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Education

Ph.D. in Classical Philology, Harvard University 2000

Publications

Books

1. *Ancient Supplication* (Oxford 2006; paperback 2009) 426 pp.
2. *Greek and Roman Animal Sacrifice: Ancient Victims, Modern Observers*, co-edited with C. Faraone (Cambridge 2012) 209 pp.
3. *Smoke Signals for the Gods: A Study of Greek Sacrifice in the Archaic through Roman Periods* (Oxford 2013; paperback 2015) 421 pp.
4. *Mercury's Wings: Exploring Modes of Communication in the Ancient World*, co-edited with R. Talbert (Oxford 2017 in press)

Edited Journal Issue

"Moses Finley in America: The Making of an Ancient Historian," co-edited with R. Talbert, *American Journal of Philology* 135.2 (2014)

Articles

1. "Amphion's Paean: A Note on Propertius 3.15.42," with I. C. Rutherford, *Materiali e discussioni per l'analisi dei testi classici* (a publication of the U. of Pisa) 1996: 231-39
2. "Alcestis the Ghost," *Lexis* (a publication of the U. of Turin) 1998: 77-86
3. "The Prospective Imperfect in Herodotus," *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology* 1999: 135-50
4. "Homer's Leopard Simile," in *Nine Studies in Homer*, ed. M. Carlisle and I. Levaniouk, Rowman and Littlefield 1999: 177-204
5. "The Words of the Alewife at Line 42, Hesiod's *Works and Days*," *Journal of Near-Eastern Studies* 2003: 263-66
6. "Embola Petroniana," *Classical Quarterly* 2003: 637-40
7. "Supplication on Roman Coins," *American Journal of Numismatics* 2003 [2004]: 41-52
8. "Supplication and the Law," in *The Law and the Courts in Ancient Greece*, ed. E. Harris and L. Rubinstein, Duckworth 2004: 71-91
9. "Hiketia and Theoria," in *Seeing the Gods: Pilgrimage in Greco-Roman and Early Christian Antiquity*, ed. J. Elsner and I. C. Rutherford, Oxford 2005: 73-97
10. "Rejected Sacrifice in Greek and Hebrew Religion," *Journal of Ancient Near-Eastern Religions* 2006: 189-223
11. "The Fallacy of the Willing Victim," *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 2007: 61-73
12. "The Invention of the Officer Corps," *Journal of the Historical Society* 2007: 1.35-60

