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#### **Research Interests**

Classical Mythology and its reception; Greek Drama and its reception Martha Graham and her approach to Greek Mythology; Classics and Dance Archaic and Classical Greek literature; Greek Art and Architecture Roman Drama, Latin Poetry; Pedagogy in Classics

#### EMPLOYMENT

January 2020- prese	nt Classics Professor, College Year in Athens, Greece
January 2019- prese	
	Studies
2018 - 2019	Visiting Assistant Professor of Theater in Classics,
	Connecticut College, New London, CT
2013 - 2018	Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics, Connecticut
	College, New London, CT
2011 - 2012	Teaching Fellow at Columbia's Core Curriculum,
and 2009-2010	Columbia University
EDUCATION	
Ph. D. 2013	Columbia University, Department of Classics, New York, NY Dissertation Title: <i>Space in Aristophanes: Portraying the Civic</i> <i>and Domestic Worlds in Acharnians, Knights, and Wasps</i> Sponsor: Helene P. Foley; Readers: Elizabeth Scharffenberger, Elizabeth Irwin, Nancy Worman, Ralph Rosen
M.Phil 2008	Columbia University, Department of Classics, New York, NY
M.A. 2005	Columbia University, Department of Classics, New York, NY
B.A. 2003	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Philosophy, Classics Department, Athens, Greece

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Articles in Edited Volumes**

"Myth and Theater: Greek Tragedy's Engagement with Greek Myth" (*forthcoming*)

### **Articles in Academic Journals**

"Jocasta's Last Hours: Identity, Responsibility, and Violence in Martha Graham's *Night Journey*", *Classical Receptions Journal* 15.1 (2023): 57-84, Oxford University Press

"Serpent Heart: Animality, Jealousy, and Transgression in Martha Graham's Medea", *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 28.2 (2021):159–182, 10.1007/s12138-019-00541-3

"Strong Household, Strong City: Exploring Space in Aristophanes' *Acharnians*" in *Aristophanes and Politics*, eds. Foley, H. and Rosen, R. (Brill, April 2020)

"Tragic and Epic Visions of the *Oikos* in Aristophanes' *Wasps*", *Classical World* 112.4 (2019): 253-78

#### **Academic Reviews**

Review. *Michael Ewans' Medea. Translation and Theatrical Commentary. Routledge.* The Classical Review, 1-3. Cambridge. 2022 doi:10.1017/S0009840X22002025

Review. "Poreia Theatre's Prometheus Bound," Didaskalia: The Journal for Ancient Performance 16.05, 2022

Review. "Martha Graham's Greeks", *Didaskalia: The Journal for Ancient Performance* 15.15, 2019

#### **Online Essays**

"Reimagining Ancient Stories through Contemporary Lenses," Society for Classical Studies Blog, December 22, 2022

"Supporting Projects in Archaeology, Philology, Pedagogy, and Film," Society for Classical Studies Blog, August 26, 2022

"Contemporary Responses to Greek Myth and Tragedy through Drama, Film, and Visual Art", Society for Classical Studies Blog, July 1, 2022

"Increasing Accessibility for the Study of the Ancient World", Society for Classical Studies Blog, April 8, 2022

"Interpreting the Ancient World through Music, Art, and Photography," Society for Classical Studies Blog, December 3, 2021

"Art and Theater Projects Reinvigorating Interest in the Study of Classics and its History," Society for Classical Studies Blog, November 5, 2021

"Greek Tragedy for Audiences Today," Society for Classical Studies Blog, October 8, 2021

"Reimagining Greek and Roman Literature for our Present Times," Society for Classical Studies Blog, September 16, 2021

"Inclusivity and Accessibility in the Study of the Literature and History of Ancient Greece and Rome," Society for Classical Studies Blog, August 2, 2021

"Connecting to the Ancient Greeks through Medicine, Sociology, Literature, and Philosophy," Society for Classical Studies Blog, June 24, 2021 "Ozymandias and Nero Inspire New Podcasts," Society for Classical Studies Blog, June 2, 2021

"Reimagining Greek Myth for Communities Today," Society for Classical Studies Blog, April 23, 2021

"Making Personal Experiences Part of the Study for the Ancient World," Society for Classical Studies Blog, April 9, 2021

"Ancient Worlds through Modern Podcasts," Society for Classical Studies Blog, March 26, 2021

"Fostering Interaction and Engagement in School-Aged Children," Society for Classical Studies Blog, February 26, 2021

