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EDUCATION

2013-2018

PhD, University of Edinburgh, School of History, Classics and Archaeology

Byzantine Peloponnese: economic cycles and the economics of ceramics

- Supervisors: Prof. J. Crow and Prof. J. Bintliff
- External examiner: Prof. M. Whittow (University of Oxford)
- Full funded, teaching scholarship, University of Edinburgh

2009-2011

MA, University of Siena, Archaeology and History of Art

Monks, soldiers and farmers: village economy in Early Byzantine Palestine

- Distinction, final grade: 110/110 cum laude
- Supervisors: Prof. E. Zanini and Prof. S. Ronchey

2005-2009

BA, University of Siena, Archaeology and History of Art

A holistic approach to the analysis of Late Antique trade from archaeology and papyri

- Distinction, final grade: 110/110 cum laude
- Supervisor: Prof. E. Zanini

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

November 2024-	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Roma Tre Project: ARGUS- Non-destructive, scalable, smart monitoring of remote cultural treasures CUP F87G23000320006 Call HORIZON-CL2-2023-HERITAGE-01 P.I.: Prof. E. Farinetti
2024	Digital curator Byzantine and Post-Byzantine collection, Corinth excav (ASCSA) January-October 2024, Mayins Company
2023	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Italian Archaeological School at Athen The Byzantine material culture from the basilica complex ad Hephaestia, Lemnos.
2020- 2022	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, British School at Athens <i>The post-antique phases of the Sparta Theatre research project.</i> Richard Bradford McConnell fellowship.
2021- 2022	Kress Publication Fellow, American School of Classical Studies at Athens Preparation of the monograph on Medieval utilitarian artefacts, Corinth Volume Series.

2019-2020 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, 1984 Foundation (Philadelphia, USA)

Funerary practices in Medieval Corinth.

Project directors: Dr. C. K Williams II, Prof. C. Pfaff (ASCSA).

HONORARY AFFILIATION

2020-to present | Visiting researcher, Newcastle University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025/2024 | Fitch Laboratory – British School at Athens Bursary

Bursary to conduct petrographic analysis.

Project title: Circulating Sparta: Byzantine patterns of pottery production and trade

2023 Conference grant. Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies grant to support the organisation of one-off conferences.

Grant to sponsor the conference organised by the candidate 'From Sparta to Lacedaemon: daily lifeways of a Byzantine city'. British School at Athens, 3 March 2023.

- 2022 Fitch bursary to fully fund the Petrography training course British School at Athens
- 2021 Kress Publications Fellowship (ASCSA)

Grant to fully cover the publication of the PhD thesis as a *Corinth* volume. Value \$13.000.

2018-2014 | Abercromby Travel Grant, University of Edinburgh

Five grants for research travel.

2016 -2013 | Full Doctoral Teaching Studentship, University of Edinburgh

School of History, Classics and Archaeology University of Edinburgh. 66 hours of teaching, 66 hours of marking per year academic, for a total of three years.

2015 Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C. – Full scholarship

Numismatics and Sigillography Summer Program, July 2015. Directors: Prof. Vasiliki Penna (University of the Peloponnese), Dr Eric McGeer, Consultant for Byzantine Sigillography.

2014 | Henry S. Robinson Corinth Research Fellowship

American School of Classical Studies at Athens (\$4500 + board and lodging).

2013-2012 LLP/ Leonardo da Vinci Grant (EU) LLP-LDV-PLM-09-IT-0042, Erasmus + Fellowship

Fellowship to fully cover the internship in the Archaeological Museum of Ancient Corinth (ASCSA), October 2012 – March 2013.

2012 | Full training scholarship, Koç University, Istanbul

Summer school 'Istanbul through the Ages', Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC). Intensive course with lectures, seminars, and field trips about Istanbul from prehistory to the present. Final grade A. (4.00/4.00).

2009-2010 | European Union (ESF), Region Tuscany and Province of Siena fellowship

Full scholarship for the intensive course: 'Setting up new business and academic spin-off'. October 2009-June 2010.

European Union (ESF) and Region Tuscany Award – The way to Excellence research award (Value: € 4000)

Late Antique trade: research between papyri and archaeology.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES BY INVITATION

Invited Speaker. The Medieval Mundane: Lifeways of medieval households at Corinth

Session: Looking Beyond the Pot, 25th International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Vienna, organised by Prof. Joanita Vroom and Prof. Platon Petridis.

