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PRINCIPAL TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Greco-Roman and medieval Islamic intellectual history; pre-modern medicine and philosophy; Galen; disciplinary; reception studies; STS; temporality; gender and health

EDUCATION

- 2010–2013: **PhD in Classics**, University of Warwick
- 2008–2009: **MA in Classics**, University of Wisconsin at Madison
- 2004–2008: **BA in Latin and Greek with a Latin emphasis**, awarded with highest distinction, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

POSITIONS

- July 2020–present: **Director of the Interdepartmental Program in Ancient History (IPAH)**
- September 2020–present: **Associate Professor of Classical Studies and Middle East Studies**, University of Michigan
- August 2015–2020: **Assistant Professor of Classical Studies**, University of Michigan.
- January–April 2015: **Research Associate** on the ERC funded project ‘Arabic Commentaries on Hippocrates’ *Aphorisms*’, University of Manchester.

AWARDS

- Fall 2019: ‘The Art in Brief: Time and Exegesis in Greco-Roman and Islamic Medicine’, Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, 4-month Junior Fellowship, (PI, \$18,000).
- 2019–2020: ‘Vernacularizing the “Abrahamic Religions”’, Mcubed, University of Michigan (co-PI with Hussein Fancy, Ryan Szpiech, Ellen Muehlberger, Ruth Tsoffar, Gottfried Hagen, Bryan Roby, Sol Hart, Yasmin Moll, Cameron Cross, and Rebecca Wollenberg, \$60,000)
- 2017–2018: ‘Classical and Medieval Traditions of Transdisciplinarity: Plato’s *Timaeus* in Arabic’, Charles P. Brauer Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan (PI, \$71,000)
- 2014–2015: ‘Al-Rāzī and the Arabic *Timaeus*’, British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (co-PI with Pauline Koetschet, £4,030)
- 2014–2015: ‘Medicine, Philosophy, and the Rhetoric of Genre in the Arabic Middle Ages’, Frances A. Yates Short-term Fellowship, Warburg Institute (PI, £4,800)
- October 2013–July 2014: IAS Early Career Fellowship, University of Warwick (PI, £5,710)
- Fall 2010–2013: ‘Galen and the Arabic Traditions of Plato’s *Timaeus*’, Warwick Postgraduate Research Scholarship, University of Warwick (PI, £52,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Galen and the Arabic Reception of Plato’s Timaeus* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020)

Translations

- ‘Galen’s *Compendium of Plato’s Timaeus*’, with Pauline Koetschet, in *Galen on Human Nature*, ed. P. van der Eijk (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) [submitted August 2019 and currently under review by the editor; 52,805 words].

Journal Articles

- ‘Plato Arabus and WWII: Paul Kraus, Richard Walzer, and Galen’s *Com.Tim.*’, *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* (September 2021)
- ‘Probable New Fragments and a Testimonium from Galen’s Commentary on Plato’s *Timaeus*’, *Classical Quarterly* 69.1 (September 2019), 1–18.
- ‘New Material from Galen’s *On the Authentic and Spurious Works of Hippocrates*’, *Classical Philology* 113 (2018) 305–29.
- ‘The Hippocratism of ‘Alī ibn Riḍwān: Autodidacticism and the Creation of a Medical Isnād’’, *Journal of Islamic Studies* 28.2 (2017) 155–77.

- “Two New Pharmacological Texts by al-Rāzī: *On How to Administer Whey* and *On the Benefits of Whey*, with Dr. Pauline Koetschet, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 137.1 (2017) 25–42.
- “Adaptation in Medieval Islamic Medical Compilations: The Example of Arrow Extractions”, *Journal of Semitic Studies* 62.1 (2017) 153–80.
- ‘Maximianus Medicus: Greek Medical Theory and the Greek Girl’s “Gravior Morbus” (El. 5.108)’, with Dr I. Fielding, *Philologus* 160 (2016) 151–62.
- ‘Reevaluating the Authenticity of the Fragments from Galen’s *On the Medical Statements in Plato’s Timaeus* (Scorialensis Graec. Φ-III-11, ff. 123^r–126^v)’, *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 192 (2014) 93–103.
- ‘Textual Note on Paul of Aegina, *Pragmateia* 6.88’, *Classical Quarterly* 64.2 (2014) 867–9.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- ‘Galen Beyond Baghdad’, in R. Rosen, J. Laskaris, and P. Singer (eds.), *Oxford Companion to Galen* [submitted and reviewed, 10,946 words].
- ‘Para-Plutarchan Traditions in the Medieval Islamic World’, with Dr Pauline Koetschet, in S. Xenophontos and K. Oikonomopoulou (eds.), *The Brill Companion to the Reception of Plutarch* (2019) 373–386.
- ‘Beyond the Disciplines of Medicine and Philosophy: Greek and Arabic Thinkers on the Nature of Plant Life’, in P. Adamson and P. E. Pormann (edd.), *Philosophy and Medicine in the Formative Period of Islam* (London: Warburg Institute Press) (2018) 206–217.