"Building Intergenerational Communities Around the Study of Antiquity," Society for Classical Studies Blog, January 29, 2021

"Websites Giving Diverse Voices and Students a Platform," Society for Classical Studies Blog, November 25, 2020

"Bringing Knowledge of the Ancient World to Rural Italy," Society for Classical Studies Blog, October 28, 2020

"Engaging with Antiquity through Film and Theater at Home," Society for Classical Studies Blog, September 28, 2020

"Promoting a Passion for the Ancient World in the Midst of a Pandemic," Society for Classical Studies Blog, August 31, 2020

"Recreating Ancient Drama for the Modern (and Digital) Stage," Society for Classical Studies Blog, July 22, 2020

"Can Studying Classics Encourage Empathy and Equity?," Society for Classical Studies Blog, June 26, 2020

"Engaging with Digital Classics Projects during Covid-19," Society for Classical Studies Blog, May 29, 2020

"Sustaining Classics in the time of Covid-19," Society for Classical Studies Blog, April 24, 2020

"Bringing Science, Archaeology, and Creativity to the Study of Classics," Society for Classical Studies Blog, March 27, 2020

"Classics through the Eyes of Black Communities Worldwide," Society for Classical Studies Blog, February 28, 2020 "Black Classicisms in the Visual Arts", Society for Classical Studies Blog, January 23, 2020

"Enriching Children's Learning with Interactive and Creative Programs," Society for Classical Studies Blog, November 29, 2019

"Examining the Past with a Comparative and Critical Eye," Society for Classical Studies Blog, October 25, 2019

"Activating your Imagination through the Arts," Society for Classical Studies Blog, September 27, 2019

"Engaging with Diverse and Marginalized Communities," Society for Classical Studies Blog, July 12, 2019

"Connecting with the Ancient World through the Visual and Performing Arts," Society for Classical Studies Blog, May 23, 2019

"The Odyssey for our Modern Times", review, Society for Classical Studies, April 2019

"Celebrating African-American Classicists", Society for Classical Studies Blog, February 20, 2019

"Awakening Compassion Through the Greeks", Connecticut College Magazine, February 2019

#### **PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS**

- May 10, 17, 24
   2023 «Η Γυναίκα στον Αρχαίο Ελληνικό Μύθο και στη σκέψη της
   2023 Μάρθα Γκράχαμ» (Women in Greek Myth and in the Work of Martha Graham), a series of 3 lectures on Graham's take on Clytemnestra, Electra, and Ariadne at the Cultural Center "Pyrna"
- April 23, 2023 "Theater and Myth: Tragedy's Engagement with Greek Myth", Smithsonian Journeys, Liberty Hotel of Nafplio
- January 28, 2023 Live Commentary on a company rehearsal of "Martha Graham's *Circe*" together with Martha Graham Archive Director, Joyce Herring, during the Martha Graham Matinee series
- January 11, 18, 25 «Η Γυναίκα στον Αρχαίο Ελληνικό Μύθο και στη σκέψη της 2023 Μάρθα Γκράχαμ» (Women in Greek Myth and in the Work of Martha Graham), a series of 3 lectures on Graham's take on Medea, Jocasta and Iphigeneia at the Cultural Center "Pyrna"
- January 8, 2023 "Studying Abroad in Greece / Reflections on Pedagogical Methods: Connecting the Ancient to the Modern", College Year in Athens (CYA) workshop, SCS 2023 Annual Meeting, New Orleans

