (good), Spanish (reading knowledge)

**Ancient** Greek, Latin, Biblical Hebrew, Phoenician, Aramaic (Old, Imperial, Biblical), Akkadian, Old Persian, Hittite, Hieroglyphic Luwian, Carian, Lycian

**ACADEMIC SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION**

2024 Examiner, MSt in Greek and/or Latin Language and Literature, University of Oxford.  
 2023, 2024 Subject Assessor for the Fellowship by Examination Competition, Magdalen College, Oxford.  
 2023 Subject Assessor for the Visiting Fellowship Competition, Magdalen College, Oxford.  
 2022-2024 Undergraduate Admissions for Ancient and Modern History, Magdalen and Exeter Colleges, Oxford.  
 2022-2024 Undergraduate Admissions for Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, Magdalen and Exeter Colleges, Oxford.  
 2023-2024 Member of the Food Group, Magdalen College, Oxford.  
 2022-2024 Member of the Governing Body, Magdalen College, Oxford.  
 2017-present Mentor, Associazione Normalisti, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa.

**OUTREACH & DISSEMINATION**

2024 “Discovery Roundtable: Türkmen-Karahöyük and Its Implications,” in conversation with Petra Goedegebuure (Chicago), Theo van den Hout (Chicago), Christoph Bachhuber (Oxford), and Mark Weeden (UCL), Ancient Anatolia Day, University of Oxford, 17 June 2024.  
 2023 Ancient History Tutor for the UNIQ Ancient Greece Summer School, Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford, 16-19 July 2023.  
 2023 “Politics Without Frontiers: Unity in Diversity in the Early Mediterranean World”, dissemination talk for the MCR-SCR Convivium, 12 May 2023, Magdalen College, Oxford.  
 2015, 2020 Lectures on Classical Subjects (Classical Mythology, Greek and Roman History) in Italian High Schools.