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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Greek and Roman medicine, philosophy, and intellectual history; Galen; medical sectarianism; Aristotelian psychology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor of Classics, Washington University in St. Louis	2015–
Visiting Scholar, University of Texas at Austin	2014–2015

EDITORIAL POSITIONS HELD

Associate Editor, <i>APEIRON: a journal for ancient philosophy and science</i>	2015–
Managing Editor, <i>APEIRON: a journal for ancient philosophy and science</i>	2007–2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Classics), The University of Texas at Austin, 2013
Joint Graduate Program in Ancient Philosophy
Dissertation: *Anatomy and Anatomical Exegesis in Galen of Pergamum*
Lesley Dean-Jones and R.J. Hankinson, directors

M.A. (Philosophy), The University of Texas at Austin, 2012

M.A. (Classics), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 2003

B.A. (Liberal Arts), St. John’s College, Annapolis, Maryland, 1998
Majors: Philosophy, History of Math & Science

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Cutting Words: Polemical Dimensions of Galen’s Anatomical Experiments. Leiden: Brill, 2020. Pp. x, 328.

Reviews: V. Nutton (2021): *Annals of Science* (DOI: [10.1080/00033790.2021.1890820](https://doi.org/10.1080/00033790.2021.1890820));
A. Čelkyte (2021): *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* ([BMCR 2021.06.38](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022278X21000388))

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

“Eristic and Erudition: Galen on Erasistratus and the Arteries”, in Bubb, C., and M. Peachin (eds.). *Oxford Studies in Roman Society and Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

- “Anatomy and Physiology”, in Laskaris, J., Rosen, R., and P. Singer (eds.). *The Oxford Companion of Galen*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming, 2021).
- “Galen on the Definition of Disease”, *American Journal of Philology* 141.4 (2020): 603–634.
- “Galen’s Wounds: Dissolutions and the Theoretical Structure of Galen’s Disease Taxonomy”, *Classical Antiquity* 38.2 (2019): [275–297](#) (DOI: 10.1525/ca.2019.38.2.275).
- “Fighting with the Heart of a Beast: Galen’s Use of the Elephant’s Cardiac Anatomy against Cardiocentrists”, *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies* 54.4 (2014): [698–727](#).
- “P.Oxy.inv. 35 4B 64–K(1–3)a: Homer, *Iliad* A.18–26”, *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri (The Egyptian Exploration Society)* (forthcoming)

BOOK REVIEWS

- Adamson, P., R. Hansberger, and J. Wilberding (ed.). *Philosophical Themes in Galen. BICS supplement, 114*. London: Institute of Classical Studies: London, 2014. [BMCR 2016.05.27](#).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Galen, Socrates, and Intellectual Authority in *On the Formation of the Fetus*” (in progress)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Center for Humanities Faculty Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis	2019
Loeb Classical Library Foundation Faculty Fellowship	2018–19
William J. Battle Travel Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin	2013, 2011
Harry J. Leon Fellowship in Classics, University of Texas at Austin	2011
Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin	2010–11
Travel Grant 32 nd Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Texas at Austin	2009
William James Battle Fellowship in Greek, University of Texas at Austin	2004
Trustee’s Minority Graduate Fellowship, Rutgers University	2000–2002

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

By Blind Peer-reviewed Abstract

- “Authority and the Galenic Corpus: Anatomy and Anatomical Narrative in Galen’s Intellectual Practice”, The Annual Meeting of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric (ISHR), New Orleans, LA July 24–7, 2019.
- “De Galeni Corporis Fabrica: Vesalius’ use of Galen and Galenism in the Preface of his *Fabrica*”, Society for Classical Studies (SCS), Boston, MA January 4–7, 2018.
- “Cutting Words: Polemical Dimensions of Galen’s Anatomical Experiments”, Society for Classical Studies (SCS), San Francisco, CA January 6–9, 2016.
- “Fighting with the Heart of a Beast: Galen’s Use of Exotic Animal Anatomy against Cardiocentrists”, Society of Classical Studies (SCS), New Orleans, LA January 8–11, 2015.

Invited

- “What’s the Therapeutic Value of Anatomy in Medicine? The Greek and Roman Case”, History of Medicine Speaker Series, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California December 9th, 2021.
- “Mapping the Body in the Greco-Roman Medical Traditions”, Pediatric Grand Rounds

Lecture Series, Washington University School of Medicine & St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri April 2, 2021.

"Rending the Body to Mend it Again: The Puzzling Emergence and Disappearance of Human Dissection in Third-Century Greece", Classics Society, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI March 11, 2021.

"Anatomy, Analogy, and Claims to Medical Knowledge in Greek and Roman Medicine", 2020 Bluegrass Classics Lecture Series, Transylvania University, Lexington, KY February 28, 2020.