13. "Lines in the Sand," *Wilson Quarterly* 2007: 1.52-63
14. "Sanctions in Sacred Laws," in *Symposion 2007: Vorträge zur griechischen und hellenistischen Rechtsgeschichte* (2008, a publication of the Austrian Academy): 125-38
15. Five entries, 763, 764, 766, 783, 794, in *Brill's New Jacoby*, ed. I. Worthington, totaling app. 21,000 words of text and commentary, 2009, to be revised 2016
16. "Adieu to Lebanon," with K. Harl, *Historically Speaking* 2009: 2.24-7
17. "Spartan Naval Performance in the Decelean War," *Journal of Military History* 2009: 3.729-45
18. "The Legal (and other) Trials of Orestes," in *Law and Drama in Classical Athens*, ed. E. Harris, D. Leão, and P. Rhodes, Duckworth 2010: 61-77
19. "Blind Men of Industan," *Journal of the Historical Society* 2011: 1.1-21
20. "Alexander the Great as a Religious Leader," *Ancient World* 2011: 2.166-79
21. "Introduction" to *Greek and Roman Animal Sacrifice: Ancient Victims, Modern Observers*, with C. Faraone, Cambridge 2012: 1-11
22. "Blessèd Are the Parasites," in *Greek and Roman Animal Sacrifice: Ancient Victims, Modern Observers*, Cambridge 2012: 55-84
23. Eight entries, "Bouphonia," "Expiatory Rites," "First Fruits," "Hecatombs," "Religion, Greek," "Sacrifice, Greek," "Supplication," and "Theoxenia," in the *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, ed. R. Bagnall et al., Wiley-Blackwell, totaling app. 6,700 words, 2012 (print) & 2014 (on-line).
24. "Freedom and Security on an Ancient Frontier," in *Liberty and Security in the Age of Terrorism*, ed. M. Strauss y Besette, Commonwealth Security Studies Laboratory 2013: 87-107
25. "Gods, Kings, and Lawgivers," in *Law and Religion in the Eastern Mediterranean*, ed. A. Hagedorn and R. Kratz, Oxford 2013: 79-105
26. "Recent Study of Greek Religion from the Archaic through Hellenistic Periods," *Currents in Biblical Research* 2013: 3.388-427
27. "Variations on the Theme of Divided Government," *Historically Speaking* 2013: 2.6-8
28. "Heroes and Drones," *Wilson Quarterly* 37.3 (2013). 3,672 words.
29. "So-called Asylum for Suppliants," *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 188 (2013): 136-9
30. One entry, "Supplication," in the *Virgil Encyclopedia*, ed. R. Thomas and J. Ziolkowski, Wiley-Blackwell, 254 words, 2014
31. "Introduction," with R. Talbert, *American Journal of Philology* 2014: 2.167-79
32. "Finley's War Years," *American Journal of Philology* 2014: 2.243-67
33. "An Anatolian Itinerary, 334-333 BCE," in *Ancient World Views: Institutions and Geography from the Greco-Roman World*, ed. L. Brice and D. Sloatjes, Brill 2014: 219-35
34. "The Sword Did It: A Greek Explanation for Suicide," *Classical Quarterly* 2015: 1.75-85
35. "Sacrifice," in *The Oxford Handbook of Greek Religion*, ed. J. Kindt and E. Eidinow 2015: 463-76
36. "Sacrificing 'in the Greek Fashion'," *Métis* 2015: 151-66
37. "Sacrifice," *Oxford On-line Bibliographies*, with J. Rives, app. 12,600 words. 2/26/2016
38. "Contagious ΑΣΕΒΕΙΑ," *Classical Quarterly* 2016: 1.59-74
39. "Introduction," with R. Talbert, in *Mercury's Wings: Exploring Communications in the Ancient World*, Oxford, 2017. Pp. xvii-xxxiv
40. "Military Communication: The Example of the Classical Battlefield," same. Pp. 262-86.
41. "'Polis Religion' and Sacrificial Regulation," in *Sacrifice in the Greek World*, ed. I. C. Rutherford and S. Hitch, Cambridge forthcoming in 2017.
42. "Protologia in Homer," forthcoming in *Classical Quarterly* in 2017.
43. "Law, Legitimacy, and Religion in the Greek Poleis," in *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Greek Law*, ed. M. Canevaro and E. Harris, Oxford, forthcoming in 2018.
44. Eight entries, "Athena," "Dioscuri," "Hestia," "Mysteries," "Piety," "Temples and

- Sanctuaries,” “Suppliants,” and “Thesmophoria,” forthcoming in the *Encyclopedia of Herodotus*, ed. C. Baron, Wiley-Blackwell, totaling app. 4,800 words.
45. “Religion and Spirituality,” forthcoming in *The Cultural History of Emotion*, v. 2: *Greece and Rome*, ed. D. Cairns, Bloomsbury.
 46. “*Mens Rea* and Greek Military Law,” forthcoming in *Scritti in onore di Alberto Maffi*, ed. B. Biscotti, Giappichelli.
 47. “Offerings” and “Supplication,” forthcoming in the *Encyclopedia of Homer*, ed. C. Pache, Cambridge.
 48. “Aeschylus and Greek Law,” forthcoming in the Wiley-Blackwell *Companion to Aeschylus*, ed. P. Burian.
 49. “War and Religion,” forthcoming in the Wiley-Blackwell *Companion to Ancient Warfare*, ed. W. Heckel.

