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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Roman epic and lyric poetry
- Late antique, medieval, and neo-Latin poetry
- Violence in the ancient world
- Classical reception in popular culture
- Digital humanities

EMPLOYMENT

University of Western Ontario (2014–)

Associate Professor, Department of Classical Studies (2018–)

Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies (2014–18)

EDUCATION

University of Otago, PhD in Classics (2013)

Thesis: *Statius, Thebaid 2: Edited with a Commentary*

Supervisors: William Dominik, John Garthwaite

Examiners: John Henderson, Mark Masterson, Carole Newlands

Queen's University, MA in Classics (2008)

Thesis: *Dealing with a Massacre: Spectacle, Eroticism, and Unreliable Narration in the Lemnian Episode of Statius' Thebaid*

Supervisor: R. Drew Griffith

Queen's University, BSc (Hons) in Biology (Major) and Latin (Minor) (2006)

PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

a. Books

1. *John of Garland, Integumenta Ovidii: Edited with an Introduction, Translation, and Commentary* (Western Michigan University Medieval Institute Secular Commentary Series, in press), 64,000 words.

2. *Seneca: Hercules Furens* (Dickinson College Commentaries, 2021). 2nd co-author with N. W. Bernstein. <https://dcc.dickinson.edu/seneca-hercules-furens/intro/preface>. 75,000 words.
3. *Statius, Thebaid 2: Edited with an Introduction, Translation, and Commentary* (Oxford University Press, 2017). liv, 374 pp.

b. Edited volumes

1. *Brill's Companion to Statius* (Brill, 2015). xx, 702 pp. 3rd co-editor with W. J. Dominik and C. E. Newlands.

c. Peer-reviewed journal articles

1. "No cock-up: Sophisticated classical allusions in the medieval pseudo-Ovidian *Metamorphosis flaminis in gallum*", *Classical Philology* 116.4 (2021), 563–87.
2. "Textual and interpretive notes on the epic poems of Maffeo Vegio", *Humanistica Lovaniensia* 70 (2021), 7–21. <https://doi.org/10.30986/2021.7>
3. "The terrible pain of Aeneas: *fidus Achates* and Achilles' ἄχος in the *Aeneid*", *Materiali e discussioni per l'analisi dei testi classici* 86.1 (2021), 9–34. [10,000 words]
4. "Dominoque legere superstes? Epic and empire at the end of the *Thebaid*", *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology* 111 (2020), 385–420.
5. "An interpolation in Claudian, *De Raptu Proserpinae* 2.343–7", *Classical Quarterly* 70 (2020), 449–53.
6. "Positioning *Aeneas*: A proposed emendation to *Aeneid* 7.5", *Classical Journal* 115.2 (2019), 146–73.
7. "*Odi(t)que moras*): Abridging allusions to Virgil, *Aeneid* 12 in Statius, *Thebaid* 12", *American Journal of Philology* 138 (2017), 305–29.
8. "Comparative rates of text reuse in Classical Latin hexameter poetry", *Digital Humanities Quarterly* 9.3 (2015). <http://www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/vol/9/3/000237/000237.html> Co-author with N. W. Bernstein and Wei Lin.
9. "Notes on Statius, *Thebaid* 2", *Classical Quarterly* 65 (2015), 411–15.
10. "Tydeus the hero? Intertextual confusion in Statius, *Thebaid* 2", *Phoenix* 69 (2015), 56–78.
11. "Statius, *Thebaid* 2.473: *iam Telamona solo, iam stratum Ixiona linquens*", *Mnemosyne* 66 (2013), 312–13.
12. "*Neu desint epulis rosae*: Re-evaluating the addressee and intertexts of Hor. *Carm.* I, 36", *Latomus* 71 (2012), 47–62.

d. Invited journal articles

1. "This is my Sparta! 300 (1998), 300 (2007), and Three (2013–14)", *The Amphora Issue, Melbourne Historical Journal* 42.2 (2014), 3–19. (invited feature article)

e. Chapters in edited volumes

1. "Senecan heroes and tyrants in Statius, *Thebaid* 2", in A. Marinis and S. Papaioannou (eds), *Elements of Tragedy in Flavian Epic* (De Gruyter, 2021), 144–68.
2. "Parent-child conflict in the *Thebaid*", in *Brill's Companion to Statius* (2015), 221–39.
3. "Reading Statius", in *Brill's Companion to Statius* (2015), 3–27. 2nd co-author with C. E. Newlands and W. J. Dominik.