"Learning to Take the Human Body Apart to Put it Back Together", Classical Club of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO February 22, 2020.

"Eristic and Erudition: Galen on Erasistratus and the Arteries", Medicine and Law Under the Roman Empire, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (ISAW), NY, NY October 3-4, 2019

"Galen's Wounds: Dissolutions and the Theoretical Structure of Galen's Disease Taxonomy", SLAPSA X: 10th Annual St. Louis Area Philosophy of Science Association Meeting, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL March 28, 2018.

"Fighting with the Heart of a Beast: Galen's Use of Exotic Animal Anatomy against Cardiocentrists", History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine Series, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis MO November 18, 2015.

"The Licensing Function of Galenic Anatomical Procedures, Text and Practice", 48th Historia Medica Lecture, Center for the History of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, St. Louis MO November 12, 2015

Response to David Kaufman, "Non-rational Feelings and Desires in Galen's Psychology", Medicine and Philosophy in Antiquity Conference, St. Norbert's College, De Pere, Wisconsin October 1-3, 2015

Response to Jesús Araiza, "The sensory organ's activity and its contribution to contemplative life in Aristotle", 32nd Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Universidad Nacional Autónoma De México, Ciudad de México, March 4-6, 2009.

PODCASTS

"[Galen and the Elephant's Heart](#)", Hold That Thought, Washington University in St. Louis, August 3, 2016

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL

External Collaborator, The Atlomy Project: 2020-.

Editorial Board, *APEIRON: a journal for ancient philosophy and science*: 2015-.

Referee, *APEIRON: a journal for ancient philosophy and science*; *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*; *Social History of Medicine*; *Syllecta Classica*

Participating Faculty Member, SUNOIKISIS Course Planning Seminar on Ancient Science: Summer 2017.

Participating Faculty Member, SUNOIKISIS Course Planning Seminar on Greek Literature of the 4th Century: Summer 2015.

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DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University College Coordinator, Classics, Washington University in St. Louis: 2019–.
Graduate Diagnostic Exam Committee Member, Classics: 2016.
Apeiron: a journal for ancient philosophy and science, Supervisor for Editorial Assistants: 2015–.
Biggs Residency Committee Member, Classics: 2015–.
Graduate Admissions Committee Member, Classics: 2015–.
Graduate Comprehensive Exam Committee Member, Classics: 2015–.
Graduate Reading List Exam Committee Member, Classics: 2015–.
Undergraduate Advisor, Classics and Ancient Studies (12 majors and minors): 2015–.
Senior Language Exam Committee Director, Natalie Runkle (Interdisciplinary Program in the Humanities): 2017.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Medical Humanities, Undergraduate Advisor: 2020–.
Washington University Rhodes Scholarship Committee: Fall 2019.
Medical Humanities Curriculum Committee: 2019–.
Historia Medica Lecture Committee: 2017–.
Medical Humanities, Faculty Advisory Committee: 2015–.
Washington University Minority Faculty Mentoring Seminar: 2015–.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

GRADUATE

Galen's *On Prognosis*: A Social History of Medicine in Second–Century Rome (in Greek)
Imperial Greek Literature (Seminar)
Medical Writing in the Greek Intellectual Tradition: Galen and the Hippocratic Corpus (Seminar)
Plato's Early Dialogues (in Greek)

UNDERGRADUATE

Ancient Greek and Roman Medicine
Galen's *On Prognosis*: A Social History of Medicine in Second–Century Rome (in Greek)
Introduction to Greek (I and II)
Introduction to Latin Literature II: Elementary Prose and Poetry
Plato's Early Dialogues (in Greek)
Science and Medicine in Greece and Rome

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

UNDERGRADUATE

Elementary Greek
Elementary Latin
Intensive Greek
Intermediate Latin (Cicero, Livy)

Intermediate Latin II (Vergil, Ovid, Catullus)
Introduction to Ancient Philosophy
Introduction to Medical Terminology
Introduction to Mythology

THESIS COMMITTEES AND SUPERVISION

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

GRADUATE

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

J. Henry “Socrates’ Expertise in Expertise”: (in progress) (Committee Member, Philosophy)

MASTER’S THESES

I. McNeely “Music and Society in Longus’ *Daphnis and Chloe* and Alciphron’s *Epistulae*”: 2020. (Director, Classics)

UNDERGRADUATE

M. Ladejola-Oginni “The Art of Glass Making: How Aelius Aristides Transformed Pain into Tool”: 2021. (Director, Special Major in Medical Humanities)

K. Chrulski “The Origins of Roman Military Medicine and its Treatment of War Wounds”: 2020. (Director, Classics)

Riva Desai, “Diarrhea, Death, and Discrimination: 19th–Century Cholera and the Exacerbation of Racial, Political, Economic, and Social Tensions in the British Empire”: 2016. (Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee member, Interdisciplinary Program in the Humanities)