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About

I am passionate about Ancient History and what it can teach us about the modern world. Learning how to analyse ancient sources gives us the critical thinking skills we need to evaluate the many forms of information we come across in our daily lives.

Qualifications

- PhD in Ancient History
- First Class Honours Degree in History, majoring in Ancient History
- Diploma of Education

Biography

I've been obsessed with Ancient History since I learned about the last stand of the 300 Spartans at Thermopylae when I was twelve. I studied Ancient History for my BA at Macquarie University in Australia, stayed on there for my PhD, before I had the opportunity to further my research at the British School at Athens. After moving to the UK I worked at the Department of Classics at Nottingham before coming to the University of Birmingham.

Teaching

I teach on all aspects of Ancient Greek History. I run the Greek component of the introductory course 'Greek and Roman History', and the optional modules I co-ordinate include 'Sparta', 'Greeks vs. Barbarians', and 'Swearing and Cursing in Ancient Greece'.

Postgraduate supervision

I would welcome research students interested in Athenian politics, Alexander the Great, the early Hellenistic period, and Sparta.

Research

My previous publications have focused on Athenian history, politics, and epigraphy, the Successors of Alexander the Great, and Eighteenth-century perceptions of ancient Greece.

I am currently working on *Oath and State in Ancient Greece*, and *Oaths and Swearing in Ancient Greece*, co-authored with Professors Alan Sommerstein (Nottingham) and Isabelle Torrance (Notre Dame). Both volumes will be published by de Gruyter.

Other activities

I am currently Undergraduate Admissions Tutor for the Ancient History, Classics and Archaeology (AHCA).

Until recently I have been the co-ordinator of AHCA's Study Tour. The Study Tour is a unique opportunity for all our second year single honours students to visit the lands that they study. Most of our students spend their two weeks in Greece, Italy, Egypt, or Turkey. Students receive funding from the University to assist in their travels.

Publications

- *Oath and State in Ancient Greece*, co-written with Alan H. Sommerstein, (De Gruyter, late 2012)
- *After Demosthenes: the Politics of Early Hellenistic Athens*, (Continuum, 2011).
- "Laconic Swearing' and 'Spartan Duplicity'", in S.D. Hodkinson (ed.), *Sparta: Comparative Approaches*, (Classical Press of Wales, 2009): 231-260.
- "Greek but not Grecian? Macedonians in Enlightenment Histories", in *Reinventing History: The Enlightenment Origins of Ancient History*, J. Moore, I. Macgregor Morris and A.J. Bayliss (eds), (University of London Press, 2008): 219-246.
- "Review of K. Clinton, *Eleusis. The Inscriptions on Stone. Volumes 1A and 1B*", *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 127 (2007): 204.
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- "New Readings on a List of Mercenaries from Athens", *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 146 (2004): 85-90.
- "Curse-Tablets as Evidence: Identifying the Elusive 'Peiraikoi Soldiers'", *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 144 (2003): 125-140.
- "New Names on an Ephebic Inscription", *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 140 (2002): 85-88.

- “A Decree Honouring Medeios of Larissa”, *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 140 (2002): 89-92.
- Website: ***Oaths in Archaic and Classical Greek Texts to 322 BC*** (<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/classics/oaths/database/index.php>), co-authored with A.H. Sommerstein and I.C. Torrance.

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