Dictionary and Encyclopaedia Entries

- ‘Ibn Sarabiyun (Yuhanna)’, *Encyclopedia of Islam, Third Edition* (2019) [online]; (2020) 62a–63a.
- Entries on ‘Medicine’, ‘Surgery’, ‘Cassius Felix’, and ‘Helvius Vindicianus’, in O. Nicholson and M. Humphries (edd.), *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity* (2018).
- Chapters on ‘Ophthalmology’ and ‘Gynaecology’, P. E. Pormann (ed.), *1001 Cures: Medicine in the pre-modern Middle East* (Manchester: Foundation for Science Technology and Medicine, 2018) 86–95, 104–111.

Book Reviews

- P. Bouras-Vallianatos and B. Zipser (edd.), *Brill’s Companion to the Reception of Galen*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2019. *The Classical Review* 70.1 (April 2020).
- W.V. Harris (ed.), *Popular Medicine in Graeco-Roman Antiquity: Explorations*. Leiden: Brill, 2016. *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 92.2 (2018) 372–4.
- Hayes, Evan and Stephen Nimis, *Galen Three treatises: On my own books, On the order of my own books, and That the best physician is also a philosopher. An intermediate Greek reader*. Oxford, OH: Faenum Publishing, 2014. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (13 August 2014).
- Stefano Valente, *I Lessici a Platone di Timeo Sofista e Pseudo-Didimo: Introduzione ed Edizione Critica*. Berlin and Boston: De Gruyter. *The Classical Review* 63.2 (2013) 398–400.
- Leigh Chipman, *The World of Pharmacy and Pharmacists in Mamlūk Cairo*. Leiden: Brill, 2010. *Social History of Medicine* 25.1 (February 2012), 566–7.

Work in Progress

Edited Volumes

- Galen, *That the Best Doctor is also a Philosopher*, *Scripta Antiquitatis Posterioris ad Ethicam Religionemque pertinentia* (Mohr Siebeck, 2023). [introduction, text, and translation by me and interdisciplinary papers from 8 contributors].

SELECT INVITED LECTURES

- July 13–15 2021: ‘Timaeian Pediatrics: Galen’s Regimen for a Cosmic Prince’, *Human Nature: Medical and Philosophical Perspectives in the Work of Galen of Pergamum*, Utrecht University.
- March 2019: ‘Galen and the Arabic Reception of Plato’s *Timaeus*’, Utrecht University.
- March 2018: ‘Pseudo-Plutarch in the *Book of Proofs and Reflections regarding Creation and Divine Governance: Providence and Natural Philosophy*’, conference on ‘Received Opinions: Doxography in Antiquity and the Islamic World’, LMÜ-Munich, Germany.
- October 2016: ‘Plato Arabus’, Princeton University.
- September 2016: ‘The Hippocratism of Ibn Riḍwān’, University of Pennsylvania.
- May 2015: ‘A Prolegomenon to a study of *On Hippocrates*’ *Sevens*’, conference on ‘Pseudo-Galenic Texts and the Formation of the Galenic Corpus’, Warburg Institute, London, UK.

- November 2012: ‘Galen's *Timaeus* as Medical Text in ar-Rāzī's *Comprehensive Book*’, conference on ‘Galen in the Arabic and Hebrew Traditions’, Bar Ilan University, Şafad, Israel.

EVENTS ORGANIZED

- October 15–16, 2021, Workshop on Galen's *That the Best Doctor is also a Philosopher*, Göttingen, Germany.
- March 9-10, 2017, ‘The Art and Science of Healing: From Antiquity to the Renaissance’, an international symposium held at the Hatcher Library and Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.

TEACHING

University of Michigan

Undergraduate

courses

- Ancient Medicine (CLCIV 392/HIST 292) (Winter 2016, 2017, Fall 2018).
- The Mediterranean: Greco-Roman Science and Islam (CLCIV 253/ISLAM 392) (W16, 18)
- Sex, Birth, and Contraception in the Ancient World (CLCIV 102) (F15, 16)
- Intermediate Greek (GREEK 301) (F16, F18)
- The Ancient Greek Novel (CLCIV 125/CLCIV 470) (W17, W21)

honors theses

- ‘Threatening the Patriarchy: Socio-Religious Anxiety and Abortion in Classical Athens’ (supervisor), passed with highest honors (F17–W18)

Graduate

courses

- Plato's *Symposium* (GREEK 470) (F15)

seminars

- The Poetics of Ancient Medicine (GREEK 821) (W19)

preliminary exams

- Disability in Antiquity (HIST 599) (W18)
- Ancient Botany (GREEK 599) (W17)

dissertations

- ‘Care and Disability in Roman Antiquity’ (IPGRH/IPAH), committee member (18–20)
- ‘Mental Disability and Illness in Rabbinic Literature’ (HIST/JUDAIC), committee member (F18–22)
- ‘The Lost Tribe of Plato: The Druze Religion and its Relation to Platonic and Neoplatonic Philosophy’ (MIDEAST), committee member (19–22)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Member of the SCS/AIA Committee on Diversity in the Profession (2019–2021)
- Outside evaluator of a book manuscript. Brill Middle Eastern and North African Monograph Series (2017)
- Outside reviewer of manuscripts for *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* (2015), *Classical Quarterly* (2017), *Journal of Islamic Studies* (2017)
- External examiner for the MA thesis ‘An evaluation of evidence of paradigm shifts in the transmission of Classical Greek texts through Medieval Arab scholarship’, University of Malta (W20)