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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- 2020 Ph. D., History, The Ohio State University
Dissertation Title: *The Chronicle of John of Nikiu: Historical Writing in Post-Roman Egypt.*
Advisor: David B. Brakke
- 2015 M.A., History, The Ohio State University
- 2012 B.A., *cum laude* History, Brandeis University
Minor: Classics, Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Senior Thesis Title: “Byzantine Mentalities: An Examination of the Social and Cultural Factors of the 1204 Conquest of Constantinople”

Publications

1. *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, 1st ed., s.v. “The Huns.” Leiden: Brill, *Forthcoming*
2. *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, 1st ed., s.v. “Maurice.” Leiden: Brill, *Forthcoming*

Research Grants and Awards

- 2019 Dumbarton Oaks Junior Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2018 Award from the Fritz Graf Fund for Ancient Mediterranean Religions, The Ohio State University
- 2017 Joseph H. Lynch Award, The Ohio State University, Department of History
- 2016 Joseph H. Lynch Award, The Ohio State University, Department of History
- 2016 Department of History Summer Research Award, The Ohio State University
- 2015 Department of History Summer Research Award, The Ohio State University
- 2015 Stipend from the Eric P. Newman Graduate Summer Seminar in Numismatics, American Numismatic Society
- 2014 Graduate Enrichment Fellowship, The Ohio State University
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Invited Talks

- 2019 “A New Provenance Study of the Aksumite Coins of the American Numismatic Society.” The Second Medieval Ethiopia Colloquium, University of Toronto

Conference Presentations

- 2020 “Towards a Reconstruction of the Career of Apollinarios, Patriarch of Alexandria (551-571 CE).” Byzantine Studies Conference, Cleveland, OH (*moved online due to pandemic*)
- 2019 **Co-Organizer and Chair**, panel, “Ethiopian Studies II: Saints, Struggles, and Sermons.” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University.
- 2019 **Co-Organizer and Chair**, “Race and Racism in Hagiography.” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University.
- 2018 **Co-Organizer and Chair**, “Holy Marketing.” International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University.
- 2018 “The Gendering of Az: A Comparative Study of Sexuality, Gender, and Etiology in Manichaeism, Mazdeism, and Christianity.” Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO.
- 2018 “The Chronicle of John of Nikiou: Coptic Break or Byzantine Continuity?” Byzantine Studies Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- 2017 “The Structure of Argumentation in Pseudo-Aksumite Hagiography.” International Medieval Congress, Leeds University.
- 2017 “The Structure of Embedded Argumentation in Medieval Ethiopian Hagiography.” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University.
- 2016 Understanding the Byzantine ‘ὄγλος’: A Model of Popular Action in Eleventh-Century Constantinople.” Presented at the Vagantes Graduate Conference, Rice University.
- 2014 “The Hellenic Influence on Aksumite Culture at the Dawn of Christianization.” Vandalia Graduate Conference, The Ohio State University.

Service Experience

- 2015-2019 **Contributor, Aksumite Coins**, “Framing the Late Antique Monetary Economy (FLAME) Project.
- 2013-2018 **Volunteer Curator**, Museum of Classical Archaeology, The Ohio State

University.

2012-2014 **Publications Assistant**, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, DC.

Teaching Experience (Instructor of Record)

“The Ancient Mediterranean City” (AU 2017, SP 2019,
SU 2020)

“The History of the Crusades” (SU 2018)

“Western Civilization: Antiquity to the Seventeenth Century” (AU 2016)

Professional Memberships

The American Historical Association

The Byzantine Studies Association of North America

The Society for Biblical Literature

The Hagiography Society

Research Languages

English (native), Amharic (native), Classical Ethiopic (advanced reading), Latin (advanced reading), Ancient Greek (advanced reading), French (advanced reading), German (advanced reading), Syriac (advanced reading), Manichaean Middle Persian (advanced reading), Manichaean Parthian (advanced reading), Old Persian (advanced reading), Coptic (intermediate reading), Arabic (beginning reading, speaking)