- January 7, 2023 "Jocasta's Last Hours: Identity, Responsibility, and Violence in Martha Graham's *Night Journey*", SCS 2023 Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- January 6, 2023 "Ancient Worlds, Modern Communities Workshop", panel organizer & moderator, SCS 2023 Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- December 11, 2022 «Αρχαία Ελληνική Μυθολογία και Μάρθα Γκράχαμ», Corfu International Festival, Corfu, Greece (in Greek)
- November 13, 2022 "Martha Graham Interprets Greek Myths: Violence and Revenge through the Dancing Body", Hellenic American University, 1st *Terra In Cognita* International Conference, Athens, Greece
- October 18, 2022 «Οι Αρχαίοι Ελληνικοί Μύθοι μέσα από τα μάτια της Μάρθα Γκράχαμ», Poreia Theatre, Athens, Greece (in Greek)
- September 24, 2022 "Martha Graham Interprets Greek Myths: Violence and Revenge through the Dancing Body", American College of Greece - Deree, Athens, Greece
- September 9, 2022 "Poseidon, Myth, and Fertility in Ancient Greece", POSEIDON World Conference: The Low-Prognosis Patient In ART, Med.e.a Academy, Lisbon, Portugal, September 9-10, 2022
- June 24, 2022 "Jocasta's Last Hours in Martha Graham's Night Journey": Identity, Responsibility, and Violence through the Dancing Body"
   Conference on "Ancient Greek Dance in Teaching" – Ure Museum, University of Reading, UK
- May 19, 2022 «Οι Αρχαίοι Ελληνικοί Μύθοι μέσα από τα μάτια της Μάρθα Γκράχαμ», Theater at American Community Schools in Athens (ACS), Greece
- March 12, 2022 "Martha Graham Interprets Greek Myths: Violence and Revenge through the Dancing Body", Theater at American Community Schools in Athens (ACS), Greece
- February 5&6, 2022 "Martha Graham Interprets Greek Myths: Violence and Revenge through the Dancing Body", DANCE Athens, Greece
- January 8, 2022 "Learning from the Ancient Worlds, Modern Communities Initiative", SCS 2022 Annual Meeting – Virtual (panel organizer and introducer)
- January 5, 2020 "Expanding Classics through the Visual and Performing Arts, In and Out of the Classroom", SCS 2020 Annual Meeting,

Washington, D.C.

November 19, 201	9 "The SCS' Classics Everywhere: Martha Graham Interprets Greek Myths," College Year in Athens, DIKEMES, Athens, Greece
March 1, 2019	"Serpent Heart: Animality, Jealousy, and Transgression in Martha Graham's Medea", Connecticut College, New London, CT
November 28, 201	8 "Serpent Heart: Animality, Jealousy, and Transgression in Martha Graham's Medea", Boston University, Boston, MA
November 10, 201	"The Inhuman yet Empowered Medea in Martha Graham's Cave of the Heart" PAMLA 2018 Annual Conference, Bellingham, WA
November 3, 2018	<sup>8</sup> "Serpent Heart: Animality and Jealousy in Euripides' and Martha Graham's Medea" Classical Association of Connecticut, 2018 Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT
October 22, 2016	"Strong Household, Strong City: Exploring Space in Aristophanes' <i>Acharnians</i> ", Classical Association of Connecticut, 2016 Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT
October 1, 2016	"Visions of the <i>Oikos</i> in Aristophanes' <i>Wasps</i> " – International Conference on "Aristophanes and Politics", Center for the Ancient Mediterranean, Columbia University New York, NY
October 8, 2015	Invited Presentation on Homer's <i>Odyssey</i> – a pre-performance talk for Sonia Plumb Dance Company's performance of the <i>Odyssey</i> – Katharine Hepburn Theater, Old Saybrook, CT
September 2015	"Diving Deep in the Odyssey" - Invited Lecture on Homer's <i>Odyssey</i> – West Hartford Public Library, West Hartford, CT
October 2014	Invited Lecture for Literature Humanities, Columbia University's Core Curriculum on Aristophanes' <i>Lysistrata</i> and Thucydides' <i>History of the Peloponnesian War</i>
May 2014	"The Importance of the <i>Oikos</i> in Aristophanes' <i>Acharnians</i> ", Yale University, New Haven, CT
February 2014	"Discussion Strategies in an Undergraduate Classroom", Pedagogy colloquium, Columbia University, New York, NY
March 2013	"The <i>Oikos</i> as Microcosm in Aristophanes' <i>Wasps</i> ", Columbia University, New York, NY

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** at College Year in Athens

at College Year in Athens		
Summer 2024	The Journey of Life and Beyond from Antiquity to Today -co-taught with Sociology Professor, Rosa Vasilaki	
Fall 2023	Greek Theater: Ancient and Modern (THE/LIT 325)	
Spring 2020- Fall 2023	Ancient Greek Mythology and Religion (REL 332)	
<b>at Connecticut Colleg</b> Spring 2019	<b>ge</b> Greek Theater and Contemporary Adaptations (THE 220)	
Fall 2018	First Year Seminar - Exploring the Greeks: their values and monuments (FYS 108) Greek Mythology in Performance (THE 102)	
Spring 2018	Homer's Odyssey (GRK 233/333) Greek Tragedy (CLA/THE 204) Elementary Latin II (LAT 102)	
Fall 2017	Roman Drama (LAT 325) Elementary Latin I (LAT 101) Classical Mythology (CLA 104) Botanical Latin (BOT 299F)	
Fall 2016- Spring 2017	Ancient Comedy (CLA/THE 222) Latin Epic Poetry: Lucretius and Ovid (LAT 328) Facing Death in Ancient Greece (CLA 215) Elementary Greek I-II (GRK 101 and 102) Greek Drama (GRK 225/325) Botanical Latin (BOT 299F)	
Fall 2015- Spring 2016	Classical Mythology (CLA 104: 2 sections) Greek Tragedy (CLA 204) Greek Oratory: Lysias, Plato, Sophocles (GRK 231/331) Elementary Latin I and II (LAT 101 and 102)	
Fall 2014 – Spring 2015	Roman Comedy and Tragedy (LAT 223/323) Plato and Attic Prose (GRK 211/311) Elementary Latin I and II (LAT 101 and 102) Classical Mythology (CLA 104)	
Fall 2013 – Spring 2014	Ancient Comedy (CLA 222) Xenophon and Attic Prose (GRK 312) Elementary Latin I and II (LAT 101 and 102)	