Reviews

1. *Greek Religions*, by S. Price, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2000. 1,691 words.
2. *Herodotus in Context*, by R. Thomas, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2001. 1,972 words.
3. *Das Drama der Hikesie. Ritual und Rhetorik in Aischylos' Hiketiden*, by S. Gödde, *Classical Philology* 2002: 2.185-9
4. *Alexander the Great: Lessons in Strategy*, by D. Lonsdale, *Journal of Military History* 2008: 4.1275-76
5. *Lawmaking and Adjudication in Archaic Greece*, by Z. Papakonstantinou, *Classical Review* 2009: 2.498-9
6. *The Greeks and Greek Love: A Radical Reappraisal of Homosexuality in Ancient Greece*, by J. Davidson, *Wilson Quarterly* 2009: 3.105-6
7. *Makers of Ancient Strategy from the Persian Wars to the Fall of Rome*, ed. V. Hanson, *Journal of Military History* 2010: 4.1258-9
8. *The Hemlock Cup* by B. Hughes, *Wilson Quarterly* 2011: 2.109-10
9. *Ostraca de Krokodilo: la correspondance militaire et sa circulation*, by H. Cuvigny, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 2011: 1.109-11
10. *Beyond Sacred Violence: A Comparative Study of Sacrifice*, by K. McClymond, *History of Religions* 2011: 4.431-3
11. *Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice*, ed. J. W. Knust and Z. Várhelyi, *Classical Journal* 104.3 (2012). 942 words.
12. *New Perspectives on Ancient Warfare*, ed. G. Fagan and M. Trundle, *Classical Review* 2013: 1.150-51.
13. *Offrir en Grèce ancienne. Gestes et contextes*, by I. Patera, *Classical Review* 2014: 1.207-08
14. *Darius in the Shadow of Alexander*, by P. Briant, *Journal of Military History* 2016: 1.111-12.
15. *Theologies of Ancient Greek Religion*, ed. R. Osborne et al., forthcoming in *Classical World* 2017

Translation:

co-translator of *Understanding Byzantium: Studies in Byzantine Historical Sources* by Paul Speck, ed. S. Takács. Ashgate 2002

Papers read

- “Supplicatory *Defixiones*,” Harvard 11/7/1998
 “Slavery as Social Death: A Homeric Example,” American Philological Association 12/30/1998
 “The Removal of Suppliants from Sacred Space,” American Philological Association 12/29/1999

- “Another Unsuccessful Search for Euripidean Ideology,” Texas at Austin 1/28/2000
 “Supplication and the Law in Classical Athens,” Yale 2/10/2000 and Tulane 2/17/2000
 “A Typology of Pilgrimage at Epidaurus,” Reading, England 7/14/2000
 “Athenian Speaking Privileges,” Classical Association of the Midwest and South 4/19/2001
 “*Protologia* in Macedon,” Association of Ancient Historians 5/4/2001
 “Non-Western Criticisms of Anthropology: The Case of Talal Asad,” American Philological Association 1/6/2002
 “Tragically Incompetent Councils,” Classical Association of the Midwest and South 4/4/2002
 “Refuge for Greek and Hebrew Wrongdoers,” Johns Hopkins 4/3/2003
 “Rituals on Coins: A Test Case,” American Numismatic Society 7/24/2003
 “Supplication as an Example of a Ritual Koine,” American Philological Association 1/3/2004
 “Herodotus in Baghdad,” Historical Society 6/4/2004
 “Greek and Hebrew Examples of Rejected Sacrifice,” Florida State 2/26/2005
 “The Fallacy of the Willing Victim,” Chicago 10/18/2005 and Oxford 5/4/2006
 “Shepherds and Weavers,” Tennessee 10/24/2005
 “Lines in the Sand,” Tulane 10/16/2006 and Wofford 3/12/2007
 “The Invention of the Officer Corps,” UNC Chapel Hill 2/27/2007
 “Sacrifice and Self-Interest,” Reading, England 5/11/2007, Chicago 4/12/2008
 “Sanctions in Sacred Laws,” *Symposion* 2007 9/1/2007
 “War Aims of Alexander the Great,” Tulane 11/5/2007
 “Professional Officers Ashore and Afloat,” Association of Ancient Historians 4/12/2008,
 (under another title) NC Triangle Chapter, USNA Alumni Association 4/4/2008
 “Lebanon and its Money,” Tulane 5/1/2008
 “How Athens Regulated Sacrifice by Individuals and Associations,” Reading, England 7/4/2008
 “The Organization of Anatolia in the Time of Alexander the Great,” Divan Turkish Cultural Center, Cary NC 1/24/2009
 “A Flock of Shepherds and a Lone Wolf,” Minnesota 3/6/2009
 “Spartan Officers, Unspartan Men,” Tulane 12/2/2009
 “The Stranger at the Gate,” Illinois 3/12/2010
 “Alexander the Great as a Religious Leader,” Association of Ancient Historians 4/16/2010
 “Blind Men of Industan,” Tulane 4/24/2010
 “Greek Generals and their Orders,” Society for Military History 5/22/2010
 “Spartan Meat,” Edinburgh 7/31/2010
 “Freedom and Security on an Ancient Frontier,” Morehead State 10/23/2010
 “Pan and Panic,” UNC Chapel Hill 10/30/2010
 “Esthetic Considerations in Greek Sacrifice,” Duke 12/4/2010
 “Military *Parrhesia*,” National Humanities Center 3/7/2011
 “Alexander’s War Councils at Issus and Gaugamela,” East Carolina 4/15/2011
 “A Critique of Prevailing Views of Sacrifice,” Durham, England 10/13/2011
 “Persians: Men on Horseback,” UNC Chapel Hill 10/15/2011
 “Monetization and Alexander the Great,” Washington and Lee 5/2/2012
 “Finley’s War Years,” Association of Ancient Historians 5/5/2012
 “Ancient Greek Small-Unit Tactics,” 3rd Marines, Camp Schwab, Okinawa 7/9/2012
 “Ancient Greek and Roman Chains of Command,” Tulane 9/28/2012
 “Beware the Word *Sacrifice*,” UNC Chapel Hill 2/26/2013
 “The Sword Did It: An Ancient Greek View of Suicide,” Edinburgh 3/6/2013
 “A New Typology for Sacred Laws,” with Edward Harris, Reading, England 3/7/2013, and
 Association of Ancient Historians 5/17/2013
 “The Topography of Pompey’s Eastern Settlement,” Tulane 3/13/2013
 “Commemoration of the Macedonian War Dead,” Society for Military History 3/15/2013
 “Law, Legitimacy, and Religion in the Greek Poleis,” Edinburgh 9/13/2013
 “On the Job Training for Macedonian Pharaohs,” North Carolina State Museum 9/28/2013
 “Sacrifice ‘in the Greek Manner’,” American Philological Association 1/3/2014

