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Academic Positions

July 2022-present Lecturer in Greek (University of Stellenbosch)
Oct 2021-June 2022 Instructor in Latin and Ancient Greek (University of Oxford, .5 post)
Oct 2018-June 2021 Language instructor/Teaching Assistant (University of Oxford, casual contract)
July 2014-June 2015 Tutor in Classical Studies (University of Cape Town, casual contract)

Education

Nov 2020 **DPhil in Ancient History** (Wolfson College, Oxford)
Title: “A Jewish Lawgiver in a Greek World: Moses in Josephus’ *Jewish Antiquities* in light of Plutarch’s *Lives*” (supervised by Martin Goodman)
July 2017 **MPhil** (with distinction) in Greek and Roman History (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford)
Dec 2015 **BA Honours** (with distinction) in Latin Language and Literature (UCT)
Dec 2014 **BA (with distinction)** in Classical Studies and French Language and Literature (UCT)

Publications

Review of P. R. Bosman (ed.), *Intellectual and Empire in Greco-Roman Antiquity*, *Acta Classica* 64 (2021)
Review of Steve Mason, *A History of the Jewish War, AD 66–74*, *Journal of Jewish Studies* 68 (2017), 189-93
‘Domitian’s Attitude to the Jews and Judaism’ [Undergraduate Essay prize], *Akroterion* 58 (2013)
‘CASA translation: A new generation of Americans – JF Kennedy [Presidential Inaugural, 20th January 1961]’, *Akroterion* 58 (2013)

Teaching Experience

June 2022-present University of Stellenbosch

- Greek 178 (Beginners’ Koine Greek)
 - ±20 students, 4 h per week
- Greek 244 (2nd year Greek)
 - ±18 students, 3 h per week

Oct 2018-June 2021 University of Oxford

- MILC Grammar revision classes (Oct 2018 to Mar 2021)
 - 3 Classes of 10 students, 1 h per week
- Reading Classes: Herodotus 8, Aristophanes *Frogs*, Cicero *Pro Caelio*, *Iliad* 24
 - Classes of 4-10 students, 1 h per week
- Elementary Greek (Oct 2020 to June 2022)
 - 3 classes of 10 students, 5 h per week
 - Mixed remote and face to face teaching
- Greek continuation (2nd year course)
 - 2 classes of ±8 students, 1 h per fortnight
- Beginners’ Latin for historians (Oct 2020 to June 2021)
 - Class of 15 students, 3 h per week
- Imperial Culture and Society, AD 50-150 (teaching assistant)
 - 2 classes of 8 students, 1.5 h seminars & individual essay discussions

July 2014-June 2015 University of Cape Town (tutor)

- Athenian Life and Culture’ (2nd-year course)
 - ±15 students, 1 h per week

Feb-June 2015 Rome: Literature and Empire’ (2nd-year course)

- ±6 students, 1 h per week

Academic Awards and Achievements

Oct 2017-June 2020	Clarendon Fund and Littman Trust Graduate Scholarship (Full fees and living expenses for 3 years of DPhil studies at Oxford)
Oct 2015-June 2017	Ertegun Graduate Scholarship in the Humanities (Full fees and living expenses for 2 years of MPhil studies at Oxford)
May 2015	Offered Oppenheimer Fund Scholarship for MPhil living expenses - declined
Nov 2014	Shortlisted for the South Africa-at-large Rhodes scholarship (Western Cape and Northern Cape regional committee)
Dec 2014	Monica Wilson Scholarship (awarded to the graduate obtaining highest marks in Bachelor's degree curriculum) (UCT)
Dec 2014	Ivor Lewin Prize for Hebrew I (UCT)
Dec 2012, 2014	Laurence Prize for the best student in undergraduate Greek (UCT)
Dec 2013	Mary Renault Memorial Pen Prize for undergraduate ancient history (UCT)
Dec 2013	Highest GPA in Bachelor of Arts (second year) (UCT)
Dec 2012	William Rollo Prize for the best student in Latin II (UCT)
Dec 2011	First Year Class Medal (Music: Western Classical) (UCT)
Dec 2011	Ralph Nussbaum Music Award Prize (UCT)
Dec 2010	Vice Chancellor's Scholarship (ZAR20 000, UCT)