4. “Viewing violence in Statius’ *Thebaid* and the films of Quentin Tarantino”, in H. Lovatt and C. Vout (eds), *Epic Visions: Visuality in Greek and Latin Epic and its Reception* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), 139–67.

f. Printed emendations

1. Claudian, *De Raptu Proserpinae* 2.343–7: N. W. Bernstein, *The Complete Works of Claudian: Translation and Commentary* (Routledge, forthcoming).
2. Virgil, *Aeneid* 7.5: G. B. Conte, *P. Vergilius Maro, Aeneis (editio altera)* (Teubner, 2019).
3. Silius Italicus, *Punica* 2.40: N. W. Bernstein, *Silius Italicus, Punica 2: Edited with an Introduction, Translation, and Commentary* (Oxford, 2017).

g. Translations

1. “Maffeo Vegio, *Elegies* 1.1”, *Literary Imagination* (2020).
<https://doi.org/10.1093/litimag/imaa037>

h. Book reviews

1. Hexter, R., L. Pfuntner, and J. Haynes, *Appendix Ovidiana: Latin Poems Ascribed to Ovid in the Middle Ages* (Harvard, 2020). *Journal of Medieval Latin* (2023).
2. McClellan, A., *Abused Bodies in Roman Epic* (Cambridge, 2019). *Classical Philology* 116 (2021), 298–303.
3. Rebggiani, S., *The Fragility of Power: Statius, Domitian, and the Politics of the Thebaid* (Oxford, 2018). *CJ-Online* 2020.06.04.
4. Lagièrre, A., *La Thébaïde de Stace et le sublime* (Brussels, 2017). *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2020.01.39.
5. Gale, M. R. and Scourfield J. H. D. (eds), *Texts and Violence in the Roman World* (Cambridge, 2018). *Classical Review* 69.2 (2019), 441–4.
6. Fulkerson, L., *A Literary Commentary on the Elegies of the Appendix Tibulliana* (Oxford, 2017). *CJ-Online* 2019.05.02.
7. Manuwald, G., *Valerius Flaccus: Argonautica, Book III* (Cambridge, 2015). *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2017.04.15.
8. Kovacs, G. and C. W. Marshall (eds), *Son of Classics and Comics* (Oxford, 2015). *BMCR* 2016.09.05.
9. Fagan, G. G., *The Lure of the Arena: Social Psychology and the Crowd at the Roman Games* (Cambridge, 2011). *BMCR* 2013.12.42.
10. Mitchell, S., *Homer: The Iliad* (New York, 2011). *BMCR* 2012.01.21.
11. Fratantuono, L., *A Commentary on Virgil, Aeneid XI* (Brussels, 2009). *BMCR* 2009.12.26.
12. Joyce, J. W., *Statius, Thebaid: A Song of Thebes* (Ithaca, 2008). *BMCR* 2009.06.26.

i. Conference papers

1. “John of Garland’s *Integumenta Ovidii*” (2020 Texts and Contexts Seminar, Ohio State University Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies, Oct. 2020) [postponed to 2022]
2. “Virgil’s Hero, Turnus: Maffeo Vegio and Pier Candido Decembrio’s *Supplements* to the *Aeneid*” (2022 Classical Association of Canada annual conference, UWO, May 2022).
3. “The Tragedy of Turnus: Maffeo Vegio and Pietro Candido Decembrio’s *Supplements* to the *Aeneid*” (2021 Canadian Association of Neo-Latin Studies conference, University of Toronto Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, Feb. 2021).