# at Columbia University

Fall 2011-Spring 2012	Literature Humanities: Homer to Woolf C1001-2 in
Fall 2009-Spring 2010	Columbia's Core Curriculum

Summer 2009	Classical Mythology 3310 (Literature and Art),
Fall 2007- Spring 2008	Intermediate Latin II 1202: Ovid, Seneca, Pliny Intensive Elementary Greek 1121
Fall 2006 – Spring 2007	Intermediate Latin I 1201: Cicero & Catullus Intensive Elementary Latin 1121 Greek Prose Composition 4139 (Substitute Instructor) Latin Epistolography 3000: Cicero & Pliny (Substitute Instructor)
Fall 2005	Teaching Assistant for Elementary Latin 1101
<b>ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE</b> <b>to the profession</b> January 2019 – present	Classics in the Community Committee, Society for
January 2019 – present	Classical Studies – member
at College Year in Athe	ns
Fall 2021-Spring 2022	Academic Advisor and Academic Committee member
at Connecticut College	
Fall 2018	Participant in the First-Year Endeavor Advising Seminar
Spring 2018 Pa	rticipant in the Public Scholars Workshop, Center for the Critical Study of Race and Ethnicity, Connecticut College
Spring 2018	Presidential Staff Awards Selection Committee, Member
Spring 2016 –Spring 2019	Modes of Inquiry Consultant (overseeing content of select courses that foster critical interpretation)
Fall 2013 – Spring 2018	Language Caucus, Member (group dedicated to strengthening language study at Connecticut College)
Spring 2016	Co-coordinator of the Language Fellows Program
Spring 2015-Fall 2015	Calendar Committee, Member
Fall 2013-Spring 2016	Language Fellows Faculty Advisor (overseeing all language-related student events)
Fall 2013 – Spring 2015	Classics Event Organizer
Fall 2014	Organizer of the Classics MACTe conference (for junior faculty in New England) at Connecticut College
Fall 2013 – Fall 2014	Classics Website Editor

## **Classics Outreach - Events organized for students at Connecticut College:**

• An 8-day **trip to Greece** for GRK 333 (visiting Athens, Brauron, Sounion, Corinth, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Pylos, Olympia, and Delphi), March 2018

Trips to performances

- Luis Alfaro's *Mojada*, The Public Theater, New York, July 2019
- Marcus Gardley's *black odyssey*, Trinity Rep, Providence, January 2019
- Richard Strauss' *Elektra*, Metropolitan Opera, New York, March 2018
- Aquila Theatre's Our Trojan War, Brooklyn Academy of Music, April 2017
- Richard Strauss' *Elektra*, Metropolitan Opera, New York, April 2016
- *Night Journey* and *Cave of the Heart*, Martha Graham Dance Company, New York City Center, April 2016
- Sophocles' *Women of Trachis*, Barnard/Columbia Ancient Drama Group, New York, April 2016
- Euripides' *Ion*, Barnard/Columbia Ancient Drama Group, NYC, April 2015
- Aeschylus' *Choephoroi*, Barnard/Columbia Ancient Drama Group, New York, April 2014

Trips to museums

- Slater Museum: Greek and Roman galleries, Norwich, CT, November 2017
- Metropolitan Museum of Art: Greek and Roman Galleries (tour by Joseph Alchermes, Professor of Art History, Connecticut College), April 2015
- Lyman Allyn Art Museum: Ancient Shipwrecks exhibit (tour by Joseph Alchermes, Professor of Art History, Connecticut College), October 2014
- Metropolitan Museum of Art: Greek galleries (tour by Molly Allen, Ph.D candidate in Classical Studies, Columbia University), April 2014

