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EDUCATION:

9/88 - 6/96	University of California, Los Angeles Roman history	Ph.D.
9/86 - 5/88	University of Washington Medieval history (early)	M.A.
9/81 - 5/85	University of California, Berkeley History	B.A.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

2018 – Lecturer, San Diego State University
2016 – Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of New South Wales
2016 – Adjunct Professor, San Diego Mesa College
2019 – 2022 Lecturer, University of California, San Diego
2003 – 2015 Lecturer in Roman History, University of New South Wales
2001 – 2002 Visiting Assistant Professor, San Diego State University
2000 – 2001 Visiting Assistant Professor, Western Oregon University
1996 – 2000 Lecturer, History Department, U.C.L.A.
1990 – 1992 Teaching Assistant, U.C.L.A.
1988 – 1991 Research Assistant to Professor Ronald Mellor, U.C.L.A.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Roman and late antique family studies; late antique/early Byzantine cultural history; Augustinian studies; ancient gender studies; history of migration/movement, refugees and dislocation in antiquity

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

- *Mediterranean Families in Antiquity: Households, Extended Families, and Domestic Space*, ed. with Sabine Huebner (Wiley-Blackwell. Oxford 2017)
- *Basileia. Empire and Culture in Byzantium. Papers in Honour of Elizabeth and Michael Jeffreys*, *Byzantina Australiensia* 17, ed. with Lynda Garland (Byzantina Australiensia. Melbourne 2011)
- *The Family in Late Antiquity. The Rise of Christianity and the Endurance of Tradition*, (Routledge. London and New York 2000)

Refereed Journal Articles

- “The Jovinianist Controversy and Mary *Aiparthenos*: Questioning Mary’s Virginity and the Question of Motherhood,” in *Saeculum* 68.2 (2018), 225-236
- “The Ideal Male in Late Antiquity: The Example of Flavius Stilicho,” *Gender and History* 27.1 (2015), 10-27
- “Remapping the Landscape: Early Christianity and the Graeco-Roman World. A Review Article,” *Journal of Religious History* 32 (2008), 361-70
- “*Pudicitia Plebeia*. Womanly Echoes in the Struggle of the Orders,” in “Studies in Latin Literature and Roman History,” *Collection Latomus* 11 (2003), 53-65
- “The Rogation Ceremonies of Late Antique Gaul: Creation, Transmission and the Role of the Bishop,” *Classica et Mediaevalia* 49 (1998), 275-303
- “Medicine and Sexual Practices in Late Antiquity,” *Epoche* 18 (1993), 20-32
- “The Last Emperor: The Fate of Romulus Augustulus,” *Classica et Mediaevalia* 43 (1992), 261-271

Book Chapters and Electronic Contributions

- “Orphanages” in *Wiley Encyclopedia of the Ancient World Phase 2*, London (2022)
- “*Aviae, nepotes* and *neptes*: relations between grandmothers and their grandchildren” in *Ages, Ageing and Old Age in the Graeco-Roman World*, Lena Larsson Löven *et al.* edd. (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle 2022), 251-266
- “Fact, fiction and family: stepmothers in the Valentinian-Theodosian Dynasty” in *Growing Up Motherless in Antiquity*, S. Huebner and D. Ratzan, edd. (Peeters, Leuven 2021), 127-139
- “Looking for Children in Late Antiquity,” in *Childhood in Antiquity: Perspective and Experiences in the Ancient Mediterranean* (Routledge Antiquity Series), Lesley Beaumont, Matthew Dillon and Nicola Harrington edd. (Routledge, London 2021), 134-149
- “Being a Bachelor in Late Antiquity: Desire and Social Norms in the Experience of Augustine,” in *The Single Life in the Roman and Later Roman World*, Sabine Huebner and Christian Laes edd. (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2019), 292-308
- “Relationships in Augustine’s Life,” in *Augustine in Context*, Tarmo Toom ed. (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2018), 203-210
- “Extended Family in the Experiences of Ausonius and Libanius,” in S. Huebner and G. Nathan, *Mediterranean Families in Antiquity: Households, Extended Families, and Domestic Space* (Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford 2017), 243-257
- “Reassessing the pre-modern Mediterranean Family.” in S. Huebner and G. Nathan, *Mediterranean Families in Antiquity: Households, Extended Families, and Domestic Space* (Wiley Blackwell, Oxford 2016), 327-337
- “The Vienna Dioscorides’ *dedicatio* to Anicia Juliana,” in G. Nathan and L. Garland, edd., *The Emperor and Culture in Byzantium. Papers in Honour to Elizabeth and Michael Jeffreys*, *Byzantina Australiensia* 17 (Melbourne 2011), 90-101
- “‘Woe to those making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless’: Christian Ideals and the Obligations of Stepfathers in Late Antiquity,” in *Growing Up Fatherless in Antiquity*, S. Huebner and D. Ratzan, edd. (Cambridge 2009), 273-92
- “*‘Pothos ton Philoktistou’*: Anicia Juliana’s Architectural Narratology,” *Byzantine Narrative. Papers in Honour of Roger Scott*, *Byzantina Australiensia* 16, John Burke *et al.* edd. (Melbourne 2006), 433-43, 563-4

