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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- Associate Professor of Greek, Latin, and Ancient Mediterranean Studies & Humanities, Reed College
2021-22, 2024-25 Chair, Department of Greek, Latin, and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Reed College
2015-21 Assistant Professor of Classics and Humanities, Classics Department, Reed College
2014-15 Lecturer, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures (Classics) and Valpo CORE, Valparaiso University
2013-14 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, Kalamazoo College

EDUCATION

- 2013 **Ph.D., Classical Art and Archaeology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Dissertation Title: "Identity, Burial Practice, and Social Change in Ptolemaic Egypt"
Dissertation Committee: Sharon Herbert (co-chair), Terry Wilfong (co-chair), Janet Richards, John O'Shea
2006 **B.A., Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (with honors), and B.A., History, Pennsylvania State University**
Honors: graduated with high distinction; Phi Beta Kappa
B.A. Thesis: "The Nature of Parthian Rule"

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND COLLABORATIONS

Collaborations

- 2018- **Co-director** (with Brandon Olson, Metropolitan State University of Denver and Melanie Godsey, Trinity University) of Pyla-*Koutsopetria* Archaeological Project (PKAP) excavations at Pyla-Vigla, Cyprus.
2021-25 Collaborator (**15% research contribution**) on SSHRC grant "The Books of Karanis" (Principal Investigator and Grant Awardee: C. Michael Sampson, University of Manitoba)

External Research Support

- 2025-26 ACLS Graves Award in the Humanities, for "The Chronology of Early Hellenistic Pyla-Vigla: a Program of C14 analysis." (\$15,000)
2022-24 Fulbright US Scholar, Cyprus. Flex Award for research in summer 2023 and 2024 for project "Cyprus at the Hellenistic Transition: Excavations at Pyla-Vigla."
2018 Sabbatical Enhancement, Loeb Classical Library Foundation, for project "Burial and Identity in Ptolemaic Egypt" (\$35,000)
2014 Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI)-Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Fellowship: for on-site research on Cyprus, for the project "Alexandrian Burial Practices and Social Identity on Ptolemaic Cyprus" (\$5,500)
2012 American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship (ARCE): for on-site dissertation research and photographic documentation of mortuary sites in Alexandria, Luxor, and the Dakhleh and Khargeh Oases (\$6,600)
2011-12 National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (BCS Proposal 1038765): "Identity, Burial Practices, and Social Change in Greco-Roman Egypt" (\$20,000)

Internal Research Support (2015-present)

- 2025 Ruby-Lankford Grant (with Riley Stockton), Reed College, for “Eastern Mediterranean Amphorae and the Economic Networks of Pyla-Vigla.”
- 2024 Ruby-Lankford Grant (with Ella Arnold), Reed College, for “The ‘South Building Complex’ and the Epigraphic Environment of Pyla-Vigla.”
- 2023 Ruby-Lankford Grant (with Anna Wilson), Reed College, for “An Archaeological Study of a Domestic Assemblage at Pyla-Vigla.”
- 2018 Ruby-Lankford Grant (with Lex Ladge), Reed College, for “Imperialism in the Eastern Mediterranean: The Pyla-Vigla Archaeology Project 2018.”
- 2016-25 Summer Scholarship Funds, Reed College (applied for and received yearly since 2016)
- 2015-25 Stillman Drake Funds, Reed College (applied for and received yearly since 2015)

PUBLICATIONS (* INDICATES A PEER REVIEWED WORK)