Lectures and public talks

- "Enraged: Why Violent Times Need Ancient Greek Myths", **Emily Anhalt**, Professor of Classics, Sarah Lawrence College, November 2017
- "Homeric Heroes in their Mediterranean Context", **Kate Birney**, Assistant Professor of Archaeology, Wesleyan University, November 2017
- "Roman Views on Death", **James Uden**, Associate Professor of Classics, Boston University, November 2016
- "The Life and Death of the *Odyssey*", **Sarah Nooter**, Associate Professor of Classics, University of Chicago, September 2016
- "The Ancient Greek Theater: New Research and New Directions", **Peter Meineck**, Professor of Classics at NYU and Director of Aquila Theater Company, October 2015
- "Audiences and Ideologies in Depictions of Ancient Roman Sex", **James Tan**, Assistant Professor of Classics, Hofstra University, February 2015
- "Texting the Classics: How and Why to Read Ancient Texts", David Ratzan, Head Librarian, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (ISAW), NYU, February 2015
- "Death, Grief, and Memory in the Roman World", **James Uden**, Assistant Professor of Classics, Boston University, March 2014

Special Events

- "Truth, Lies, and Deceit in Greek Tragedy", an afternoon of dramatic readings of Greek tragedy scenes, in collaboration with Professor of Theater, David Jaffe, Connecticut College, May 2018
- Screening of "Queens of Syria" and participant in post-screening panel discussion, March 2017 (I helped promote the event and organize the panel discussion)
- "Justice in Greek Tragedy", an afternoon of dramatic readings of Greek tragedy scenes, in collaboration with Associate Professor of Theater, Kenneth Prestininzi, Connecticut College, December 2015
- Botanical Latin Tour of the Caroline Black Gardens, Connecticut College, October 2014
- Classics Halloween Open House (with classics-themed costume contest), October 2015, 2014, and 2013
- Classics Jeopardy Games (with questions on Greco-Roman antiquity), April 2015, December 2014, February 2014, December 2013
- Song Performance of Homer's *Odyssey*, Joe Goodkin, November 2014 http://www.joesodyssey.com/
- Spoken Latin Round Table, March 2014
- Botanical Latin Tour of the College's Arboretum, in collaboration with Arboretum Curator, Mary Villa, Connecticut College, October 2013

# at Columbia University

Spring 2011 – Fall 20	12 Member of Exam Committee for the Literature Humanities Final Exam for all Columbia College first-years	
Summer 2010	Contributing editor of the Literature Humanities website for the Core Curriculum (editing and organizing artwork, articles and historical information for the literary texts)	
Summer 2004	Research Assistant to Eleanor Dickey for her book <i>Ancient Greek Scholarship</i> (Oxford 2007)	
Spring 2005	Chorus Director, Choreographer, and Actress for Euripides' Iphigenia at Aulis, Barnard/Columbia Ancient Drama Group, production in original Greek	
Spring 2004	Chorus Director and Choreographer for Sophocles' <i>Oedipus</i> <i>Rex</i> , Barnard/Columbia Ancient Drama Group, production in original Greek	
Fellowships, Awards, Grants		
Fall 2018	R.F. Johnson Faculty Development Fund, Connecticut College	
Spring 2018	Travel Research Immersion Program Grant, Awarded \$18,000, Walter Commons for Global Study and Engagement, Connecticut College	

Spring 2016	International Commons Development Fund, Connecticut College
Fall 2013 – 2018	Faculty-Student Engagement Fund, Connecticut College (awarded every semester since Fall 2013)
Spring 2013	Short-listed for Presidential Teaching Award, Columbia University, New York, NY
Spring 2010	Short-listed for Core Preceptor Award for Teaching Excellence in Literature Humanities, Columbia University, New York, NY
2011-2012 and 2009-2010	Preceptor Fellowship for Teaching in Columbia's Core Curriculum

### REFERENCES

Helen Cullyer, Executive Director, Society for Classical Studies
Helene Foley, Professor of Greek, Barnard College, Columbia University
Alexis Phylactopoulos, President, College Year in Athens (CYA)
Elizabeth Scharffenberger, Senior Lecturer in Classics, Columbia University
Jefferson Singer, Former Dean of the College, Professor of Psychology,
Connecticut College
Lawrence Vogel, Professor of Philosophy, Connecticut College
Nancy Worman, Professor of Classics, Barnard College, Columbia University