- “Begging Persians for Mercy: An Ancient Example,” Tulane 3/15/2014, and (under another title) Appalachian State 2/26/2015
- “Criminal Acts of Sacrifice,” Oxford 3/22/2014
- “Divine and Human Spectators in Ancient Shrines,” Institute for the Study of the Ancient World 5/16/2014 (revised title)
- “Materialism and Scholarly Method,” Edinburgh, 6/25/2014
- “An Anatolian Itinerary, 334-333 BCE,” Universidad Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia, 10/31/2014
- “Finley in America,” Society for Classical Studies, 1/9/2015
- “The Monetization of Sacrifice,” Aarhus, Denmark, 9/17/2015
- “Captivated by Alexander,” Vanderbilt 9/30/2015
- “Conquest by Co-opting,” Tulane 10/1/2015
- “The Self-Definition of Alexander the Great, Part I,” North American Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy, 1/6/2016, and Reading England, 12/7/2016.
- “The Self-Definition of Alexander the Great, Part II,” Society for Classical Studies, 1/8/2016, and Reading, England, 12/7//2016
- “A Synoptic View of the War Councils of Alexander the Great,” S. Dakota State 4/4/2016
- “Political Success and Military Failure: The Athenian Case,” Tulane 5/7/2016
- “Rehistoricizing Greek Religion,” Society for Classical Studies 1/6/2017

Other Professional Activities

Keynote Speaker:

- “Food and Ritual: Ancient Practices and Modern Perspectives,” Oxford 2/19/2014
- “Animal Sacrifice,” Jagellonian University, Cracow, 2/9/2017

Conference organizer:

- “The Centrality of Animal Sacrifice in Ancient Greek Religion: Ancient Reality or Modern Construct?” with C. Faraone, Chicago 4/11-13/2008
- “Communications in the Ancient World,” with R. Talbert, National Humanities Center 3/7-8/2011
- Association of Ancient Historians 2012, with R. Talbert & M. Boatwright, 5/4-6/2012

Panel organizer:

- “Ancient Generalship,” with E. Wheeler, Society for Military History, 5/22/2010
- “Moses Finley in America, 1912-53: The Making of an Ancient Historian,” Association of Ancient Historians, 4/5/2012
- “Strategic Memory: Heritage and Manipulation,” with E. Wheeler, Society for Military History, 3/15/2013

Panel presider or respondent:

- “Ancient Warfare,” Society for Military History, Murfreesboro, TN 4/4/2009
- “Military History,” Association of Ancient Historians, Vancouver, 5/14/2009
- “Archaeology of Greek Religious Spaces,” UNC Chapel Hill 9/6/2014
- “Ancient Borders,” UNC Chapel Hill 9/10/2016
- “From the Snout to the Tail: Exploring the Greek Sacrificial Animal from the Literary, Epigraphical, Iconographical, Archaeological and Zooarchaeological Evidence,” Uppsala, Sweden, 12/8-9/2016