Articles and Contributions, forthcoming and in preparation

- “Old Age, Labor and Leisure in Antiquity” in *A Cultural History of Old Age in Antiquity (800 BCE – 500 CE)*, Tim Parkin and Geoffrey Nathan edd. Bloomsbury, London (forthcoming 2024)

- “Augusta Unrealized: Anicia Juliana and the Logistics of Place,” in *Empresses-in-waiting: Power, Performance, and the Female Court of the Later Roman Empire (4th-7th c.)*, Christian Rollinger and Nadine Viermann edd. Liverpool University Press. Liverpool (forthcoming 2023)
- “Performance in the Querolus” (in preparation)
- “The Mithraeum of Felicissimus” (in preparation)

Books in preparation

- *A Cultural History of Old Age in Antiquity (800 BCE – 500 CE)*, ed. with Tim Parkin. Bloomsbury. London (forthcoming 2024)
- *The Shadow Empress: Anicia Juliana and Constantinople*
- *Refugees in Late Antiquity. Disorder and Displacement 376 – 507 CE*

Selected book reviews

- C.-E. Centrelivres Challet, *Married Life in Graeco-Roman Antiquity*. *Routledge monographs in Classical Studies*. *BMCR* (2022 10.43)
- Caroline Schroeder, *Children and Family in Late Antique Egyptian Monasticism*. *BMCR* (2021 10.45)
- Maria Doerfler, *Jephthah’s Daughter, Sarah’s Son. The Death of Children in Late Antiquity*. *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 51 (2021)
- Kristina Sessa, *Daily Life in Late Antiquity*. *BMCR* (2019 4.43)
- V. Vuolanto, *Children and Asceticism in Late Antiquity: Continuity, Family Dynamics, and the Rise of Christianity*. *Journal of Roman Studies* 107 (2017)
- C. Badel and C. Settipani, edd., *Les stratégies familiales dans l’Antiquité Tardive*. *Journal of Roman Studies* 104 (2014)
- C. Kelley et al. edd., *Unclassical Traditions. Volume II: Perspectives from East and West in Late Antiquity*. *BMCR* (2012 2.33)
- J. Bodel and S. Olyan, *Household and Family Religion in Antiquity, The Ancient World: Comparative Series*. *Journal of World of History* 20 (2009)
- G. Forsythe, *A Critical History of Early Rome*. *Journal of Religious History* 30 (2007)
- Jennifer Nimmo Smith, *A Christian’s Guide to Greek Culture: The Pseudo-Nonnus Commentaries on Sermons 4, 5, 39, and 43 by Gregory of Nazianus*. *Journal of Religious History* 28 (2005)
- G. Young, *Rome’s Eastern Trade, Ancient History Bulletin* 19 (2005)
- Stan-Michel Pellistrandi, Gesche Landais and Christine Pellistrandi, edd. *Le Nain de Tillemont et l’historiographie de l’Antiquité romaine*. *Journal of Religious History* 27 (2004)
- E. Hemerlrijk, *Matrona Docta. Ancient History Bulletin* 18 (2004)

E-articles

- “Anicia Juliana” in *Supplement to Lexicon des Mittelalters*, www.brepolis.net (2006)
- “Decius. Julius Priscus, Iulius Valens Licinianus” *De Imperatoribus Romanis*: www.roman-emperors.org (2003)
- “Theodosius II,” *De Imperatoribus Romanis*: www.roman-emperors.org (1999)
- “Arcadius,” *De Imperatoribus Romanis*: www.roman-emperors.org (1998)
- “Marcian,” *De Imperatoribus Romanis*: www.roman-emperors.org (1998)
- “Romulus Augustulus,” *De Imperatoribus Romanis*: www.roman-emperors.org (1997)

Encyclopedia entries

- Multiple entries, *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, Oxford (2018)
- “Orphans” in *Wiley Encyclopedia of the Ancient World*, London (2012)
- Multiple entries, *Asian American Literature and Arts: An Encyclopedia* (1998)

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (Since award of doctorate):

