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**EDUCATION**

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- 2012 – 2020**                    **Harvard University**  
 PhD, Classical Philology  
 Dissertation: *Despotic Nostalgias: Classical Athens and the Autocratic Return*  
 Committee: Naomi Weiss (chair); David Elmer; Deborah Steiner
- 2012 – 2014**                    **Harvard University**  
 AM, Classical Philology
- 2010 – 2011**                    **University of Cambridge (Clare College)**  
 Part II, Classical Tripos
- 2008 – 2012**                    **Columbia University**  
 BA *magna cum laude*, Classics

**PUBLICATIONS**

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– “Barbarians at the Gate: Herodotus, Bisotun, and a Persian Punishment in Egypt,”  
*American Journal of Philology*. Forthcoming.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- “*Agamemnon princeps*: Quoting Homer in Suetonius’ *Caesars*,” Society for Classical Studies  
 Annual Meeting, Remote, January 2021 (forthcoming).
- “Perverted Return: Odious Epinician and Deadly Athletics in the *Oedipus Tyrannus*,”  
 Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2020.
- “Perseid Wars and Notional *Nostos* in Herodotus’ *Histories*,” Time, Tense and Genre in  
 Ancient Greek Literature, King’s College London, September 2019.
- “‘Reports of My Death...’: Aesch. *Ag.* 926-7 and the Tragic Soundscape,” *CorHaLi*:  
 Soundscapes of the Ancient Greek World, Nafplio, Greece, June 2017.
- “Lion at the Feast: *Iliad* 24.39-45 and Apollo’s *αἶνος*,” *CorHaLi*: The Similes of the *Iliad*,  
 Cornell University, June 2013.

**RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| – Attic Tragedy                  | – Generic Intertextuality |
| – Archaic Greek Poetry           | – Greek Historiography    |
| – Autocracy, Historical & Modern | – Achaemenid History      |

**LANGUAGES**

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- English (native)
- German (advanced)
- French (advanced)
- Ancient Greek (expert)
- Latin (expert)
- Old Persian (expert)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Remote Instruction**

- CGRK E-1A Beginning Ancient Greek (Instructor), Fall 2020.
- HUMA E-109 Plague Years: Pandemic Disease in the Ancient Greek and Roman World (Instructor), Fall 2020.
- LATI S-AAB: Intensive Beginning Latin (Teaching Assistant), Summer 2020.

**Instructor of Record (seminar)**

- CLASSIC 98: Junior Tutorial, “There and Back Again?: The Return Journey in the Ancient World,” Spring 2019.
- CLASSIC 98: Junior Tutorial, “The Construction of Beginning and End in Classical Literature” (co-instructor: Alex Forte), Fall 2015.

**Instructor of Record (language)**

- LATI S-AAB: Intensive Beginning Latin, Summer 2019, Summer 2018, Summer 2017.
- GREEK 10: Introduction to Ancient Greek Literature, Fall 2018.
- LATIN AX: Latin Review and Reading, Fall 2017.
- GREEK AB: Beginning Greek, Spring 2015.
- LATIN AA: Beginning Latin, Fall 2015, Fall 2014.

**Teaching Fellow**

- CULTBLF 35: Classical Mythology (Dr. Brigitte Libby), Spring 2018: 2 sections (Head Teaching Fellow), Spring 2017: 2 sections (Head Teaching Fellow), Spring 2016: 3 sections.
- CLS-STDY 141: Storytelling and Deceptive Narration at Rome and Beyond (Dr. Brigitte Libby), Fall 2017.
- HIST 1011: The World of the Roman Empire (Prof. Emma Dench), Fall 2016: 2 sections.
- CLS-STDY 97A: Greek Culture and Civilization (Prof. David Elmer), Fall 2016: 1 section.

**Undergraduate Thesis Advisor**

- Senior Thesis, Talia Boylan, “ ‘Befitting Emblems of Adversity’: Seamus Heaney’s *Aeneid* VI” (co-advised with Prof. Richard Thomas), 2016-17.

**FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

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- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2019.
- Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Bok Center, Harvard University, 2014 (1), 2015 (2), 2016 (2), 2017 (3), 2018 (1).

- Segal Student Travel and Research Fellowship, Department of the Classics, Harvard University, 2016.
- Herbert S. Winokur, Jr. and Deanne H. Winokur Fellowship in the Humanities, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Harvard University, 2014.
- Summer School Tuition Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Harvard University, 2014.
- Douglas Gardner Caverly Prize, Department of Classics, Columbia University, 2012.
- Dean’s List, Columbia University, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- **Research Assistant**, performing comprehensive copy-editing and the collation of primary source material for Prof. Stephanie Frampton (MIT) in the preparation of her book *Empire of Letters* (Oxford UP 2019), April – Nov. 2015.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & OUTREACH

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- **Guest Expert**, “Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero,” Roman Emperor Series, *Jay Talking with Bradley Jay*, WBZ NewsRadio, Boston, MA, April 2019.
- **Graduate Representative**, Department of the Classics, Harvard University, Sep. 2012 – May 2013.

#### REFERENCES

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##### **Naomi A. Weiss**

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