2025 Guest Lecture. Byzantine Ceramics: Everyday Objects as Historical Sources

MA program in Byzantine Archaeology, Prof. A. Ricci 16 February 2025, Koç University.

2025 GUEST LECTURE. Byzantine Trade Networks for the

MA course: Trade and Exchange in Medieval Mediterranean program in Archaeology, Prof. E. Cirelli 16 February 2025, University of Bologna.

2025 GUEST LECTURE. Maritime networks through the lens of the so-called harbour church complex at Hephaestia (Lemnos - Greece)

MA program in Archaeology, Prof. C. De Domenico 15 January 2025, University of Siena.

2024 INVITED SPEAKER. Adriatic connections in the Byzantine period: between Greece and Southern Italy.

Byzantine Heritage in Southern Italy Conference, University of Salento, Lecce 20-22 September 2024

2024 INVITED SPEAKER. Plotting Byzantine sea voyages: ceramics between the Peloponnese and the Italian Peninsula.

'Italy & the Byzantines: The New Millenium in Pottery Studies' at the Royal Netherlands Institute Rome (KNIR) on 19-21 April 2024.

2024 INVITED SPEAKER. Cultura materiale e storia economica dell'Egeo bizantino. Nuove prospettive di ricerca dai complessi ecclesiastici del golfo di Palaiopolis.

Italian Archaeological school at Athens, 23 March 2024.

2024 INVITED SPEAKER. New Research Perspectives on the Byzantine Peloponnese: the Interconnected History of Corinth and Sparta

Conference entitled: Perspectives on Byzantine Archaeology in Greece and the Aegean, École française d'Athènes, 2 February 2024.

2023 GUEST LECTURE. Medieval Corinth: urbanistic, society and material culture

Postgraduate school of specialisation "Dinu Adamesteanu" Università del Salento. 30 March 2023.

2023 INVITED SPEAKER. Produzione, scambi e stili di vita: Corinto e la Grecia bizantina fra il IX e XIV secolo d.C.

Museo archeologico nazionale di Cividale del Friuli, symposium on the XII century AD.

18 March 2023.

2023 INVITED SPEAKER. Daily Practices and material culture of Medieval households: new data from Corinth excavations.

Finlay Forum Seminar, British School at Athens. 1 March 2023.

2022 INVITED SPEAKER. The emergence of the medieval city of Corinth between archaeological and literary sources

Ancient Worlds: Manuscripts/Texts + Societies/Cultures colloquium, Shanghai University, 12 September 2022.

Guest lecture. Medieval Corinth: on-site lecture on the Frankish complex and its material culture at the archaeological museum of Ancient Corinth.

MA Course: History of Western Dominions: Latinocracy (1204-1566/1797 Course organiser: Dr P. Perra (University of the Peloponnese), 20 May 2022.

GUEST LECTURE. Life and afterlife in urban contexts: the case of the Late Roman and Byzantine Peloponnese.

MA Course: Byzantine Archaeology, Newcastle University Course organiser: Dr M. Jackson, 11 March 2022.

2022 Guest lecture. Modus vivendi, modus operandi: daily practices and rituals in the Medieval Peloponnese.

MA Course: Byzantine Archaeology University of Marburg Course organiser: Prof. Beate Böhlendorf-Arslan, 9 February 2022.

2021 INVITED SPEAKER. Sharing in the afterlife: funerary practices in the Medieval Peloponnese

AthENIS – Athens Early Career Seminar Series, BSA – ASCSA, 31 March 2021.

CONFERENCE PAPERS ACCEPTED AFTER PEER REVIEW

2024 CONFERENCE PAPER. Urban consumption patterns: the perspective from Middle Byzantine middens at Corinth.

XIV Congress of Medieval and Post-Medieval Ceramics, AIECM3, 18-23 November 2024, Ravenna.

2024 CONFERENCE PAPER. Economics and Society in Early Medieval Greece: The Changing Face of Corinth

30th EAA Annual Meeting in Rome, Italy, 28-31 August 2024.

- 2023 CONFERENCE PAPER. The history of the post-antique phases of the Spartan theatre: material culture from the 2008 excavation season.