4. “Positioning *Aeneas*: A proposed emendation to *Aeneid* 7.5” (2019 Classical Association of Canada annual conference, McMaster University, May 2019).
5. “No cock-up: A serious reading of a marginal medieval pseudo-Ovidian metamorphosis” (2018 CAC annual conference, University of Calgary, May 2018).
6. “No cock-up: A serious reading of a marginal medieval pseudo-Ovidian metamorphosis” (2017 Midwest Classical Literature Consortium annual meeting, Ohio University, Apr. 2017).
7. “Ending epic quickly: ‘Abridging allusions’ in Statius’ *Thebaid*” (2016 CAC annual conference, Laval University, May 2016).
8. “*Es quod es*: Monstrous heroism and Oedipal consumption in Statius, *Thebaid* 2” (2015 CAC annual conference, University of Toronto, May 2015).
9. “Flavian intertextuality: A digital approach” (35th Australasian Society for Classical Studies conference, Massey University, Jan. 2014).
10. “Surfing the cultural gap: Using graphic online media to understand the Roman arena” (34th ASCS conference, MacQuarie University, Jan. 2013).
11. “*Bastardi sine gloria*: The violence of P. Papinius Statius and Quentin T. Tarantino” (“Always coming after: The influence and impact of post-Augustan Latin epic”, University of Nottingham, Jul. 2010).
12. “*Solus in arma uoco*: Tydeus’ monomachy and its epic predecessors” (“From Nero to Hadrian: An Australasian symposium”, University of Otago, June 2009).
13. “Blood, guts, and laughter: Dark humour in Statius’ account of the Lemnian Women” (“*Lingua sed torpet*: Manifestations of emotion in the ancient world”, University of Virginia, Feb. 2008).
14. “The Arch of Septimius Severus in the Roman Forum” (“*Clamor ad caelum*: Disaster and antiquity”, University of Michigan, Feb. 2007).

j. Invited lectures

1. “Disability inclusion and participation in ancient world studies” (panelist, University of Victoria, Nov. 2021)
2. “Reading Virgil: Caieta’s Cult, Aeneas’ ἄχος, and some gaps in the *Aeneid* from antiquity to the Beaver Wars” (University of Victoria, Classical Association of Canada Western Lecture Tour, Mar.-Apr. 2021)
3. [“Reading Virgil”](#) (Simon Fraser University, CAC Western Tour, Mar.-Apr. 2021)
4. “Reading Virgil” (University of Lethbridge, CAC Western Tour, Mar.-Apr. 2021)
5. “Reading Virgil” (University of Calgary, CAC Western Tour, Mar.-Apr. 2021)
6. “Reading Ovid: Male gazes, moralizing allegories, and galline metamorphoses from antiquity to the Middle Ages” (University of Alberta, CAC Western Tour, Mar.-Apr. 2021)
7. “Reading Statius: Abridging allusions, the Tesseræ Project, and Statius’ Tarantino style” (University of Manitoba, CAC Western Tour, Mar.-Apr. 2021)
8. “*Res dictu horrenda*: The Virgilian-Ovidian allusive program of the medieval *Metamorphosis Flaminis in Gallum*” (Lisbon Classics Seminars, University of Lisbon, Jun. 2020 [delivered remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions])
9. “Ending epic quickly: ‘Abridging allusions’ in the *Thebaid*” (Queen’s University, Sep. 2017).
10. “Communicating the value of Greek and Latin” (Pedagogy Panel, 2016 CAC annual conference, Laval University, May 2016).
11. “Make America great again! Roman renewal in the presidency of Donald Trump (and other speculative fiction)” (keynote address at 10th McMaster Undergraduate Classics Conference, McMaster University, Mar. 2016).