Articles

- *2026 “Social and Cultural Implications of the Necropolis.” In D. Plantzos and N. Dimakis (eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Ptolemaic Alexandria*. (In preparation).
- *2026 “Collective Burial in Hellenistic Alexandria and Cyprus.” In D. Plantzos and N. Dimakis (eds.), *Funerary Art in the Eastern Mediterranean: Workshop Notebooks I* (special issue *Athens University Review of Archaeology*). (Forthcoming)
- 2025 “Death and Burial in Hellenistic and Roman Cyprus.” In E. Averett and D. Counts (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Ancient Cyprus from the End of the Bronze Age to the Romans*. Oxford. (Forthcoming.)
- *2024 (**first author** with B.R. Olson). “Cyprus in Flux: Maritime Connections and the Hellenistic Transition at Pyla-Vigla.” *HEROM: Journal on Hellenistic and Roman Material Culture*. (Forthcoming).
- *2021 (**third author** B.R. Olson, R. Scott Moore, and J. Stephens), “Pyla-Vigla: A Case Study Assessing the Imperial Strategies of the Hellenistic Diadochoi in Cyprus”. *Études et Travaux*, no. 34 (December): 287–306. doi: 10.12775/EtudTrav.34.013
- *2019 “Fluctuating Landscapes: Cross-Cultural Interaction, Mortuary Practice and Ritual at Ptolemaic-Roman Abydos,” in I. Regulski (ed.) *Abydos: the sacred land at the end of the horizon (British Museum Publications on Egypt and Sudan 8)*, Peeters, 152-170. doi: 10.2307/j.ctv1q26pqk.13
- *2019 “Seventy-Seven Signatories to an Agreement,” *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 210, 222-227.
- *2018 “Identity and Cross-Cultural Interaction in Early Ptolemaic Alexandria: Cremation in Context,” in P. McKechnie and J. Cromwell (eds.) *Ptolemy I and the Transformation of Egypt 404-282BC. Mnemosyne Supplements, History and Archaeology of Classical Antiquity 415*, Brill, 199-234. doi: 10.1163/9789004367623_009
- *2018 “Contact Points: Alexandria, a Hellenistic Capital in Egypt,” in J. Spier, T. Potts, and S.E. Cole (eds.) *Beyond the Nile: Egypt and the Classical World*, Getty Museum, 128-134.
- *2016 “Archaeological and Papyrological Inquiry at Karanis: Problems and Potentialities,” in T. Derda, J. Urbanik, A. Łajtar, G. Ochala (eds.) *Proceedings of the 27th International Congress of Papyrology: Warsaw 29.07.–03.08.2013 (Journal of Juristic Papyrology Supplement 28)*, 1493-1518.
- 2014 “Karanis Findspots and Stratigraphy,” in T.G. Wilfong (ed.) *Karanis Revealed: Uncovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt. Kelsey Museum Publication 7*, Ann Arbor, 39-43.
- *2013 “Burial Practices and Ritual Landscapes at Ptolemaic Abydos: The 2011 and 2012 Seasons of the Abydos Middle Cemetery Project,” *Near Eastern Archaeology* 76.4, 235-245. doi: 10.5615/neareastarch.76.4.0235
- *2012 “The Serapis and Isis Coinage of Ptolemy IV,” *American Journal of Numismatics* 24, 61-90.

Archaeological Reports

- 2019 (**third author** with J. Stephens, B.R. Olson, and R.S. Moore), “Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project: Excavations at Pyla-Vigla in 2019.” *Journal of Hellenistic Pottery and Material Culture* 4: 26-41.

- 2018 (first author with B.R. Olson, R.S. Moore, D.S. Reese, and J. Stephens), “Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project: Excavations at Pyla-Vigla in 2018.” *Journal of Hellenistic Pottery and Material Culture* 3: 179-186.

Short Communications and Entries

- 2017 (with T.G. Wilfong) “Abydos” [section 8.1]. In R. Bagnall and D. Rathbone (eds). *Egypt from Alexander to the Copts: An Archaeological and Historical Guide (Revised and Updated Edition)*, American University in Cairo. 220-223 (credited on p. 9).
- 2014 “A Skeleton from the Michigan Karanis Excavation.” In T.G. Wilfong (ed.) *Karanis Revealed: Uncovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt. Kelsey Museum Publication 7*. Ann Arbor, 141-142.
- 2012 “Burial Practices in Ptolemaic Alexandria.” *ARCE Bulletin* 201.