Conference and Seminar Presentations

Mar 2020	'Josephus on Moses' Constitution in light of Plutarch's <i>Lycurgus</i> ' at the Seminar in Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period, Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford
Nov 2018	'Pugnacious Preliminaries: the (shifting) targets of Josephus' prologues' at the conference 'Von Jerusalem nach Rom' at the Freie Universität, Berlin
Oct 2018	'Humanly divine? The use of ancient sources in Josephus' 'Life of Moses' (<i>AJ</i> I-IV) and Plutarch's <i>Solon</i> ' at the conference "'As It Is Written'? Uses of Sources in Ancient Mediterranean Texts' at Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen
July 2015	'The Destruction of the Temples in Tacitus and Josephus' at the conference of the Classical Association of South Africa in Potchefstroom

Graduate Workshop Presentations

June 2021	'Powerful Silence, Powerless Speech: Moses' response to rebellions in the <i>Antiquities</i> ' at 'Jüdische Autoren und Macht in griechisch-romischer Zeit' (Universität Bern)
May 2019	'Laying down the Law: Korah's rhetorical rebellion in Josephus' <i>Antiquities</i> ' at the Oxbridge Biblical Studies Conference in Cambridge
Mar 2018	'Law and border: boundaries and travel in the lawgiver narratives of Plutarch and Josephus' at the Oxford-Tel Aviv Graduate Workshop on 'Borders and Boundaries' in Oxford
Jan 2018	'The Lawgiver's Task: Plutarch and Josephus on the place of cognitive change in the creation of customs' at the Oxford-Princeton Graduate Colloquium on 'Cognitive and Cultural Change in Antiquity' in Princeton
May 2017	Sole organiser of 'Contemporary History in the Ancient World', a colloquium held at Ertegun House, Oxford
Mar 2017	'Sacred Time and War: Josephus on the Sabbath in the <i>Bellum Judaicum</i> ' at the Oxford-Tel Aviv Graduate Conference on 'Sacred and Secular Time' in Tel Aviv
Jan 2016	'Stasis and Sacred Space: Josephus and Tacitus on temple destruction' at the Oxford-Princeton Graduate Colloquium 'Secular and Sacred Space' in Princeton

Outreach and Access

- Apr 2018, Mar 2019 Tutor in Classical Civilizations for University Education (charity based in Oxford)
- Sep 2016-July 2017 Volunteer Teacher with the Literacy through Latin Programme (for the Iris Project, Oxford)

School Teaching Experience

- Jun 2017-Jul 2019 Tutor in Classical Civilizations for Oxford Summer Courses
- Jun 2012-Sep 2015 Tutor in Maths, Physical Sciences, and French at Teach Me 2 (Cape Town)
- Sep 2012-Dec 2013 Private Latin tutor (Cape Town)

Other Positions of Responsibility

- Dec 2020 Assisted with admissions for Worcester College (Oxford), Classical Archaeology and Ancient History
- Apr – Aug 2020 Organiser of Ertegun House Online Book Club
- Sep 2018-Apr 2020 Wolfson College Choir administrator
- Jan 2009-Sep 2015 Leader at Christ Church Kenilworth Children's Church (Cape Town)
- Jan 2014-Sep 2015 Cell group leader at Christ Church, Kenilworth (Cape Town)

Freelance Work

- Apr 2021-May 2022 Freelancer for Lex Academic: copyediting of academic articles, proofreading and indexing of monograph, translation of Greek and Latin texts
- July 2021-May 2022 Latin Tutor (in-person and online) for the Continuing Education Department of the University of Oxford

Languages

- Ancient Languages: Greek (excellent), Latin (excellent), Classical Hebrew (good)
- Modern Languages: English (native), French (good), Afrikaans (good), German (reading knowledge)