12. “Ending epic quickly: ‘Abridging allusions’ in the *Thebaid*” (University of Toronto, Mar. 2016).
13. “*Es quod es*: Monstrous heroism and Oedipal confusion in Statius, *Thebaid* 2” (26th Brock University Archaeological Society Scholarly Symposium, Brock University, Mar. 2015).
14. “Writing and reading violence in Statius’ *Thebaid*” (Queen’s University, Nov. 2014).
15. “Hexametric intertextuality: A digital approach” (Victoria University of Wellington, May 2014).

k. Departmental seminars

1. “The terrible pain of Aeneas: *fidus Achates* and Achilles’ ἄχος in the *Aeneid*” (Western, Nov. 2020).
2. “*Pius Aeneas* and a cult of Caieta: An emendation to *Aeneid* 7.5” (Western, Oct. 2018).
3. “No cock-up: A serious reading of a marginal medieval pseudo-Ovidian metamorphosis” (Western, Feb. 2018).
4. “Epic and empire at the end of the *Thebaid*” (Western, Feb. 2017).
5. “Ending epic quickly: ‘Abridging allusions’ in Statius’ *Thebaid*” (Western, Jan. 2016).
6. “This is *my* Sparta! 300 (1998), 300 (2007), and *Three* (2013–14)” (Western, Oct. 2014).
7. “Arena, epic, internet: Viewing violence like a Roman (or, ‘I wouldn’t shoot a man in Reno, but I might watch him die’)” (Otago, Mar. 2013).
8. “*O = Constantinopolitanus?* The text of the *Thebaid* and my struggle to invent it” (Otago, May 2012).
9. “*Bastardi sine gloria*: The violence of P. Papinius Statius and Quentin T. Tarantino (Otago, Mar. 2010).
10. “The rhetoric of writing a (Statius) commentary: Problems and approaches” (Otago, May 2009).

l. Medical research

1. “A qualitative assessment of psychosocial attributes that play a role in bladder management after spinal cord injury”, *Spinal Cord* 59 (2021), 978–86. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41393-020-00538-9>. 6th co-author with B. Welk *et al.*
2. “Using conjoint analysis to measure the importance of psychosocial traits in the choices of bladder management after spinal cord injury”, *Neurology & Urodynamics* 40.6 (2021), 1643–50. <https://doi.org/10.1002/nau.24730>. 7th co-author with B. Welk *et al.*

m. Poetry

1. “Said the vines”, *Canadian Literature* (forthcoming).
2. “The man on the median”, *Eunoia Review* (May 2022).
3. “Suburban spring; Dylan Thomas, 5 a.m.; The year that Betty White died; Prufrock singin’ in the rain; Hourglass”, *Litbreak Magazine* (May 2022).
4. “Family portrait at supper with wheelchair”, *PRISM international* 60.3 (April 2022), 48.
5. “Snap”, *Ample Remains* 7 (April 2022).
6. “What hast thou done?”, *New Verse News* (March 2022).
7. “Three poems”, *oddball magazine* (March 2022).
8. “Trees man”, *Defenestration* (December 2021).
9. “Revolution”, *Triggerfish Critical Review* 26 (July 2021).
10. “Elegy for Nigel (the lonely gannet)”, *Classical Outlook* 96.2 (2021), 70.
11. “Four parodies”, *Literary Imagination* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1093/litimag/imab005>
12. “What Virgil should have said”, *Arion* 28.2 (2020), 41–2.

13. Contribution to *The Vates Anthology of New Latin Poetry* (ed. M. Walker, 2015), pp. 42–50.
Art by Garrett Schoffro.
14. “*Sciurus interfectus*”, *Vates: The Journal of New Latin Poetry* 11 (2015), 17.
15. “*Certamen Chorononis et Morpheos*”, *Vates* 9 (2014), 11–12.
16. “Reading Ovid: Latin epigrams inspired by the *Metamorphoses*”, *Vates* 8 (2013), 12–14.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Western Ontario (2014–)

Graduate

- Core Course: Latin Literature (Classical Studies 9000-4)
- The *Aeneid* and its Reception (Latin 9903A/B)
- Horace’s *Odes* (Latin 9221A/B)
- Latin Manuscript Studies and Textual Criticism (9902A/B)
- Statius’ *Thebaid* (Latin 9213A/B)
- The Works of Claudian (Latin 9903A/B)

Undergraduate

- Classics and Pop Culture (Classical Studies 3906/3800F/G / ArtHum 3391F/G)
- Latin Epic (Classical Studies 3905/3150F/G)
- 1st year Latin (Latin 1000)
- 2nd year Latin (Latin 2000)
- 3rd/4th year Latin poetry (Latin 3200/4904A/B)

