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## EDUCATION

**The University of Chicago** Ph.D. in History, expected June 2018  
M.A. in History, 2012

Dissertation *How to Move a God: Shifting Religion and Imperial Identities in Roman Athens*

Committee Dr. Clifford Ando (co-chair), Departments of Classics, History, and Law,  
The University of Chicago  
Dr. Jonathan M. Hall (co-chair), Departments of History and Classics,  
The University of Chicago  
Dr. Alain Bresson, Departments of History and Classics,  
The University of Chicago

**University of California, Los Angeles** Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Classical Languages, *with distinction*, 2011

**University of California, Berkeley** B.A. in History, *cum laude*, and Classical Civilizations, 2010

## FIELDWORK

**The American School of Classical Studies at Athens** Student Associate Member, September 2016–June 2017  
Summer Session, June–August 2009

**Pompeii Archaeological Research Project: Porta Stabia, Italy** Excavation Team Member, under supervision of Dr. Steven Ellis and Dr. Allison Emmerson, July–August 2012

**The American Academy in Rome** Summer Program in Archaeology, June–July 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

Vera, Joshua. "Laboring for the Conversion of the Turks: The Founding of St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco." *Clio's Scroll: The Berkeley Undergraduate History Journal* 11.1 (2009): 1–14.

## RESEARCH AND PRESENTATIONS

"Locating the Gods: Discerning Religion in the Ancient Cityscape."  
Religion and the Humanistic Sciences Workshop, The University of Chicago, 31 May 2016.

"Memory, Museums, and Manipulated Cityscapes: Roman Athens and the Art Institute."  
*Expose Yourself!*, an interdisciplinary series featuring current research from the University of Chicago.  
The Art Institute of Chicago, 5 November 2015.

"How to Move a God: The Question of Cultic Dislocation at Rome."  
Ancient Societies Workshop, The University of Chicago, 26 May 2015.

*The 'Constitutional' Position of Religious Officials in Constantinian Legislation.*  
M.A. seminar paper, The University of Chicago, March 2013.

*The Shifting Role of the Emperor within the State Cult at Rome from Commodus to Constantine.*  
M.A. seminar paper, The University of Chicago, March 2012.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- The University of Chicago, Department of History **Harry Barnard Dissertation-Year Fellowship**, 2017–2018
- The Fulbright Foundation **U.S. Graduate Student Research Fellowship**, 2016–2017
- The University of Chicago, Division of Humanities **Edward L. Ryerson Fellowship in Archaeology**, 2012
- The University of Chicago, Division of Social Sciences **Social Sciences Divisional Fellowship**, 2011–2015
- University of California, Berkeley **J.K. Anderson Classics Fellowship**, 2009  
**Dean's List**, 2009

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### The University of Chicago

- Lecturer *Ancient Mediterranean World I: Greece*, Autumn 2014 and Autumn 2015
- Prepared syllabus for 11-week introductory survey of ancient Greek history and culture, 19 students (both years).
  - Delivered lectures, led discussions on historiography and source materials, assigned, advised, and graded all assignments and research papers.
- Writing Intern *Readings in World Literature*: Autumn 2015 and Winter 2016
- Assisted with 11-week Humanities Core course on the relationship between individual and society in foreign literatures and led separate discussion sections, 16 students (both quarters).
  - Taught students rhetorical and argumentative writing techniques for academic research papers, and led discussion of application to course subject matter.
- Teaching Assistant *Ancient Mediterranean World I: Greece*, Autumn 2013
- Assisted with 11-week introductory survey of ancient Greek history and culture, 27 students, under supervision of Prof. Jonathan Hall.
  - Advised students on source materials and research papers, shared grading responsibilities, and delivered two lectures.
- Pedagogical Training** *Pedagogies of Writing*, The University of Chicago Writing Program, June–July 2015
- Six-week accelerated course on teaching rhetorical and argumentative writing techniques for academic papers.
  - Participated in intensive seminars on designing lesson plans for teaching writing, as well as mock teaching exercises for feedback from colleagues.
- Workshop on Teaching in the College*, Chicago Center for Teaching, September 2013
- Instruction and discussion on pedagogical techniques and classroom management for college courses.
  - Attended discipline-specific sessions on authority and ethics in the classroom, fostering productive discussion, and grading integrity for writing assignments.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Conference Co-coordinator** *The Discovery of the Fact*  
(with Dr. Clifford Ando),  
April 1–2, 2016  
A conference of the Center for the Study of Ancient Religions and the Stevanovich Institute on the Formation of Knowledge at the University of Chicago.

**Panel Moderator and Discussant**, *Individual and Community in Urban Upheavals: Hellenistic and Roman Asia Minor*  
November 20–21, 2015  
An interdisciplinary conference at The Franke Institute for the Humanities with the Department of History at the University of Chicago.

**Conference Co-coordinator** *Empires of Faith: Comparativism, Art, and Religion in Late Antiquity, India to England, AD 200-800*  
(with Dr. Jas' Elsner),  
October 2–3, 2015  
A conference at the University of Chicago, in collaboration with the British Museum and the University of Oxford.

**Oversight Committee Member**, History Graduate Student Association  
October 2011 to June 2015  
The University of Chicago

## LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

*Proficient reading*

- Ancient Greek (Attic and Koine)
- French
- Latin
- Modern Greek
- Spanish

*Basic reading*

- German
- Italian

*Intermediate speaking*

- Modern Greek
- Spanish

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Society for Classical Studies, Student Member
- Association of Ancient Historians, Associate Member
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Lifetime Member
- Gamma Sigma Alpha Greek Academic Honor Society, Lifetime Member
- Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, California Alpha Chapter, Alumnus

## REFERENCES

- **Dr. Jonathan M. Hall**  
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- **Dr. Clifford Ando**  
David B. and Clara E. Stern Professor of Humanities and Professor of Classics, History, Law and in the College; Co-Director, Center for the Study of Ancient Religions, The University of Chicago  
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Doctorat d'État, University of Franche-Comté, 1994  
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Ph.D. University of Chicago, 2013  
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