 International symposium, 'From Sparta to Lacedaemon: daily lifeways of a Byzantine city', British School at Athens, 3 May 2023.
- CONFERENCE POSTER. Trade and distribution of LRC/Phocaean Red Slip Ware and African Red Slip Ware in Naxos, Cyclades: New evidence from the Apalirou Environs Survey Project.
 Co-author with M. Jackson, C. Diamanti, M. Duggan, H. Indgjerd, V. Castaldo RCRF Congress, Athens, 26-30 September 2022.
- 2022 CONFERENCE PAPER. Results of the quantitative analysis of ceramic study from the Apalirou Environs Project, Naxos.

Co-author with M. Jackson, C. Diamanti, M. Duggan, V. Castaldo and H. Indgjerd. RCRF Congress, Athens, 26-30 September 2022.

- On behalf of the Apalirou Environs team and of the Ephorate of the Cyclades, supervision of the handling session
- on behalf of the ASCSA, Prof. K. Slane on-site tour of Corinth for the conference attendees.
- 2021 CONFERENCE PAPER. Patterns of Byzantine pottery production and circulation: the case of the transformed cityscape of post-antique Sparta, co-author E. Kiriatzi.

13th Congress AIECM3 on Medieval and Modern Period Mediterranean Ceramics, Granada, Spain, 8-11 November 2021.

2021 | CONFERENCE POSTER. Medieval and Post-Medieval glazed ware from the Apalirou Environs Survey Project

First author with M. Jackson, C. Diamanti, H. Indgjerd M. Duggan, and V. Castaldo. 13th Congress AIECM3 on Medieval and Modern Period Mediterranean Ceramics, Granada, Spain, 8-11 November 2021.

2019 CONFERENCE PAPER. The 8th century on Naxos (Greece): the case of Apalirou Environs

First author with M. Jackson, C. Diamanti, H. Indgjerd, M. Duggan, and V. Castaldo. LRCW 7, València, Spain, 15-19 October 2019.

2019 CONFERENCE PAPER. From Romans to Romaioi: artisanal traditions and innovations in Medieval Greece.

Accepted for the session on *Bridging the Gap: Classicists and Medievalists in Continuous Dialogue*. International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, 9-12 May 2019.

2018 CONFERENCE PAPER. Digging through Byzantine and Frankish trash: everyday life from a latrine in Corinth, Greece.

Byzantine Studies Conference, Byzantine Studies Association of North America, San Antonio, Texas (USA), 4-7 October 2018.

- 2017 CONFERENCE PAPER. Continuity and change in the ceramic craftmanship: economic trends in Byzantine Corinth.

 Second Scientific Meeting, Archaeological Work in the Peloponnese (AWOP2), Kalamata, University of the Peloponnese, 13-18 November 2017.
- 2015 CONFERENCE PAPER. Cross-cultural exchanges in Byzantine Corinth.

21st Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, Glasgow, 31 August- 4 September 2015.

2015 CONFERENCE PAPER. Ceramics in the Byzantine cities of the Peloponnese (10th-13th century): a socio-economic network

University of Oxford, *Cross-Cultural Exchange in the Byzantine World, c.300-c.1500,* Byzantine Society's XVII International Graduate Conference, 28-29 February 2015.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

Organiser and chair of the international symposium 'From Sparta to Lacedaemon: daily lifeways of a Byzantine city'
British School at Athens

Sponsorship: Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies. Athens, May 3, 2003.

Principal organiser and chair, 'A western Byzantine polarity: the case of the southern Adriatic region', co-organiser Dr M. Leo Imperiale (Università del Salento)

International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo (USA) 10 May 2022.

- Full sponsorship by the Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art and Culture.
- Principal organiser and chair: 'Untangling life cycles in multi-functional domestic areas: interdisciplinary approaches to analyse space use and transformation in the Mediterranean'

Co-organisers: L. Magno, K. Ragkou, and K. Harrington. 27th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologist, Kiel.

- British Byzantine Postgraduate Network (BBPN), co-founder University of Edinburgh representative.
- 2015 Session co-organiser and co-chair: 'Construction techniques and transfer of technological skills between neighbouring regions: the macroscopic and microscopic archaeological records'

Co-organised with Dr M. Lorenzon

21st Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologist, Glasgow.

2014-2015 | Roman and Later Roman World lecture series

Co-organiser and co-chair with Dr. B. Russel. University of Edinburgh monthly lecture series.

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

2023 to present | Western Megaris Archaeological Landscape Project

Byzantinist consultant, ceramic specialist.

Directors: Prof. E. Farinetti (University of Roma Tre) and P. Avgerinou (Western Attica Ephorate).