University of Otago (2008–13)

- 1st year Latin
- 3rd/4th year Latin
- 3rd/4th year Political Criticism and Dissidence in Greece and Rome (co-lecturer)

STUDENT THESES AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Thesis supervisor

- Fionn Ferris, “The characterization of Pericles and Cleon in *Assassin’s Creed Odyssey*”, Classics undergraduate honours thesis (2021–22).
- Garrett Schoffro, “An edition, translation, and commentary on John of Garland, *Integumenta Ovidii* 1–118”, Classics MA thesis (2020–21).
- Garrett Schoffro, “An edition and translation of John of Garland, *Integumenta Ovidii* 1–118”, Classics MA summer research paper (2019).
- Garrett Schoffro, “A commentary on Claudian, *Carmina Minora* 17”, Classics undergraduate honours thesis (2017–18).
- Sarah Shaughnessy, “A commentary on Statius, *Thebaid* 1.1–49”, Classics undergraduate honours thesis / School for Advanced Studies in the Arts and Humanities final thesis (2016–17).

Thesis committee member

- Michelle Sugar, “Guilt in Roman epic”, Classics PhD thesis, 2015–18 (committee member).

Thesis examiner

- Jaymie Orchard, “Who Gets to be a Knower? Epistemic Authority in Classical Studies”, Classical Studies MA thesis, 2022.
- Matthew Nace, “The *Alia musica* and the Carolingian Conception of Mode”, Music PhD Thesis, 2020.
- Sebastian Stefanits, “L’*Elegia Prima* de René Macé”, French MA thesis, 2020.
- Luke Jennings, “Gnosis and the puritanical error in Shakespeare’s *Venus and Adonis*”, English MA thesis, 2017.

Research assistant supervisor

- Sarah Shaughnessy (MA), 2021, *Lucan and Flavian Epic* (research assistant).
- Stephanie Dennie (PhD), 2018–19, *Seneca, Hercules Furens* (research assistant).
- Garrett Schoffro (MA), 2019, *John of Garland, Integumenta Ovidii* (research assistant).
- Sarah Shaughnessy (MA), 2017, *Seneca, Hercules Furens* (research assistant).
- Tim Wright (PhD), 2016, *Statius, Thebaid 2* (publication assistant).
- Tim Wright (PhD), 2014, *Brill’s Companion to Statius* (publication assistant).

STUDENT PROFESSIONALIZATION

- “Careers Beyond Academia” alumni panel, organizer (2019)
- “Life After Grad School” alumni panel, co-organizer (2017)
- Graduate proseminar, “Publishing in Classics” (2019)
- Graduate proseminar, “The Job Market” (2015, 2016)

EXTRACURRICULAR TEACHING

- “Lorenzo Valla” graduate Latin reading group, organizer (2018–19)
- “Harrius Potter” undergraduate Latin reading group, organizer (2016–19)
- Latin verse composition club, organizer (2016–18)

OUTREACH

- Latin language consultant for the comic book series *Eternus* (created by Andy Serkis and Andrew Levitas, written by Anastazja Davis and Don Handfield, Thunder Comics, 2022)
- Co-creator (with Neil Bernstein and Miriam Intrator) of “Biblia Latina Tutorials” (2021), a series of online tutorials to introduce undergraduate students to Ohio University’s collection of Latin manuscripts and incunables. The project won an Ohio University Libraries “[Innovate + Collaborate](#)” award.

- ICONOCAST episode 1 (“MYTHIC”), interviewee on the topic of Classics and pop culture (2019, <http://iconoclastuwo.com/podcast/>)
- “Arts Outreach Day” for local high schools, speaker (2015 and 2016, “Classics and comics”; 2019, “White (supremacist) marble: Greece, Rome, and the alt-right”)
- Thames Valley District School Board grade 5 “Language Day”, speaker (2016, “We can all speak Latin already: The Latin roots of English”)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and ADMINISTRATION

Administrative posts

- Graduate Chair, Classics (2017–20)

