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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor of Letters, Wesleyan University, 2014 –  
Core faculty member, Medieval Studies, Wesleyan University, 2014 –  
Affiliate faculty member, History Department, Wesleyan University, 2014 –  
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Amherst College, 2013-2014  
Adjunct Professor, Modern Greek Studies, San Francisco State University, 2006, 2008, 2010  
Adjunct Professor, Humanities Department, Diablo Valley Community College, 2007

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 2013  
Dissertation: *Synchrony and Dissonance: Politics, Belief, and the Reckoning of Time in the Chronicle of Synkellos and Theophanes*  
Committee members: Maria Mavroudi (chair), Susanna Elm, Geoffrey Koziol, David Wright  
M.A., University of California, Berkeley, 2007  
Thesis: "The *Vita* of St. Gregory of Sinai by Kallistos I, and the Origins of Late Medieval Hesychast Practice"  
B.A., Biola University, 2003 (Magna cum laude)

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Byzantine history; Medieval history; historiography and philosophy of history; manuscript studies

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Spring 2016  
Wesleyan University, Grants in Support of Scholarship:  
Allbritton Center, Collaborative Project Grant, 2016-2017  
Project Grant for *The Chronography of Synkellos and Theophanes*, Summer 2016  
Pedagogical Development Grant for COL 150: Great Books Unbound, Summer 2016  
Center for Pedagogical Innovation, Faculty development stipend, Summer 2016  
University of California Regents' Fellowship (Spring 2013)  
Mabelle McLeod Lewis Grant in Aid of Dissertation Completion (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)  
UC Berkeley History Department Fellowship for Dissertation Completion (Fall 2012-Spring 2013; *declined*)  
Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley (Spring 2012)  
Paul J. Alexander Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley (Spring 2011)  
Mellon Summer Fellowship, Vatican Film Library, Saint Louis University (Summer 2010)  
UC Berkeley Sydney Ehrman Fellowship to King's College, Cambridge University (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Published Articles

- “Could Isidore’s Chronicle Have Delighted Cicero? Using the Concept of Genre to Compare Ancient and Medieval Chronicles,” *Medieval Worlds* 3 (2016) 65-82
- “Time and Again: Early Medieval Chronography and the Recurring Holy First-Created Day of George Synkellos,” *Time: Sense, Space, Structure*, ed. N. van Deussen and L. M. Koff (Leiden, 2016) 18-57
- “From the many, one? The shared manuscripts of the *Chronicle* of Theophanes and the *Chronography* of Synkellos,” *Studies in Theophanes* ed. M. Jankowiak and F. Montinaro, *Travaux et Mémoires* XIX (Paris, 2015) 93-117

### Forthcoming Articles

- “The Secular Sources,” *A Companion to Byzantine Iconoclasm*, ed. M. Humphreys (Brill, anticipated 2019)

### Work in Progress

- The Apocalyptic Chronography of Synkellos and Theophanes: Constantinople, 808-815* (book manuscript)

## PRESENTATIONS

### Conference Presentations & Public Lectures

- “Innovation in Ninth-Century Byzantium: was the *Chronicle* of Synkellos and Theophanes meant to incite a revolt?” International Congress on Medieval Studies, University of Michigan, Kalamazoo, May 2016
- “Lying Comparatively: Ordered Times and Ruptured Worlds.” Center for Humanities Monday Night Lecture Series, Wesleyan University, March 2016
- “Anastasius Bibliothecarius’ *Historia Tripartita*: claiming an imperial past.” International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, Leeds, July 2014
- “Translation as Source: Theophanes’ *Chronicle* and Anastasius Bibliothecarius.” Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, UCLA, Los Angeles, April 2014
- “Many Authors, One Chronicle? The Manuscripts of Synkellos and Theophanes’ chronicles.” *The Chronicle of Theophanes: an international workshop*. Institut d’Études Byzantines, Collège de France, Université Paris Sorbonne, Paris, September, 2012
- “Roman History, Christian History, and Diplomatic Power in the Ninth Century.” Medieval Association of the Pacific Annual Conference, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, March 2012
- “Rome and the Idea of Rome in Carolingian Italy: Anastasius Bibliothecarius.” Mellon Symposium on Medieval Subjectivity, Northwestern University, Evanston, July 2011
- “Anastasius Bibliothecarius: the value of Greek in the Carolingian world.” Graduate Medievalists’ Conference: Reading the Middle Ages, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, March 2011
- “*Robbins Collection Manuscript 67*: Greek scholarship and the Renaissance.” Hellenic Law Society of Northern California, San Francisco, June 2008
- “Hagiography as a Historical Source: Kallistos I’s *Life* of St. Gregory of Sinai.” Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Toronto, Toronto, October 2007

### Workshop & Seminar Presentations

- “Discover what is missing’: Theophanes the Confessor and his Reader.” Five-Colleges Late Antiquity Seminar, February 2017
- “Time and Again: George Synkellos’ Holy First-Created Day.” Five-Colleges Late Antiquity Seminar, March 2014
- “The Word in Time: the chronological system of George Synkellos.” California Medieval History Seminar, Huntington Library, November 2011
- “Re-reading Theophanes the Confessor.” Cambridge University Medieval History Seminar, University of Cambridge, February 2009