2019- to present | Associate researcher, Basilica at Hephaestia excavation project, Lemnos

Byzantinist consultant, ceramic specialist.

Director: Prof. E. Papi, Italian Archaeological School at Athens (SAIA).

2022 BSA representative and management of the Afyssou storerooms

Catalogue and recording of the antiquities stored in Afyssou, Sparta. In cooperation with the Ephorate of Laconia, reorganisation and transfer of antiquities to the School's new storerooms in Sparta. January – March 2022.

2021 | Associate researcher, 'Finding Old Sikyon' excavation project

Study of Byzantine, Ottoman, and modern artefacts.

Directors: Dr S. Müth (National Museum of Denmark) and Dr K. Kissas (Ephorate of the Corinthia)

2019 Associate researcher, *Apolline project* – Italy

- training students in finds processing and study. Database management.
- resident assistant

Director: Dr. F. De Simone, University of Bologna, September 2019.

2019-2018 | Associate researcher, Aeclanum excavations – Italy

- training students in finds processing and study. Database management
- resident assistant

Directors: Dr. B. Russell, University of Edinburgh, Dr. F. De Simone, University of Bologna 17 June-27 July 2019 and June 2018.

2019-2018 | Associate researcher, Corinth Excavations (ASCSA)

Ceramic analysis, fabric characterisation of ceramics from the Forum Area excavations (1930-1940).

Director: Prof. C. Pfaff. January-March 2019, July 2018.

2015-2018 | Associate researcher, Apalirou Environs Survey Project

Study of the ceramic finds.

Directors: Prof. Sam Turner (Newcastle University), Prof. J. Crow (University of Edinburgh).

2017 | Field director, Corinth Excavations (ASCSA)

- Coordination of archaeological field technicians and area supervisors
- organization and implementation of field activities, supervision of records and documentation of finds.
- Post-excavation analysis and site report.
- Resident assistant

Director: Dr G. D. R Sanders. April-June 2017.

2016 | Field director, Ancient Corinth

Project run under the auspices of Ephorate of Antiquities of Corinth in collaboration with the ASCSA. June-July 2016.

- Coordination of archaeological field technicians and area supervisors,
- organization and implementation of field activities, supervision of records and documentation of finds.
- Post-excavation analysis and site report.

2016-2014 | Research Assistant, Corinth Excavations (ASCSA)

Study and cataloguing of Byzantine and Frankish ceramics in Ancient Corinth. Quantification and fabric identification of local and imported ceramics.

• Manager of for pottery shed duties.

Supervision of students in pottery sorting, study, recording, and database management.

Director: Dr G. D. R. Sanders.

2013 Field director, Corinth Excavations (ASCSA)

- Coordination of archaeological field technicians and area supervisors,
- organization and implementation of field activities, supervision of records and documentation of finds.
- Post-excavation analysis and site report.
- Resident assistant

Director: Dr G. D. R Sanders. April-June 2013.

2012 | Trench Supervisor, Corinth excavations (ASCSA)

May - June 2012.

2011-2010 Surveyor, Sybrita, Amari Valley Project (Crete)

Processing of Bronze Age to Roman survey finds. Two seasons. One season surveyor. Director: Dr A. L. D'Agata – CNR, Italian National Centre of Research.

2009-2008 Student excavator, University of Siena, Vignale (Piombino) excavations

Excavation of a Roman Villa. Two seasons.

Director: Prof. E. Zanini, University of Siena.

2007 Student excavator, University of Siena, Pava (Siena) excavations

Excavation of a Late Roman cemetery, one season.

Director: Dr. S. Campana, University of Siena.

2006 Student excavator, University of Siena, Grotte delle Mura (Bari)

Excavation of a prehistoric cave settlement. One season.

Director: Dr. Mauro Calattini, University of Siena.

TEACHING

2023 to present

Adjunct Professor in Archaeology, University of Rome Tre

Material Culture and Archaeometry (Teaching in English). 36 hours, 6 CFU

2024 Course director, Byzantine Archaeology and History of Greece

2023 **British School at Athens**

Intensive course, teaching delivered in the form of lectures and seminars both in the classroom and on-site in museums and archaeological sites. Organisation of the entire course and its logistics.