Book Reviews

- 2021 “Kinship and Family in Ancient Egypt.” By Leira Olabarria, Cambridge, CUP. *African Archaeological Review* 38.3: 547-549. doi: 10.1007/s10437-021-09438-6
- 2019 “Amheida II: A Late Romano-Egyptian House in the Dakhla Oasis. Amheida House B2.” By Anna Lucille Boozer, New York: NYU Press, 2015. *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 56: 335-339. doi: 10.2143/BASP.56.0.3286666
- 2009 “Le Tombeau de Pétosiris à Touna el-Gebel: Relevé photographique.” By N. Cherpion, J.-P. Corteggiani, and J-Fr. Gout. BiGen, vol. 27. Cairo: IFAO, 2007. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 129.4: 733-734.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Invited Lectures

- 2024 Senior participant in Getty-funded workshop “The Necropolis as Memoryscape” in Alexandria, Egypt, 15-24 September, organized by D. Plantzos and N. Dimakis, University of Athens. Gave public lecture (“Ritual and Imagined Landscapes at Ptolemaic Abydos”) and graduate seminar (“Collective Burial in Hellenistic Alexandria and Cyprus”).
- 2018 “Consumed in Raging Fire: Cremations and Identities in Ptolemaic Alexandria.” Department of Classics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. March 8, 2018.

Conference Panels Created

- 2020 Workshop session, “Addressing the Challenges of Creative Pedagogies in Ancient Studies” (with Jacob Damm and Nadia Ben-Marzouk), ASOR annual meeting, Nov. 18-21, Boston.
- 2020 Colloquium session, “Material Approaches to Ptolemaic Imperialism”, AIA annual meeting, January 2-5, Washington, DC (with Jennifer Gates-Foster and Melanie Godsey).
- 2013 Colloquium session, “Empire and Cross-Cultural Interaction in Egypt: a Diachronic Perspective,” AIA annual meeting, January 3-6, Seattle.

Conference Presentations

- 2025 “Pyla-Vigla and the Early Hellenistic Transition on Cyprus: A Fortified Settlement in the Age of Alexander and the Diadochoi.” ASOR annual meeting, November 19-22, 2025, Boston, MA.
- 2024 “Investigating Early Hellenistic Cyprus: Excavations at Pyla-Vigla, 2023-24.” AIA Annual Meeting, January 2-5, 2025, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 “Investigating Early Hellenistic Cyprus: Excavations at Pyla-Vigla, 2022-23.” ASOR annual meeting, November 15-18, 2023, Chicago, IL.
- 2023 “Investigating Imperialism on Early Hellenistic Cyprus: Excavations at Pyla-Vigla, 2019 and 2022.” Poster for SAA annual meeting, March 29-April 2, Portland, OR.
- 2023 “Small School, Big Dig: Designing and Implementing an Archaeological Field School at a SLAC.” Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest, March 10-11, Seattle, WA.
- 2023 “Investigating Early Hellenistic Cyprus: Excavations at Pyla-Vigla, 2019 and 2022.” AIA Annual Meeting, January 5-8, New Orleans, LA.