- "Travelling companions: The Family Lifecycle, Impoverishment and Movement in Late Antiquity," Poverty and Vulnerability in Classical Antiquity: Gendered and Life-Cycle Approaches. Manchester Centre for Youth Studies/History Research Centre, Manchester Metropolitan University, 27-28 April 2023.
- "Coming Homes: The Experiences of Paulinus of Pella," Returning Home in the Greek and Roman World: Symposium Classicum Peregrinum, University of Messina, 10-12, 15-16 June 2022.
- "'*Vastantur pauperes, viduae gemunt, orphani proculantur*': The Refugee and the Displaced Community in Late Roman Gaul," Keynote address, Immigration, Emigration and Exile: Encounters in Late Antiquity (150 -700 CE). XXVI Finnish Symposium in Late Antiquity, Lammi Biological Station (Helsinki), Finland, 8-9 November 2019.
- "A reconsideration of Augustine of Hippo's Relationship with his unnamed concubine": Couple Relationships in Antiquity. Looking for Real Life Experience. Colloque International, Institut d'archéologie et des sciences de l'Antiquité. Lausanne Switzerland, 8-9 November 2018
- "The Accidental Migrant: Paulinus of Pella and the Physical Dislocation of Roman Citizens in Late Antiquity": The Micropolitics of Mobility in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages. 2nd Research Forum of the Tübingen Center of Advanced Studies, Tübingen, 19-21 July 2018
- "Receiving the Exile: New communities and the displaced" "Feeding on Dreams": Exiles and Exile in Late Antiquity: Workshop, Yale University, 23-25 April 2018
- "*Aviae, nepotes and neptes*: relations between grandmothers and their grandchildren": ARACHNE VIII. Nordic Network for the Study of Women's History and Gender Studies in Antiquity: Ages, Ageing and Old Age in the Graeco-Roman World, University of Gothenburg, 25-28 October 2017
- "The Wicked Stepmother in Late Antique Imperial Politics: A Reevaluation": Conference on Growing up Motherless in Antiquity, Universität Basel, 26-28 May 2016
- "Late Antique Refugees, Refugee Policy and Social Dislocation in the Roman Family": SPQR Forum, Macquarie University, 14 September 2015
- "Augustine, 'Philosophical Retirement' and the Singles Life": Conference on Singles and the Singles Life, Academia Belgica, Rome, 28-30 May 2015
- "Dislocation in the Roman Family," Kolloquium für Alten Geschichte, Universität Basel, 29 September 2014
- "Extended Family in the Experiences of Ausonius and Libanius" Symposium of the FASS Research Cluster on Imperial, Colonial and Transnational Histories, UNSW, September 2013
- "Bettini, Saller, and the Taxonomy of Extended Family in Ausonius' *Parentalia*" Workshop on the Mediterranean Household and Family, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany, May 2012
- "The Ideal Male in Late Antiquity and the Example of Flavius Stilicho" IMC 13, Leeds, UK, July 2011
- "Of Veian Entrails and Falerian Children," Annual Meeting of the ASCS, Perth, February 2010
- "Anicia Juliana, domesticity among aristocratic women, and the Vienna Dioscorides manuscript" Annual Meeting of the ASCS, Sydney, February 2009
- "The Vienna Dioscorides' *dedicatio* to Anicia Juliana: a usurpation of imperial patronage?" XV Biennial AABS Conference, Sydney, February 2008
- "Public Womanhood and Anicia Juliana,": Sydney Classical Association, Sydney, September 2005
- "Control of Nature and Controlled by Nature: Anicia Juliana, Aristocratic Women, and the Vienna Dioscorides Manuscript,": Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of Canada, Banff, May 2005

- “*Pothos ton Philoktistou*”: Anicia Juliana’s Architectural Narratology,” XIV Biennial AABS Conference, Melbourne University, August 2004
- “Fledgling Mothers of the Church,” SSEC Annual Conference, Macquarie University, Sydney, May 2004
- “*Roma Aeterna*: Visions of an Empire that Never Fell,” 132nd Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, San Diego 2001
- “Anicia Juliana, the Vienna Dioscurides Portrait and the Idealized Patron,” 129th Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Chicago 1997

AWARDS, PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

- Recipient, NEH Summer Scholar, Summer Institute: “Performance in Roman Comedy” (Boston College, Chestnut Hill 2023)
- Co-organizer (with M. Doerfler), “Feeding on Dreams: Exiles and Exile in Late Antiquity,” A Workshop, Yale University (2018)
- Recipient, NEH Summer Scholar, Summer Institute: “Migration and Empire: The Roman Experience from Marcus Aurelius to Mohammed” (UNC, Chapel Hill 2017)
- Member, FASS Higher Learning Committee (2010 – 2013)
- Postgraduate coordinator, School of History & Philosophy/School of Humanities (2010 – 2013)
- Co-organizer (with S. Huebner), “‘The Mediterranean Family’: From Antiquity to Modern Times,” Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Röstock, Germany (2012)
- Humanities Ethics Committee, UNSW, (2008 –9)
- Convenor, XV AABS Biennial Conference, UNSW (2008)
- Early Career Research Grant. UNSW (2004 – 2005)
- Member of the Editorial Board of *De Imperatoribus Romanis*: www.romanemperors.org (2003 – present)
- Member, Ancient History HSC Exam Committee, New South Wales (2004-2005)
- Member of the Editorial Board, *Antiqua Australiensa* (2005 – present)
- University Representative, Australasian Society for Classical Studies (2003 – 5, 2007 – 2015)
- Member, Executive Committee, Australian Association of Byzantine Studies (2004 – 2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Current

- Society for Classical Studies (formerly American Philological Association)
- Byzantine Studies Association of North America
- Australasian Society for Classical Studies
- Australian Association for Byzantine Studies
- Phi Alpha Theta

Past

- Association of Ancient Historians
- American Historical Association
- Australian Historical Association