Department

- Graduate Core Course Working Group, chair (2019)
- Appointments Committee, member (2018–19)
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, member (2018–19)
- Speakers Committee, chair (2016), member (2017–20)
- Graduate Affairs Committee, member (2014–17), chair (2017–20)
- Language Instruction Subcommittee, chair (2014–16)

University

- Accessibility Design Review Sub-Committee (for the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Centre and the Indigenous Learning Centre), member (2021–22)
- Arts and Humanities Public Humanities Working Group, Classical Studies representative (2021–22)
- SSHRC Doctoral Awards Committee, member (2021–22)
- University Accessibility Planning Committee, co-chair (2021–22)
- Medieval Studies Steering Committee, member (2019–21)
- Department of Psychology Promotion and Tenure Committee, member (2019–20)
- SASAH Faculty Council, member (2018–20, 2021–22)
- SSHRC CGSM Awards Committee, member (2018–20)
- Faculty of Science Council, Faculty of Arts representative (2014–16)
- Chair of PhD thesis defences (English, Health & Rehabilitation Science, Mathematics, Nursing)

Classical Association of Canada

- 2022 CAC annual conference co-organizer (2021–22)
- CAC Western Tour speaker (March 2021)
- CAC Sight Translation Competition, set and judged the Senior Latin passage (2020)
- CAC Sight Translation Competition, coordinator for UWO (2016–19)
- Spoke about “Communicating the value of Greek and Latin” (Pedagogy Panel, 2016 CAC annual conference, Laval University, May 2016).

Refereeing (2014–22)

- *Acta Classica*; *American Journal of Philology* (2 articles); *Arethusa*; Cambridge Scholars Publishing (1 chapter); *Classical Journal* (3 articles); *Materiali e discussioni per l'analisi dei testi classici*; Oxford University Press (3 books); *Phoenix* (2 articles); *Polymnia*; *TAPA*

Tenure refereeing

- 2021 (1 file)

GRANTS and SCHOLARSHIPS**University of Western Ontario (2014–)**

- SSHRC Explore Grant (2019, \$4437, *John of Garland, Integumenta Ovidii: Edited with a Translation and Commentary*)
- A&H Faculty Research Development Fund – Research Grant (2019, \$2537.27, *John of Garland, Integumenta Ovidii: Edited with a Translation and Commentary*)
- A&H Faculty Research Development Fund – Travel Grant (2019, \$479.10, “Positioning *Aeneas*: A proposed emendation to *Aeneid* 7.5”)
- A&H Faculty Research Development Fund – Research Grant (2018, \$3000, *Seneca, Hercules Furens: A Student Commentary*)
- A&H Faculty Research Development Fund – Travel Grant (2018, \$1185, “No cock-up: A serious reading of a marginal medieval pseudo-Ovidian metamorphosis”)

University of Otago, PhD (2008–13)

- University of Otago Prestigious Scholarship (tuition + \$75,000)
- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (\$60,000; award declined)
- New Zealand Commonwealth Scholarship (tuition + travel costs + \$60,000; award declined)

Queen’s University, MA (2006–08)

- SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship—Masters (\$17,500)
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
- Queen’s University Graduate Awards (\$5700)

Queen’s University, BSc (2002–06)

- Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation Excellence Award (\$16,000)
- NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (\$4500)
- Queen’s University Principal’s Scholarship (\$8000)
- Anna May MacIntyre Scholarship in Latin (\$365)
- John D. B. Walton Scholarship in Latin (\$300)
- Mary E. Staples Virgil Award (\$350)
- Arthur Loudon Scholarship in Biology (\$3190)
- James H. Rattray Scholarship in Science (\$1200)

AWARDS and DISTINCTIONS

- Graham and Gale Wright Distinguished Scholar ([2021–22](#))
- Wellness Education Centre Leadership in Wellness Award (2018)
- USC Teaching Honour Roll Award of Excellence (2014–2015, 2015–2016, 2016–2017 [award was discontinued in 2017–18])
- University of Otago Divisional Exceptional Thesis, Humanities (2013)
- Queen’s University Humanities and Social Sciences Outstanding Thesis (2008)
- Classical Association of Canada National Senior Latin Sight Translation Contest, 2nd Prize (2006)