- 2020 “Mortuary Practice and Social Change on Ptolemaic Cyprus.” In colloquium session, “Material Approaches to Ptolemaic Imperialism”, AIA annual meeting, January 2-5, Washington, DC.
- 2019 “Investigating Imperialism in the Early Hellenistic East Mediterranean: Recent Excavations at Pyla-Vigla, Cyprus.” ASOR annual meeting, November 20-23, San Diego, CA.
- 2019 “Material Culture and Ethnic Identity: A Ptolemaic Case Study.” Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest (CAPN), April 5-6, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.
- 2019 “Investigating Imperialism in the Early Hellenistic East Mediterranean: Recent Excavations at Pyla-Vigla, Cyprus.” AIA Annual Meeting, January 3-6, San Diego, CA.
- 2018 “Digital Classics in the Liberal Arts Classroom” (with Beth Platte). From Evidence to Scholarship: Transforming Undergraduate Student Research in the Digital Age, March 14-16, Reed College, Portland, OR.
- 2017 “Cremation Practice and Social Meaning in the Ptolemaic East Mediterranean.” ASOR annual meeting, November 15-18, Boston, MA.
- 2017 “Landscapes of the Living and the Dead: Past and Present in Ptolemaic Thebes and Abydos.” Archaeology and the Humanities, October 21, 2017. Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.
- 2017 “Hadra Vases’ and Cremation Practice in the Hellenistic East Mediterranean.” Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest (CAPN), March 24-25, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
- 2016 “‘Alexandrian’ Burial Practices and Social Identity on Ptolemaic Cyprus.” Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest (CAPN), March 18-19, Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA.
- 2016 “Mortuary and Ritual Landscapes at Ptolemaic Abydos,” AIA annual meeting, January 6-9, San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 “Mortuary Culture, Elite Identity, and the Ptolemaic-Roman Transition in Egypt,” AIA annual meeting, January 8-11, New Orleans, LA.
- 2014 “Ordering the Desert: Cemetery Abandonment and Reuse in Thebes, Egypt,” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, December 3-7, Washington, DC
- 2014 “The Karanis Ceramic Corpus: New Approaches to Old Evidence,” AIA annual meeting, January 2-5, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “Periodization, Empire, and Archaeology: On the Utility of ‘Graeco-Roman Egypt’,” ASOR annual meeting, November 20-23, Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 “Archaeological and Papyrological Inquiry at Karanis: Problems and Potentialities.” 27th International Congress of Papyrology, July 29-August 3, Warsaw, Poland.
- 2013 “New Research on Ptolemaic Abydos: the 2011-2012 Seasons of the Abydos Middle Cemetery Project.” ARCE annual meeting, April 18-21, Cincinnati, OH.
- 2013 “Becoming Alexandrian: Cremation Practices and Identity in Ptolemaic Alexandria,” AIA annual meeting, January 3-6, Seattle, WA.
- 2012 “Identity and Burial Practices at Graeco-Roman Abydos: The 2011 Season of the Abydos Middle Cemetery project,” AIA annual meeting, January 5-8, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2011 “Early Alexandrian Funerary Practices and the Beginnings of Graeco-Egyptian Identity,” *Ptolemy I and the transformation of Egypt 404 – 282 BC*, September 28 – October 1, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.
- 2010 “Papyrology, Archaeology, and Greco-Roman Period Burial Practices,” 26th International Congress of Papyrology, August 16-21, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2009 “Formation Processes and the Archaeology of Karanis,” TRAC (Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference): Ann Arbor, April 3-5, Ann Arbor, MI.

Public Lectures (since 2013)

- 2025 “Ritual and Imagined Landscapes at Ptolemaic Abydos.” Virtual lecture for ARCE Vancouver/Oregon, January 25.
- 2024 “Ritual and Imagined Landscapes at Ptolemaic Abydos.” Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt, September 18.
- 2023 “Investigating Early Hellenistic Cyprus: Excavations at Pyla-Vigla.” Lecture for the AIA – Portland Society, November 30.

- 2022 “Consumed in Raging Fire: Cremation Burial in Ptolemaic Alexandria.” Virtual Lecture for ARCE Northern California and the UC Berkley Near Eastern Studies Department, August 28.
- 2022 “Consumed in Raging Fire: Cremation Burial in Ptolemaic Alexandria.” Virtual Lecture for ARCE Orange County, August 20.
- 2021 “Continuity and Change in Egypt’s ‘Great Land’: Abydos under the Ptolemies.” Virtual Lecture for Case Western Reserve University, Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, July 14.
- 2021 “Fluctuating Landscapes: Continuity and Change at Ptolemaic Abydos.” ARCE Virtual Lecture, January 10.
- 2019 “Continuity and Change in Egypt’s ‘Great Land’: Abydos under the Ptolemies. ARCE Oregon chapter, December 3.
- 2018 “Death, Burial, and the Egyptian Past at Graeco-Roman Abydos,” Archaeological Institute of America, Eugene Society, April 12.
- 2017 “Urns and Identities: Cyprus, Alexandria, and the Role of Cremation in the Ptolemaic East Mediterranean.” Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute, Nicosia, Cyprus, June 1.
- 2016 “What Makes a Roman? Material Culture, Identity, and Romanization.” Reed College “Latin Forum,” November 19.
- 2016 “Death, Burial, and the Egyptian Past at Graeco-Roman Abydos,” Archaeological Institute of America, Salem Society, October 27.
- 2016 “Death, Burial, and the Egyptian Past at Graeco-Roman Abydos,” Archaeological Institute of America, Portland Society, January 15.
- 2015 “Death, Burial, and the Egyptian Past at Graeco-Roman Abydos,” Archaeological Institute of America, Valparaiso Society, February 11.
- 2014 “Hieroglyphs!,” Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2014 “Ptolemaic Egypt: World of the KVM Mummy,” Kalamazoo Valley Museum, Kalamazoo, MI.

