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CV

Present Position: Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Humanities Research Center, Rice University

Education: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.A. in Classical Archaeology and Political Science [2003]); Stanford University (M.A. in Classical Studies [2006], Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology [2009])

Scholarship: I am currently working on a monograph, *Romans and their Erotic Art*, which explores the ways in which reactions to erotic art were a vital locus of articulating cultural expectations and social power.

Gender and sexuality form the focus of several published and forthcoming articles, including: “*Facilis hic futuit: Graffiti and Masculinity in Pompeii’s ‘Purpose-built’ Brothel*” (*Helios* 38.1); “Modern Tourists, Ancient Sexualities: Looking at Looking in Pompeii’s Brothel and the Secret Cabinet” in *Pompeii in the Public Imagination from its Rediscovery to Today*, eds. Shelley Hales and Joanna Paul (Oxford University Press, in press); and “Lusty Ladies in the Roman Imaginary” with Deborah Kamen, in *New Essays in Ancient Sexuality*, eds. Ruby Blondell and Kirk Ormand (Ohio State University Press, forthcoming).

Election Statement

The WCC is a strong, vibrant, and forward-looking organization that is both a champion of, and resource for, all classicists. To support the WCC’s goals of encouraging feminist research and teaching in Classics and promoting greater equality within Classics, I would focus on increasing awareness of the WCC’s mission and opportunities among APA members (especially graduate students and male scholars), continuing strong connections between the WCC and LCC in working towards equal opportunities in Classics, and facilitating informal networking opportunities as well as outreach activities. As a member of the LCC steering committee (2007-2009), a past reader for LCC paper prizes, and a co-organizer of gender-related APA/AIA roundtables (“Queer Theory and Classics,” with Konstantinos Nikoloutsos, 2009) and APA panels (“Transgressive Spaces,” with Lauri Reitzammer, 2013 LCC panel), I can offer organizational experience as well as my own interest in researching and teaching about gender in antiquity.

As the LCC’s first Graduate Student Representative (2007-2009), I worked with the WCC’s Graduate Student Representatives to show the relevance of both organizations to the next generation of classicists, as well as the opportunities the organizations offer to graduate students and recent Ph.D.s. As a result, record numbers of graduate students are now active members in these organizations and regular participants and leaders in their activities. In order to facilitate scholarship related to the LCC’s mission, I also instituted a graduate student paper prize. In addition to the events already offered by the WCC, I would suggest supporting more roundtables,

as they could provide an informal place for scholars at all levels to meet and network. In addition to increasing awareness of the WCC among graduate students, I believe we must actively reach out to male scholars. From my experience tabling for the WCC and LCC, I have noticed that some male scholars are not aware that they can be members of the WCC, and once informed of the WCC's goals, many heartily join. To meet the WCC's goals of equality and diversity, we must have a diverse and strong membership.

We must also continue to support innovative and interdisciplinary research and teaching on gender in order to stay relevant in the increasingly budget-strained, business-driven economy. In particular, the growing field of reception studies offers opportunities to work with scholars in different fields, thus enriching our own work while promoting the relevance (and ingenuity) of classical scholars. Likewise, I have found that teaching about gender in antiquity remains fundamental not only to illuminate this issue in the past, but also to give students the perspective to critically examine issues of difference and diversity today. In addition, we need to continue our outreach to K-12 students and the general public. One possible avenue for encouraging outreach on issues of gender in antiquity is to publically commend exemplary efforts (say, in *Cloelia*), and to share successful outreach activities in an online forum.

Finally, the WCC and LCC have many common goals, and through my involvement with the LCC, I would continue to facilitate communication and collaboration between the organizations. Issues of joint concern include the growing number and worsening conditions of adjunct positions, and the impact of the economic downturn on women, LGBT individuals, and minorities.