22 July - 5 August 2024

24 July – 6 August 2023.

2024 Teaching assistant, 'The Archaeology and Topography of Greece' 2023

undergraduate course, British School at Athens

2022 Lectures on museums and heritage, on Late Antique and Byzantine archaeology 2021 and at the archaeological sites and museums of Acropolis, Acropolis Slopes, Acropolis Museum, Roman Athens, Roman Agora, Library of Hadrian, Little Metropolis church, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Byzantine Museum, Rhamnous, Corinth, Epidauros and Mystras. 21 August – 8 September 2024.

2019 | Teaching assistant, Newcastle University

Supervision and training of students on the study of finds from *the Apalirou Environs Survey project*, Byzantine Museum of Naxos, September-October 2019.

2017-2015 Academic years

Teaching assistant, Byzantine Archaeology - The archaeology of the Byzantine empire and its neighbours AD 500-850, postgraduate module, University of Edinburgh

Course Organiser: Prof. J. Crow.

- Lecturer on Byzantine material culture between seal, coins, and ceramics
- essay marker

2016 and 2015 academic years

Teaching Assistant, Archaeology 1B: introduction to early civilisations of the Near East and Mediterranean, undergraduate module, University of Edinburgh

The history of archaeology and relevant methodological theory. Course organiser: Dr R. Leighton.

- Tutor
- essay marker

2015 and 2014 academic years

Teaching Assistant, Archaeology 2A: Scotland before history undergraduate module, University of Edinburgh

Course organisers: Dr L.-M. Shillito (2014), Prof. J. Crow (2015).

- Tutor
- essay marker

2013-2015 Academic Years

Teaching Assistant, Archaeology 1A: introduction to the principles and methods of archaeological investigation, undergraduate module, University of Edinburgh

Human evolution, hunter-gatherers of the Palaeolithic, complex hunter-gatherers and first farmers. Course organiser: Prof. C. Bonsall, University of Edinburgh.

- Tutor
- essay marker

2013-2014 Academic year

Teaching Assistant, Greek 1A: Introduction - morphology and syntax of Classical Greek, undergraduate module, University of Edinburgh.

Course organiser: Dr S. Winder, University of Edinburgh.

- Tutor
- assignment marker

TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

Associate Fellow of The Higher Education Academy in recognition of attainment against the UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education. Recognition reference: PR087487.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND EDITORIAL WORK

- Peer Reviewer for: Al-Masāq: Journal of the Medieval Mediterranean
- Peer Reviewer for: Land
- Main reviewer for the BSA Byzantine course admissions
- MA dissertation supervisor
- Member of European Association of Archaeologists (EAA)

- Member of the British School at Athens
- Member of the Byzantine Studies Association of North America
- Member of the SAMI (Association of Mediaeval Italian archaeologists)
- Member of the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine studies
- University of Edinburgh Representative of the British Byzantine Postgraduate Network (2015-2017)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES

2015 – Provision of educational resources on the Roman and Medieval periods

to Outreach programs at various grade levels offered by the Archaeological Museum of Ancient present Corinth, ASCSA.

2023 Outreach activity on Greek Archaeology for high school.

Replica of the pebble mosaic from the Centaur Bath at Corinth, 5th century BC. Istituto Istruzione Superiore "A.Volta" di Lodi (Italy), 29 and 30 May 2023.

2022 | Content creator for the outreach program on Byzantine culture

Attimis Castle for the National Archaeological museum of Cividale del Friuli. Project director: Dr. M. Buora.

Project fully funded by the Recovery plan for Europe (NextGenerationEU).

2021 | Hadrian's Wall community archaeology project, Newcastle University

Engagement with local community in examining and excavating landscape heritage. Project director: Dr. R. Collins. May 2021.

2021- Online classes for high schools on Greek and Roman history and archaeology

Including livestreamed handling sessions from the BSA museum. 17, 23, 25 March 2021, 2022. Istituto Istruzione Superiore "A. Volta" di Lodi (Italy).

2016 Main organiser of one-week program on Rome and Ostia

Organisation of daily schedule, budgeting, and on-site lectures at the major archaeological sites of Rome and Ostia, 15 – 21 February 2016.

Archaeology Society, University of Edinburgh.

LANGUAGES AND RESEARCH SKILL

- Languages: Italian (Native Speaker), English (Full Fluency), Greek (Intermediate Speaking, Reading, and Listening; Low-Intermediate Writing), Ancient Greek (Intermediate Reading and Writing), Latin (Intermediate Reading and Writing).
- Technical Skills: Petrographic Analysis (training), Archival Research, Database Management (eSQL), and Geospatial Analysis.