FIELDWORK

- 2018- Co-director of PKAP excavations at Pyla-*Vigla*, Cyprus
- 2011-12 Field director for excavations at Abydos, Egypt, the Abydos Middle Cemetery Project, University of Michigan, Dr. Janet Richards, director.
- 2010 Slavia Field School in Mortuary Archaeology, Drawsko, Poland.
- 2009 Excavations at Tel Kedesh, Israel, University of Michigan / University of Minnesota project, Drs. Sharon Herbert and Andrea Berlin, directors.
- 2009 Excavations at Abydos, Egypt, the Abydos Middle Cemetery Project, University of Michigan, Dr. Janet Richards, director.
- 2008 Excavations at Tel Kedesh, Israel, University of Michigan / University of Minnesota project, Drs. Sharon Herbert and Andrea Berlin, directors.
- 2004 Excavations at Mendes (Tell El-Rubah), Egypt, Pennsylvania State University Project, Dr. Donald Redford, director.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS

- 2010 Human Osteology Field School, Center for American Archaeology, Kampsville, IL. (Arizona State University). Jane Buikstra, director.
- 2009 American Society of Papyrologists Summer Institute - University of Michigan
- 2007 Summer Graduate Seminar, American Numismatic Society

TEACHING

Primary Instructor, Reed College (Teaching Record for AY 2020-21 to AY 2025-26)

- AY 2025-26: First-Year Latin, Advanced Greek (Herodotus, Book II) [fall]; First-Year Greek, Archaeology of the Roman World, Karanis: The Archaeology of a Roman Egyptian Town [spring]
- AY 2024-25: First-Year Ancient Greek, Advanced Ancient Greek (Papyrology) Archaeology of the Greek World [fall]; First-Year Ancient Greek, Archaeology of Death and Burial [spring].

AY 2023-24: First-Year Latin, Ancient History: The Hellenistic World, Archaeology of the Roman World [fall]; Topography and Archaeology of Rome (study tour) [January]; First-Year Ancient Greek, Archaeology of Egypt and Nubia, Archaeological Fantasies: Pseudo-Archaeology, Pseudo-History, and Nationalism (masters course) [spring]

AY 2022-23: Sabbatical (no teaching during the AY)

AY 2021-22: First-Year Latin, Second-Year Greek, Archaeology of the Greek World [fall]; Archaeology of Death and Burial (two sections) [spring]

AY 2020-21: First-Year Latin, Humanities 110 [fall]; Archaeology of the Roman World, Humanities 110 [spring]

Guest Lecturer/Seminar Leader (since 2013):

2017 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: Guest seminar leader for graduate seminar on Ptolemaic Death and Burial, Oct. 25.

2014 Dartmouth College: “Burial Practices in Ptolemaic Egypt: a View from Alexandria and Abydos,” for Mummies, Myth, and Magic: Eternal life Ancient Egypt (Winter Quarter, 2/28, Department of Anthropology)

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND SERVICE

2020 – Member, Board of Trustees, Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI)

2016 – President, Archaeological Institute of America – Portland Society

2025 – ASOR program committee